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Sites of Service Revenue Codes for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to Use When Billing Medicare

Note: This article was updated on October 23, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

RHCs and FQHCs billing Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for services

Provider Action Needed

STOP – Impact to You

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2006, providers of RHC and FQHC services must use the revenue codes listed below on all claims for services previously billed for using revenue codes 0520, 0521, and 0522. Failure to use these codes could impact your reimbursement.

CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Effective July 1, 2006, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has redefined certain revenue codes for RHC and FQHC services, and added new ones, in order to provide information needed for the evaluation of any expansion of the RHC/FQHC programs, and also for various reviews to ensure the integrity of the Medicare program.

GO – What You Need to Do

Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these revenue code changes, and bill accordingly beginning on July 1, 2006.

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Background

FQHCs currently bill all FQHC services (except for those subject to the Medicare outpatient mental health treatment limitation and the Medicare FQHC supplemental payment) under a single revenue code (0520).

Similarly, RHCs bill most RHC services, except for those subject to the Medicare outpatient mental health treatment limitation, under revenue code 0521; and occasionally use revenue code 0522 to bill when RHC services are provided in the beneficiary's home.

Note: The telehealth originating site facility fee is not an RHC/FQHC service and continues to be billed using revenue code 0780.

Therefore, in order to provide CMS with information needed to improve the administration of the RHC and FQHC programs, effective for all claims for dates of service on or after July 1, 2006, CMS has redefined codes 0521 and 0522 to include FQHC services as well as RHC services.

CMS has also added revenue codes 0524, 0525, 0527 and 0528 (displayed in Table 1, below). The codes in this table must be used for claims with line item dates of service on or after July 1, 2006.

These revenue code changes will enable CMS to identify a broader array of claim types to facilitate data analyses necessary to ensure RHC/FQHC program integrity and to evaluate any program expansion.

Table 1. RHC/FQHC Revenue Codes Effective July 1, 2006

Revenue Code	Definition
0521	Clinic visit by member to RHC/FQHC
0522	Home visit by RHC/FQHC practitioner
0524	Visit by RHC/FQHC practitioner to a member, in a covered Part A stay at the SNF
0525	Visit by RHC/FQHC practitioner to a member in an SNF (not in a covered Part A stay) or NF or ICF MR or other residential facility
0527	RHC/FQHC Visiting Nurse Service(s) to a member's home when in a home health shortage area
0528	Visit by RHC/FQHC practitioner to other non-RHC/FQHC site (e.g., scene of accident)

Note: FIs will continue to accept revenue code 0519 from FQHCs when billing for the FQHC supplemental payment, revenue code 0900 from both RHCs and FQHCs when billing for services subject to the Medicare outpatient mental health

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treatment limitation, and revenue code 0780 when billing for the telehealth originating site facility fee.

Additional Information

You can find more information about RHC/FQHC revenue codes changes by viewing CR 4210 at http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R820CP.pdf on the CMS web site.

You might also want to look at the revised section of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Publication 100.04, Chapter Nine (Rural Health Clinics/Federally Qualified Health Centers), Section 100 (General Billing Requirements), which you can find as an attachment to CR4210.

Finally, if you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found 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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