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Information for Medicare Fee-For-Service Health Care Professionals

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The Number of Durable Medical Equipment Pricing Files That Must Be Maintained Online for Medicare – DMERC, FI, and RHHI Only

Note: This article was updated on February 7, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers who bill Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) and Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), including Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) for Durable Medical Equipment, Supplies, Prosthetics and Orthotics (DMEPOS)

Provider Action Needed

This article is informational only. Providers/suppliers need take no action, but Medicare encourages you to submit claims to Medicare as soon as possible after services are supplied.

Background

Medicare created a new minimum standard for the number of online price determination files that a Medicare DMERC or RHHI will maintain. The new minimum standard is eight fee screens/pricing files (the current period and seven prior files) for payment on a fee-for-service DMEPOS that you bill. This will allow Medicare to be more precise in paying the rate in effect at the time services are provided.

While this allows for more accurate pricing, this change does not alter Medicare's timely filing requirements and providers/suppliers should bill Medicare as promptly as possible.

Additional Information

The official instruction issued to your DMERC/FI/RHHI regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R546CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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For additional information relating to this issue, please contact your DMERC/FI/RHHI via their toll free number. That number 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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