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Revision to Medicare Code Editor (MCE) Edit, Procedure Inconsistent with Length of Stay (LOS) for International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) Volume 3 Classification of Procedures for Respiratory Ventilation, Greater than 96 Consecutive Hours

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for providers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

Change Request (CR) 9117 informs MACs about changes related to the correct coding of ICD-10-CM procedure code 5A1955Z, Respiratory ventilation, greater than 96 consecutive hours. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is revising the MCE edit for procedure inconsistent with Length of Stay (LOS) due to the implementation of ICD-10. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

Background

Currently, MCE has an edit for ICD-9-CM procedure code 96.72 (Continuous invasive mechanical ventilation for 96 consecutive hours or more) when it is inconsistent with the LOS. For this code to be reported correctly, a patient must have received continuous

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mechanical ventilation for 96 hours or more. This equates to a patient being hospitalized for at least a 4 day LOS and having received continuous invasive mechanical ventilation for a minimum of 4 days.

However, the description of the ICD-10-CM procedure code for mechanical ventilation, 5A1955Z, differs from the ICD-9-CM procedure code. To ensure correct coding of ICD-10-CM procedure code 5A1955Z, Respiratory ventilation, greater than 96 consecutive hours, a revision to the MCE edit for procedure inconsistent with LOS is necessary. For this code to be reported correctly, a patient must have received continuous mechanical ventilation for more than 96 hours. This equates to a patient being hospitalized for at least a 5 day LOS.

Under ICD-10, claims received with ICD-10 procedure code 5A1955Z with less than a 5 day stay (based on days remaining between the from and through dates and outside Occurrence Span Code 74) will be returned to the provider with reason code W2054 indicating a LOS conflict with the procedure code.

Your MAC will determine that the days remaining between the from and through dates, including the from and through dates, regardless of the patient status and outside of each Occurrence Span Code 74, if present, have at least 5 consecutive days when ICD-10-PCS procedure code 5A1955Z is present on the claim.

Previously, the discharge date was not counted as one of the days to establish the required 4 consecutive inpatient days when ICD-9-CM procedure code 96.72 was present. To correct this issue, MACs will allow adjustments to claims that you submitted with ICD-9-CM procedure code 96.72 with 4 or more consecutive days including the date of discharge, that were returned to you, when brought to their attention for claims with discharge dates on or after October 1, 2012. In addition, MACs will mass adjust claims to recoup overpayments due to an error in the process of counting consecutive days. Claims with the following parameters will be adjusted by November 16, 2015:

- TOB - 11X;
- Discharge date - On or after 10/1/12 Occurrence Span code 74 present;
- Procedure code 96.72; and
- Length of stay greater than 4 days.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR9117 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1495OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Net/work-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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