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## Correction to Chapter 17, Section 80.2.3 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual Regarding MSN/ANSI X12 Denial Messages for Anti-Emetic Drugs

**Note:** This article was updated on February 14, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

### Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers billing Medicare carriers or durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) for anti-emetic drugs

### Provider Action Needed

This article is provided for your information only.

### Background

CR4001 corrects an error in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Pub. 100-4), Chapter 17, Section 80.2.3 (MSN /ANSI X12N Denial Messages for Anti-Emetic Drugs).

The text incorrectly cites Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) 6.3 as a valid MSN denial message for anti-emetic drugs. In response to this correction, your carriers and DMERCs will not use *MSN 6.3: Payment cannot be made for oral drugs that do not have the same active ingredients as they would have if given by injection when an anti-emetic drug is denied.*

Rather, if the anti-emetic drug is denied because the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) did not approve it or because the drug is not being used as part of an anti-cancer chemotherapeutic regimen, carriers and DMERCs will use either:

- *MSN 6.2: Drugs not specifically classified as effective by the Food and Drug Administration are not covered* (ANSI X12 Adjustment Code 114); or

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- *MSN 6.4: Medicare does not pay for an oral anti-emetic drug that is not administered for use immediately before, at, or within 48 hours after administration of a Medicare covered chemotherapy drug (ANSI X12 Group Code PR 96 with Remark Code M100).*

## Additional Information

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You can find more information about Denial Messages for Anti-Emetic Drugs by going to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R684CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Finally, if you have any questions, please contact your carrier/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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