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Revised American National Standards Institute (ANSI) X12N 837 Institutional Health Care Claim Companion Document

Note: This article was updated on October 24, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. This article was previously revised on May 8, 2007, to add this statement that Medicare FFS has announced a contingency plan regarding the May 23, 2007 implementation of the NPI. For some period after May 23, 2007, Medicare FFS will allow continued use of legacy numbers on transactions; accept transactions with only NPIs; and accept transactions with both legacy numbers and NPIs. For details of this contingency plan, see the *MLN Matters* article, MM5595, at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM5595.pdf> on the CMS website. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Providers submitting claims to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs), or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Impact on Providers

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5334 which informs your FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC that changes (including National Provider Identifier (NPI) and taxonomy code reporting information changes) are being made to the ANSI X12 837 Institutional Companion Document, which is included with CR 5334 as an attachment.

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Background

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and all other health insurance payers in the United States, comply with the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) standards for health care as established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) X12N 837 implementation guides have been established as the standards of compliance for submission of claims for all services, supplies, equipment, and health care other than retail pharmacy prescription drug claims. Implementation guides for each ANSI X12N transaction adopted as a HIPAA standard can be found at <http://www.wpc-edi.com> on the Internet.

The ANSI X12 837 Institutional Companion Document includes a set of statements, which supplements the requirements (but does not contradict) the X12N 837 Institutional Implementation Guide, and it clarifies Medicare contractor (FI/RHHI/A/B MAC) expectations regarding data submission, processing, and adjudication.

Change Request (CR) 5334:

- Provides your FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC with changes needed to the ANSI X12 837 Institutional Companion Document as an attachment, and
- Instructs your FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC to use these changes (**which include adding a requirement to report, as of May 23, 2007, the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and taxonomy code reporting information**) to revise/update your ANSI X12 837 Institutional Companion document.

The revised/updated ANSI X12N 837 Institutional Companion Document will be available through your Medicare FI, A/B MAC, or RHHI.

Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1116CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC 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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