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Reorganization of Chapter 9, Medicare Claims Processing Manual

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

Change Request (CR) 9397 advises you that the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual,” Chapter 9 – Rural Health Clinics/Federally Qualified Health Centers has been reorganized and updated. The revised chapter is attached to CR9397.

Background

Chapter 9 of the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual,” RHCs and FQHCs, is revised to include more comprehensive billing information. There are no new policies contained in the updated manual chapter, which covers the following information:

- Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) General Information;
- RHC and FQHC All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) Payment System;
- FQHC Prospective Payment System (PPS) Payment System;
- Deductible and Coinsurance;
- Billing and Payment for General RHC and FQHC Services;
- Data Required on the Institutional Claim Sent to Your MAC;
- General Billing and Payment Requirements for RHCs and FQHCs;

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- General Billing Requirements for Preventive Services;
- Services Non-covered on RHC and FQHC Claims; and
- Frequency of Billing and Same Day Billing.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR9397, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3434CP.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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