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Mandatory Assignment for MMA Section 630 Claims

Note: This article was updated on February 16, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Indian Health Services (IHS), tribe, and tribal organization (non-hospital or non-hospital based) facilities billing for those Part B drugs that are under the jurisdiction of Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs)

Provider Action Needed

This article is chiefly for informational purposes. It explains that if the IHS or an Indian tribe or tribal organization facility (hospital-based or non-hospital-based) submits an unassigned claim for a Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), Section 630 item or service with a date of service on or after July 1, 2005, the DMERC must process the claim as though the IHS or the Indian tribe or tribal organization facility had accepted assignment of the claim.

Background

MMA Section 630 was implemented on January 3, 2005, according to CR 3288 (Transmittal R241CP). This instruction provides that claims submitted by the IHS or by an Indian tribe or tribal organization facility (hospital-based or non-hospital-based) to the DMERCs for the items and services listed below must be processed on an assigned basis. These items and services include the following:

- Durable medical equipment
- Prosthetics and orthotics
- Surgical dressings, splints, and casts
- Drugs (DMERC only)

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- Clinical laboratory services
- Ambulance services.

The process for submitting claims for Part B drugs furnished by the IHS or by Indian tribe or tribal organization facilities (hospital-based or non-hospital-based) was previously implemented under BIPA 432. MMA Section 630 has not changed the requirements for Trailblazers to process claims for Part B drugs in accordance with the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Pub. 100-4, Chapter 19, Section 70.1. (This manual can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c19.pdf> on the CMS website.

MMA Section 630 merely allows the IHS and Indian tribe and tribal organization facilities to submit claims to the DMERCs for those drugs for which the DMERCs have jurisdiction. This clarification also instructs the DMERCs to process such claims as assigned claims, even if the claim was submitted as unassigned.

Additional Information

The official instruction issued to your DMERC regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R430CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your DMERC 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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