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Making Principal Diagnosis Codes Mandatory for Notice of Election (NOE) to be Accepted

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for hospices submitting claims containing a Notice of Election (NOE) to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 9575 which informs MACs that hospices must report a principal diagnosis code with an NOE. Failure to submit the principal diagnosis code with the NOE will result in the claim (type of bill 8xA) being returned to the hospice without being processed. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of this requirement.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR9575, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3502CP.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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