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News Flash – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that two new educational resources on the 2011 Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program are now available on the CMS website. One new resource is a fact sheet with step-by-step advice for the 2011 program and the other is a simple quick reference chart. To access all available Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program educational resources, visit <http://www.cms.gov/ERxIncentive> on the CMS website and click on the Educational Resources tab. Once on the Educational Resources page, scroll down to the “Downloads” section select the publication title.

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Related CR Transmittal #: R9580TN

Implementation Date: January 3, 2012, except April 2, 2012 for DMF MACs

Additional Fields for Additional Documentation Request (ADR) Letters

Note: This article was revised on September 30, 2011, to clarify the description of the content in the ADR. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

This article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers who must respond to ADRs from Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) or Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

CR 7254, from which this article is taken, makes changes to the Medicare systems that allow A/B MACs and DME MACs to include, on Additional Documentation Request (ADR) letters, information about the Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation (esMD) pilot.

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Background

CR7254, from which this article is taken, announces several changes to the Medicare systems that enable Medicare Review Contractors, participating in the esMD pilot, to include on ADR letters additional information necessary for Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation (esMD).

Specifically, these will allow MACs to include in each ADR:

- A statement about how providers can get more information about submitting medical documentation via the esMD mechanism
- A documentation case ID number that may facilitate tracking of submitted documents.

Additional Information

You can find the official instruction, CR7254, issued to your A/B MAC or DME MAC by visiting <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R9580TN.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

You can learn more about the esMD pilot by going to <http://www.cms.gov/ESMD/> on the CMS website. In addition, MLN Matters® article SE1110 provides more details on the esMD initiative. That article is at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1110.pdf> on the CMS website.

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

News Flash – Vaccinate Early to Protect Against the Flu /2011-2012 Influenza Vaccine Prices Are Now Available

CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccination as the most important step in protecting against flu viruses. Remind your patients that annual vaccination is recommended for optimal protection. Under Medicare Part B, Medicare pays for the flu vaccine and its administration for seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries with no co-pay or deductible. Take advantage of each office visit and start protecting your patients as soon as your 2011-2012 seasonal flu vaccine arrives. And don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. Get the Flu Vaccination – Not the Flu.

CMS has posted the 2011-2012 seasonal influenza vaccine payment limits at: http://www.CMS.gov/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/10_VaccinesPricing.asp on the CMS website.

Influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D-covered drug. For information about Medicare's coverage of the influenza vaccine, its administration, and educational resources for healthcare professionals and their staff, visit http://www.CMS.gov/MLNProducts/35_PreventiveServices.asp on the CMS website

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