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News Flash – Has Medicare sent you a notice to revalidate your enrollment? If you are not sure, you can find lists of providers sent notices to revalidate their Medicare enrollment by scrolling to the "Downloads" section at http://www.CMS.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/11_Revalidations.asp on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website. That site currently contains links to lists of providers sent notices from September 2011, through January 2012. Information on revalidation letters sent in February will be posted in late March. For ease of reference, the lists are in order by National Provider Identifier and the date the notice was sent.

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Related Change Request (CR) #: 7792

Related CR Release Date: April 27, 2012

Effective Date: October 1, 2012

Related CR Transmittal #: R10790TN

Implementation Date: October 1, 2012

New Occurrence Code to Report Date of Death

Note: This article was revised on May 31, 2012, to clarify that this change is effective with claims submitted on or after October 1, 2012. All other information is the same.

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for providers and suppliers who bill Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) or A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7792, which announces that the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) approved a new occurrence code to report date of death with an effective/implementation date of October 1, 2012. Medicare systems will accept and process new occurrence code 55 used to report date of death. Be sure your staffs are aware of this change.

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Background

The NUBC approved a new occurrence code to report date of death with an effective/ implementation date of October 1, 2012. Medicare systems will accept and process new occurrence code 55 used to report date of death. For claims submitted effective October 1, 2012, occurrence code 55 and the date of death must be present when patient discharge status code 20 (expired), 40 (expired at home), 41 (expired in a medical facility), or 42 (expired – place unknown) is present.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7792, issued to your FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC regarding this change, may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1079OTN.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.hhs.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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