



News Flash – “An Introductory Overview of HIPAA 5010” is outlined in a MLN Matters® special edition article, SE0904. The implementation of these new HIPAA standards will require changes to the software, systems, and perhaps procedures that you use for billing Medicare and other payers. So it is extremely important that you are aware of these HIPAA changes and plan for their implementation. This introductory article is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0904.pdf> on the CMS website.

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Related CR Transmittal #: R4920TN

Implementation Date: April 27, 2009

Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Claims with Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRG) 956

Provider Types Affected

IPPS Hospitals submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and/or A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)).

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 6483 which provides instructions for Medicare contractors to download the revised FY 2009 IPPS Pricer software and adjust FY 2009 overpaid claims that qualified as a transfer under MS-DRG 956 and had a discharge date on or after October 1, 2008, and were assigned a transfer Pricer return code of ‘10’. Be sure billing staff is aware of the potential for adjustments of your claims.

Background

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Final Rule (Table 5; see <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AcuteInpatientPPS/IPPS2009/List.asp> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website) designated Medicare Severity

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Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRG 956; Limb reattachment, hip & femur proc for multiple significant trauma) as a post acute care DRG, not as a special-pay DRG.

MS-DRG 956 incorrectly remained on the list of special-pay post acute care transfer MS-DRGs within the FY 2009 IPPS Pricer. Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 claims that qualified as a transfer under MS-DRG 956 were paid under the special-pay method and, therefore, were overpaid.

CR 6483 instructs that once the latest version of FY 2009 IPPS Pricer software is installed on or about April 27, 2009, Medicare contractors will adjust claims that meet the following criteria:

- Have a discharge date on or after October 1, 2008;
- Were assigned MS-DRG 956; and
- Was assigned a transfer Pricer Return Code 10.

Medicare FIs and MACs will complete these adjustments by August 1, 2009.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 6483, issued to your FI or A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R492OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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