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System Specific Enhancements 2014: Move PAP Smear Risk Indicator (PAPRI) and Technical (TECH)/Professional (PROF) Dates to Screening Auxiliary File

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for institutional providers and Home Health Agencies (HHAs) submitting inquiries to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for information on PAP smear services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

CR9188 announces changes to Medicare systems regarding the placement of PAP smear data on Medicare's internal files. The PAP smear data is displayed on the following provider inquiry screens:

- HIQA - Healthcare inquiry for part A for online transactions
- HIQH - Healthcare inquiry for Home Health for online transactions
- ELGA - Eligibility for part A
- ELGH - Eligibility for Home Health
- HUQA - Healthcare Update Inquiry for part A

The Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for PAP screening displayed on these screens are P3000, G0123, G0143, G0144, G0145, G0147 and G0148, and the screens can show up to three occurrences per HCPCS.

The other significant change for providers is that on the unformatted provider inquiry, HUQA, PAP information will now be carried in screening data location 4053-4612, instead of 780-784.

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Additional Information

The official instruction, CR9188, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1551OTN.pdf>.

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-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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