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## Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update

### Provider Types Affected

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

### What You Need to Know

Change Request (CR) 9276 informs MACs about the changes to the Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes.

### Background

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) requires all covered entities to use only Claim Status Category Codes and Claim Status Codes approved by the National Code Maintenance Committee in the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 276/277 Health Care Claim Status Request and Response transaction standards adopted under HIPAA for electronically submitting health care claims status requests and

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responses. These codes explain the status of submitted claim(s). Proprietary codes may not be used in the ASC X12 276/277 transactions to report claim status.

The National Code Maintenance Committee meets at the beginning of each ASC X12 trimester meeting (January/February, June, and September/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. The Committee has decided to allow the industry 6 months for implementation of newly added or changed codes.

All code changes approved during the September/October 2015 committee meeting will be posted on those sites on or about November 1, 2015. MACs must complete entry of all applicable code text changes, add new codes, and terminate use of deactivated codes by the implementation date of CR9276.

These code changes are to be used in editing of all ASC X12 276 transactions processed on or after the date of implementation and to be reflected in the ASC X12 277 transactions issued on and after the date of implementation of CR9276.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR9276 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3344CP.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-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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