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Editing Update for Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), including Home Health & Hospice MACs and Durable Medical Equipment MACs (DME MACs) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

CR 9719 informs MACs about the changes to certain edits that should have been written as line level denials rather than claim denials if you do not report the appropriate diagnosis code. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

Background

CR7610, Transmittal 2476, provided billing instructions for Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and High-Intensity Behavioral Counseling to Prevent STIs. It was brought to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) attention that 072X Type of Bill (TOB) claims containing STI codes and diagnosis V74.5 or V73.89, **with dates of service on or after October 1, 2015**, were incorrectly being denied. Per [CR7610](#), current

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editing would deny a claim for STI services submitted with diagnosis code V74.5 or V73.89 on a TOB other than 13X, 14X, or 85X (without revenue code 096X, 097X, or 098X).

To correct these problems, CR9719 instructs the MACs to modify existing editing to deny line items on claims for STIs (HCPCS 86631, 86632, 87110, 87270, 87320, 87490, 87491, 87810, 87800, 87590, 87591, 87850, 86592, 86593, 86780, 87340, or 87341) containing ICD-9 code V74.5 or V73.89 (for claims with dates of service before October 1, 2015) and ICD-10 code Z11.3 or Z11.59 (with dates of service on or after October 1, 2015) when submitted on a TOB other than 13X, 14X, or 85X (without revenue code 096X, 097X, or 098X). When denying these line items, MACs will use the following messages:

- CARC170: “Payment is denied when performed/billed by this type of provider. Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.”
- RARC N95: “This provider type/provider specialty may not bill this service.”
- Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial responsibility to the beneficiary (if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) is on file).
- Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider (if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file).

CR9719 represents no change in policy. CMS is modifying existing editing to ensure correct payment for claims related to STIs.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR9719 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1713OTN.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>.

The article related to CR7610 is at <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM7610.pdf>.

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