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Revision to Chapter 15 (Section 15.5.20) of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual (PIM)

Note: This article was revised on April 8, 2014, to add a reference to MM8387 (<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM8387.pdf>) that clarifies that individual physicians and non-physician practitioners can reassign benefits to a Part A CAH II using Form CMS 855A, and CAH IIs are no longer required to submit a separate form Form CMS-855B in order to receive the reassigned benefits. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article for Change Request (CR) 7864 is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers who submit claims to Medicare contractors (carriers and/or A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries where payment is reassigned to another Medicare Part A or Part B entity other than physician/practitioner group practices.

Provider Action Needed

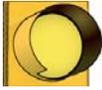


STOP – Impact to You

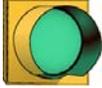
This article is based on CR7864 which revises the “Medicare Program Integrity Manual” (Chapter 15, Section 15.5.20) to be consistent with the policies outlined in 42 CFR 424.80(b)(1) and the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual” (Chapter 1, Sections 30.2.1(D) & (E), and Sections 30.2.6 & 30.2.7).

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**CAUTION – What You Need to Know**

CR7864 points out that Part A and Part B entities other than physician/practitioner group practices can receive reassigned benefits, assuming that the requirements for a reassignment exception are met and that the reassignee meets all enrollment requirements. The entity receiving the reassigned benefits must enroll with the contractor via a Form CMS-855B, and the physician or other supplier reassigning benefits must complete and submit a Form CMS-855I and Form CMS-855R.

**GO – What You Need to Do**

See the Background and Additional Information Sections of this article for further details regarding reassigned benefits.

Background

Consistent with 42 CFR § 424.80(b)(1) and (b)(2), and the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual” (Chapter 1, Sections 30.2.1((D) & (E)). 30.2.6, and 30.2.7), Medicare may pay:

- (1) A physician or other supplier’s employer if the supplier is required, as a condition of employment, to turn over to the employer the fees for his or her services; or
- (2) An entity (i.e., a person, group, or facility) that is enrolled in the Medicare program for services furnished by a physician or other supplier under a contractual arrangement with that entity.

You can review 42 CFR § 424.80(b)(1) and (b)(2) at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2005-title42-vol2/pdf/CFR-2005-title42-vol2-sec424-82.pdf> and the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual” (Chapter 1, Section 30.2.1(D) & (E); Section 30.2.6, and Section 30.2.7) at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c01.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

This means that Part A and Part B entities other than physician/practitioner group practices can receive reassigned benefits, assuming that the requirements for a reassignment exception are met and that the reassignee meets all enrollment requirements.

For example, for Part A, this might occur with:

- (1) A physician or other supplier reassigning benefits to a hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), or Critical Access Hospital (CAH), or
- (2) A nurse practitioner reassigning benefits to a CAH.

The entity receiving the reassigned benefits must enroll with the contractor via a Form CMS-855B, and the physician or other supplier reassigning benefits must complete and submit a Form CMS-855I and Form CMS-855R.

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You can find these Enrollment Forms (CMS-855) at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/cms855a.pdf> on the CMS website.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7864, issued to your carriers and A/B MACs regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R445PI.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carriers or A/B MACs 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.

Diabetes and the Seasonal Flu - November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. Diabetes can weaken the immune system, which can put seniors and others with diabetes at greater risk for flu-related complications like pneumonia. Medicare provides coverage for one seasonal influenza virus vaccine per influenza season for all Medicare beneficiaries. Medicare generally provides coverage of pneumococcal vaccination and its administration once in a lifetime for all Medicare beneficiaries. Medicare may provide coverage of additional pneumococcal vaccinations based on risk or uncertainty of beneficiary pneumococcal vaccination status. Medicare provides coverage for the seasonal flu and pneumococcal vaccines and their administration for seniors and others with Medicare with no co-pay or deductible. And remember, seasonal flu vaccine is particularly important for health care workers, who may spread the flu to their patients. Don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. Protect your patients. Protect your family. Protect yourself. *Know what to do about the flu.*

Remember – The influenza vaccine plus its administration and the pneumococcal vaccine plus its administration are covered Part B benefits. The influenza vaccine and pneumococcal vaccine are NOT Part D-covered drugs. CMS has posted the 2012-2013 [Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing](#) on the CMS website. You may also refer to the [MLN Matters® Article #MM8047](#), "Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2012-2013 Season."

For more information on coverage and billing of the flu vaccine and its administration, please visit the [CMS Medicare Learning Network® Preventive Services Educational Products](#) and [CMS Immunizations](#) web pages. And, while some providers may offer the flu vaccine, others can help their patients locate a vaccine provider within their local community. [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) is a free, online service where users can search for locations offering flu vaccines.

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