



News Flash – The Medicare Learning Network now has Tip Sheets available with important information on the EHR incentive programs. One tip sheet provides user friendly information about the factors which impact incentive payment amounts and provides sample payment calculations. Another provides information on how incentive payments are calculated for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and how reimbursement will be reduced for CAHs which have not demonstrated meaningful use of certified EHR technology by 2015. These Tip Sheets are available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html> on the CMS EHR Incentive Programs website. Select the Hospitals tab on the left, and then scroll to “Downloads.”

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Suspension of Automatic Denial of Institutional Claims Reporting Modifier - GA

Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers who submit institutional claims to Medicare contractors (fiscal intermediaries, (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs), and Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7106, which directs Medicare contractors to notify you that **services submitted with the modifier –GA on institutional claims will not be subject to automatic denial until further**

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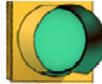
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CAUTION – What You Need to Know

In October 2009, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued CR 6563, entitled "Billing for Services Related to Voluntary Uses of Advance Beneficiary Notices of Noncoverage (ABNs)", effective April 1, 2010. CR 6563 changed processing of institutional claims with the modifier –GA and directed Medicare contractors processing institutional claims to automatically deny line items submitted with the modifier -GA. Until further notice, such denials have since been subsequently suspended at the direction of CMS.



GO – What You Need to Do

You do not need to do anything now. You may wish to review the MLN Matters® article related to CR 6563, which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6563.pdf> on the CMS website.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 7106 issued to your FI, RHHI, and A/B MAC, regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R7700TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC, 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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