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Adjustment to Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Consistency Edit to Validate Attending Physician NPI

Provider Types Affected

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

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8171 which informs Medicare contractors about the changes to previously implemented consistency edits to enforce the correct billing of the Attending Provider NPI on claims with Bill Type 71x. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes. See the Background and Additional Information Sections of this article for further details regarding these changes.

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Background

In CR7902, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) previously implemented consistency edits to enforce the correct billing of the Attending Provider NPI on claims. The article for CR7902 is available at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM7902.pdf on the CMS website. The edits established did not take into consideration Sole Proprietors who must enroll under their type-1 individual NPI, therefore making their billing NPI the same as the attending NPI. CMS is now updating the consistency edits so they will not apply to Rural Health Clinics who enrolled under their type-1 individual NPI.

If you are a physician/practitioner who has a sole proprietorship, you must obtain an NPI for yourself as an Entity type 1 (Individual). There is no separate NPI for the sole proprietorship. When you or your sole proprietorship are billing Medicare, you may use only your NPI (once you have one), to identify yourself as the Billing/Pay-to Provider and as the Rendering Provider. CMS has found numerous RHC providers who bill institutional claims that qualify to use the type 1 NPI as the billing provider and as the attending physician NPI. Implementation of this edit modification will allow their claims to process without delay.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR8171 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/R2648CP.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.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html on the CMS website.

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