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## Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update

**Note:** This article was revised on February 27, 2014, to reflect an updated Change Request (CR). The CR corrects the date when the Claim Status Category Codes and Claim Status Codes will be posted, which is March 1, 2014. All other information remains the same.

### Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), including Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME/MACs) and Home Health & Hospice MACs, for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Provider Action Needed

This article is based on CR 8582 which informs Medicare contractors about the changes to Claim Status Category Codes and Claim Status Codes. Make sure that your billing personnel are aware of these changes.

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## 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 (e.g. previous HIPAA named versions included 004010X093A1). 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/> and <http://www.wpc-edi.com/reference/codelists/healthcare/claim-status-codes/> on the Internet.

All code changes approved during the January 2014 committee meeting shall be posted on these sites on or about March 1, 2014. Included in the code lists are specific details, including the date when a code was added, changed, or deleted.

These code changes are to be used in the editing of all X12 276 transactions processed on or after the date of implementation and are to be reflected in X12 277 transactions issued on and after the date of implementation of CR 8582.

## Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8582 issued to your MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2884CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your 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** - Generally, Medicare Part B covers one flu vaccination and its administration per flu season for beneficiaries without co-pay or deductible. Now is the perfect time to vaccinate beneficiaries. Health care providers are encouraged to get a flu vaccine to help protect themselves from the flu and to keep from spreading it to their family, co-workers, and patients. Note: The flu vaccine is not a Part D-covered drug. For more information, visit:

- [MLN Matters® Article #MM8433](#), "Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2013-2014 Season"
- [MLN Matters® Article #SE1336](#), "2013-2014 Influenza (Flu) Resources for Health Care Professionals"
- [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) - a free, online service where users can search for locations offering flu and other adult vaccines. While some providers may offer flu vaccines, those that don't can help their patients locate flu vaccines within their local community.
- The CDC website for [Free Resources](#), including [prescription-style tear-pads](#) that allow you to give a customized flu shot reminder to patients at high-risk for complications from the flu.

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