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MLN Matters® Number: MM8620 **Revised** Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 8620
Related CR Release Date: April 28, 2014 Effective Date: October 1, 2013
Related CR Transmittal #: R13730TN Implementation: April 7, 2014

CWF Editing for Vaccines Furnished at Hospice - Correction

Note: This article was revised on May 1, 2014, to reflect the revised CR8620 issued on April 28. In the article, we added a reference to Home Health and Hospice MACs. Also, the CR transmittal number, the CR release date, and the Web address for accessing the CR are revised. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended as an update for non-hospice providers furnishing vaccines to hospice beneficiaries and submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), including Home Health & Hospice MACs..

Provider Action Needed

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Change Request (CR) 8620 to alert providers that any provider may furnish vaccines to hospice beneficiaries. Be sure your billing staffs are aware of this change.

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Background

When CR 8098, Transmittal 1298, was published, effective October 1, 2013, it denied claims for vaccines furnished to hospice patients that were provided by anyone other than the patient's hospice provider. This was to enforce the statement in the 'Medicare Claims Processing Manual', chapter 18, section 10.2.4 that vaccines "may be covered when furnished by the hospice." CMS has determined that this enforcement is too restrictive, since the manual does not say "*only* when furnished by the hospice." CR 8620 removes the changes made to Medicare systems in CR 8098, in order to allow any provider to furnish vaccines to hospice beneficiaries.

Key Points

- Your MAC will allow professional claims for vaccines (Influenza, PPV, and Hepatitis B) and vaccine administration containing modifier GW when the date of service falls within a hospice election.
- Your MAC will adjust vaccine claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2013, which were previously rejected due to a hospice election, if you bring such claims to your MAC's attention.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8620, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1373OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

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