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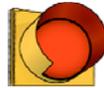
Note: This article was updated on April 5, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Patient Status Code 65 or Implementation of Patient Status Code 65, Discharged/Transferred to a Psychiatric Hospital or Psychiatric Distinct Part Unit of a Hospital

Provider Types Affected

Hospitals and other facilities that bill Medicare fiscal intermediaries

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

CR3364 removes psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric distinct part units from patient Status Code 05 and assigns them separately identifiable patient Status Code 65.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

This instruction implements Patient Status Code 65, “discharged/transferred to a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric distinct part unit of a hospital.”



GO – What You Need to Do

Refer to the *Background* and *Additional Information* sections below for full details on this requirement and make sure that your billing staffs are aware of this change.

Background

Field Locator 22 on the UB-92 or electronic equivalent is a **required field** for all Part A inpatient, skilled nursing facility, hospice, home health agency, and

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outpatient hospital bills. This code indicates a patient's status as of the "through" date of the billing period.

Currently, hospitals are using patient Status Code 05 for patients discharged/transferred to a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric distinct unit of a hospital, because psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric distinct part units have been included in patient Status Code 05 (previously defined as "discharged/transferred to another type of facility").

This instruction removes these types of hospitals from patient Status Code 05 and assigns them separately identifiable patient Status Code 65.

Also, Medicare identifies psychiatric hospitals by provider number xx-4xxx and psychiatric distinct part units by provider number xx-Sxxx. Payment can be affected when an acute inpatient prospective payment hospital transfers a patient to a psychiatric hospital because psychiatric hospitals are included in the post-acute care transfer policy. Thus, correct coding of this field, which is also a required field, is very important for all providers.

Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your fiscal intermediary regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R237CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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