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Ensuring Hospice Certifying Physician Identifiers Are Fully Processed

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for hospice providers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7755 which informs Medicare contractors about the requirements for hospice providers to code the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and name of the hospice physician responsible for certifying that the patient is terminally ill.

Hospice agencies are required to report the physician that certified the hospice patient's terminal illness on the claim when the certifying physician differs from the attending physician. The certifying physician is reported on the UB04 claim in the "Other Physician" field. With the implementation of the electronic claim 837I version 5010A2 format, the field for "other physician" is mapped to three possible physician identifying fields. Hospice agencies reporting the physician certifying the terminal illness using the electronic claim 837I version 5010A2 format should report this information in the 2310F loop of that claim. Be sure billing staff are aware of this requirement.

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Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7755 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/R2448CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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