



Update to Common Working File (CWF) Edit of Medicare Advantage (MA) Enrollees' Inpatient Claims from Approved Teaching Hospitals Billed for Indirect Medical Education

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PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is intended for approved teaching hospitals submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR10959 instructs the Common Working File (CWF) to bypass edit 5233 on claims billed with an Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) study or a clinical study approved under Coverage with Evidence Development (CED) so that the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) can make the IME only payment on approved teaching hospital claims for MA-enrolled beneficiaries. MACs will assist hospitals in resubmitting the rejected inpatient information only claims with condition codes 04, 69, and 30, one of the approved IDE or CED study numbers listed in the most updated list MACs received from CMS and an admission date on or after April 1, 2015, through the implementation date of CR10959 upon request from the hospital. The only claims that need to be resubmitted are IME only claims that were rejected. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently learned that approved teaching hospitals are not receiving the IME adjustment on claims billed on Type of Bill 11X with Condition Codes (CC) 04, 69 and 30 and Value Code (VC) 'D4' with a national clinical trial number for an IDE study or a clinical study approved under CED. This issue is an unintended consequence of the implementation of CR10238, Transmittal 3943 issued on December 22, 2017. (Related MLN article MM10238, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM10238.pdf>.)

CR10959 instructs the MACs to bypass edit 5233 on inpatient information only claims with:

- Type of Bill 11X
- CC - '04', '69' and '30' present
- VC - 'D4' present with a valid IDE or CED study number
- Any date of service processed on or after April 1, 2019

MACs shall ensure that only the IME payment is made when the inpatient claim contains a CC of 04 or 69.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR10959, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R2156OTN.pdf>. If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

| Date of Change | Description |
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| October 26, 2018 | Initial article released. |

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