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Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 8045

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Effective Date: January 1, 2013

Related CR Transmittal #: R2547CP

Implementation Date: January 7, 2013

Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for all physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs), carriers, A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) MACs) for Medicare beneficiaries are affected.

Provider Action Needed

This article, based on Change request (CR) 8045, explains that Claim Status and Claim Status Category Codes for use by Medicare contractors with the Health Care Claim Status Request and Response ASC X12N 276/277, Health Care Claim Acknowledgement ASC X12N 277 are updated three times per year at the national Code Maintenance Committee meetings.

These codes explain the status of submitted claim(s). Proprietary codes may not be used in the X12 276/277 to report claim status. The national Code Maintenance Committee meets at the beginning of each X12 trimester meeting (February, June, and October) and makes decisions about additions, modifications, and retirement of existing codes. The codes sets are available at <http://www.wpc-edi.com/reference/codelists/healthcare/claim-status-category-codes/> or

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<http://www.wpc-edi.com/reference/codelists/healthcare/claim-status-codes/> on the Internet. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these updates.

Background

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all health care benefit payers to use only Claim Status Category Codes and Claim Status Codes approved by the national Code Maintenance Committee in the X12 276/277 Health Care Claim Status Request and Response format adopted as the standard for national use. All code changes approved during the June 2012 committee meeting will be posted on the Internet on or about July 1, 2012.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR8045, issued to your Medicare contractor regarding this change, may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2547CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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

News Flash - Influenza Season is Around the Corner - As your patients age, their immune systems may weaken. This weakening can make seniors more susceptible to complications from seasonal influenza (flu). Now is the perfect time to remind your patients that seasonal influenza vaccination is the best defense against the flu. Medicare provides coverage for one flu vaccine and its administration per influenza season for seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries with no co-pay or deductible. Talk with your Medicare patients about their risk for getting the flu and start protecting your patients as soon as your 2012-2013 seasonal flu vaccine arrives. Also, don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. *Know what to do about the flu.*

Remember – Influenza vaccine plus its administration is a covered Part B benefit. Influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. CMS will provide information and a link to the 2012-2013 Influenza Vaccine prices when they are available.

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. 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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