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National Council for Prescription Drug Program (NCPDP) Coordination of Benefits (COB) Workaround Instructions

Note: This article was updated on October 24, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. This article was previously revised on July 7, 2006 to change the reference on page 2 to state *Patient Location field (307-C7) equals "1" (Home)*. It had stated *"Patient Location field (307-C7) is not "1" (Home)*. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Suppliers who submit claims to Medicare durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) for prescription drugs provided to Medicare beneficiaries that are also sent to other Medicare trading partners for coordination of benefits.

Background

Certain Medicare trading partners cannot accept the NCPDP version 5.1 batch standard 1.1 for COB crossover purposes due to missing data elements within the transaction. Change Request (CR) 4290 contains workaround instructions that provide current trading partners with the data elements in the NCPDP version 5.1 batch standard 1.1 for COB crossover purposes. This will enable affected supplier claims to be processed by these trading partners.

Key Points

The following information is important for trading partners regarding the NCPDP version 5.1 batch standard 1.1 for COB crossover purposes:

- Drugs will always be paid as mandatory assignment.
- Health Insurance Claim (HIC) numbers will always be passed in the "Patient ID" field (332-CY) with a "99" (Other) qualifier in the Patient ID Qualifier field (331-CX).

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- For eligibility file-based crossovers, the “Cardholder ID” field (302-C2) in the “Insurance Segment” will contain the beneficiary’s policy number as submitted on the carriers eligibility file.
- When the “Patient Location” field (307-C7) equals “1” (Home), the Supplier Name and Address will be populated in lieu of the Facility Name and Address in the 500-byte-free formatted field.

Additional Information

CR4290 is the official instruction issued to your DMERC regarding this change. CR4290 may be found by going to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R845CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Please refer to your local DMERC if you have questions about this issue. To find their toll free phone number, go to <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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