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Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update

Note: This article was updated on April 6, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

All providers

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

The June 2004 updates have been posted for the X12N 835 Health Care Remittance Advice Remark Codes and the X12 N 835 Health Care Claim Adjustment Reason Codes.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

The most current and complete list will be found online at <http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/Codes.asp>

Please note that in case of a discrepancy, the code text included on the Washington Publishing Company (WPC) website will supersede any corresponding text in a CR.

In addition, with respect to Health Care Claim Adjustment Reason Codes, few temporary reason codes (D16-D20) were added for the case where commercial payers do not make use of the available remark codes when no current reason code is applicable. **Medicare will not use new temporary reason codes but rather will continue to use the combination of reason and appropriate remark code.**



GO – What You Need to Do

The above noted codes are updated three times a year. Please advise billing staff to stay current with the latest approved and valid codes, in accordance with effective and implementation dates, to ensure accurate Medicare claims processing.

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Background

The Remittance Advice Remark Code list is one of the code lists mentioned in the ASC X12 transaction 835 (Health Care Claim Payment/Advice) version 4010A1 Implementation Guide (IG). This list is maintained by The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and is updated three times a year. The complete list of current codes is available online at the WPC website at <http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/Codes.asp> on the Internet.

The Health Care Claim Adjustment Codes are maintained by the Claim Adjustment Reason Code and Status Code Maintenance Committee. The Committee meets at the beginning of each X12 trimester meeting (February, June, and October) and decides on any additions, modifications, or retirement of reason codes. The updated list is posted three times a year and the complete list of current codes is available online at the WPC website at <http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/Codes.asp> on the Internet.

Additional Information

The most recent changes approved for the Remittance Advice Remark Codes and the Claim Adjustment Reason Codes can be found in the official instruction issued to your carrier or fiscal intermediary, including Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERC). That official instruction is found in CR3466, which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R313CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

The CR attachments also include information on the process of decision making that results in updates to the X12N 835 Health Care Remittance Advice Remark Codes and the X12 N 835 Health Care Claim Adjustment Reason Codes. It also includes a table of changes; however, please note that the most current and complete list is online at the WPC website.

If you have questions regarding this issue, you may also contact your carrier or fiscal intermediary on their toll free number at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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