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Modify Common Working File (CWF) Edit 51#L

Provider Types Affected

Certain providers who bill Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for outpatient services

Provider Action Needed

STOP – Impact to You

Please be aware that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will modify the edit in Medicare systems that prevents payment on claims with units of service for observation (revenue code 0762) greater than 48 hours, unless the type of bill (TOB) is 85X, or TOB is 13X from an Indian Health Services Facility, or TOB is 13X from a Maryland Waiver Hospital (21), or TOB is 13X from a TEFRA facility (those in American Samoa (State Code (SC) 64), the Northern Mariana Islands (SC 66), Guam (SC 65), or the Virgin Islands (SC 48)).

CAUTION – What You Need to Know

This is not a change in policy, but a change to Medicare systems to allow payment for these claims.

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GO – What You Need to Do

For claims with dates of service on or after May 1, 2006, please **re-submit** claims that were not paid because of the inadvertent application of this edit in Medicare systems.

Additional Information

CR4382 is the official instruction issued to your FI regarding changes mentioned in this article, MM4382. CR4382 may be found at *http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R907CP.pdf* on the CMS website.

Please refer to your local FI 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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