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Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC) Information Form (DIF)

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

Provider Types Affected

Suppliers billing Medicare DMERCs for immunosuppressive drugs

Impact on Providers

- CR4241 eliminates the need for the DMERC Information Form (DIF), DMERC form 08.02, when billing for immunosuppressive drugs for dates of service on or after April 1, 2006.
- The DIF for immunosuppressive drugs is a form that collects additional data on the beneficiary before Medicare payment is made for immunosuppressive drugs.
- Section 1861(s)(2)(J) of the Social Security Act no longer imposes a limitation on the period of time for coverage of immunosuppressive drugs; thus, the information captured on the DIF (i.e., information regarding the dates of the beneficiary's transplant and other diagnosis information) can be obtained through other means.

Important Points to Remember

- This policy is effective for services on or after April 1, 2006. Claims submitted for services prior to April 1, 2006, without the fully completed DIF, will be rejected.
- The Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) for Parenteral Nutrition (CMS Form 852) is still required.

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- If March 2006 and April 2006 dates of service are on the same claim for immunosuppressive drugs, Medicare DMERCs will replicate the claims to divide the March 2006 services from the April 2006 services on separate claims. Then, the services provided on or after April 1, 2006, will be processed without the DIF.
- The following HCPCS codes for immunosuppressive drugs are identified as those no longer requiring the DIF after April 1, 2006:
- Category 11: J0215, J2920, J7500, J7501, J7502, J7504, J7505, J7506, J7507, J7509, J7510, J7511, J7513, J7515, J7516, J7517, J7518, J7520, J7525, J7599, J8530, J8610, J9212, J9213, J9214, J9215, J9216, and J2930.

Additional Information

The official instruction issued to the DMERC regarding this change can be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R867CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If you have questions, please contact your DMERC 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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