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New Place of Service (POS) Code for Place of Employment/Worksite

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Medicare carriers, Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), or Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs)) for occupational-related medical, therapeutic, or rehabilitative services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

Change Request (CR) 8125, from which this article is taken, updates the current Place of Service (POS) code set to add a new code: 18 – Place of Employment/Worksite.

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Background

CR8125, from which this article is taken, updates the current Medicare POS code set to add a new code: 18 – Place of Employment/Worksite; described as: “a location, not described by any other POS code, owned or operated by a public or private entity where the patient is employed, and where a health professional provides on-going or episodic occupational medical, therapeutic, or rehabilitative services to the individual.”

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is establishing this POS code because:

1. Industry entities (other than Medicare) have identified a need to establish the delivery of occupational-related medical and rehabilitation services in the work place in order to: A) reduce employee time lost from work; and B) enable therapists to evaluate the work environment and provide rehabilitation services that are focused on returning the individual to their pre-injury state in a way that maximizes function in the workplace environment and reduces employee time lost.
2. As a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) covered entity, Medicare must comply with its standards and their implementation guides that are adopted by regulation. Specifically, the currently adopted professional implementation guide for the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 837 (Professional Health Care Claim) standards requires that each electronic claim transaction include a Place of Service (POS) code from the POS code set that CMS maintains.

Therefore, while it has not identified an inherent need for this new code; as a payer, Medicare must be able to recognize any code from the POS code set that appears on the HIPAA standard claim transaction.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR8125, issued to your carrier, A/B MAC, or DME MAC regarding this change may be viewed <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2602CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, 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.

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