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Revisions to 9-Digit ZIP Code List Provided in Change Request (CR) 5208

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and other health care practitioners submitting claims to Medicare Carriers or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) and for anesthesia services.

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

CR 5208, issued March 09, 2007, had attached to it the list of ZIP codes that would require the 9-digit ZIP codes effective for claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2007. **This ZIP code list is being updated by CR5730.** To review the list in CR5208, go to <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM5208.pdf> on the CMS website.

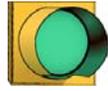
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CAUTION – What You Need to Know

The *Key Points* section of this CR provides the complete updated list of additions and deletions to the ZIP code list identified in CR 5208.



GO – What You Need to Do

Make certain that your billing staffs are aware that Medicare requires the submission of 9-digit ZIP codes to carriers/A/B MACs for services paid under the MPFS and anesthesia services, when the services are provided in those ZIP code areas listed in CR5208 (except those identified as deleted in this article) as well as those ZIP codes listed in this article as added to the CR5208 list. The exception occurs when the Place of Service (POS) is “Home,” and for any other places of service that your Medicare carrier or A/B MAC currently considers to be the same as “Home.” (Currently, there is no requirement for the submission of a ZIP code when the POS is “Home.”)

Background

CR Medicare contractors have been directed to determine payment locality for services paid under the MPFS and anesthesia services by using the ZIP code on the claim of where the service was performed. CMS realizes that some ZIP codes fall into more than one payment locality. The CMS ZIP code file uses the convention of the United States Postal Service, which assigns these ZIP codes into dominant counties. In some cases, though the service may actually be rendered in one county, but per the ZIP code it is assigned into a different county. This causes a payment issue when each of the counties has a different payment locality and therefore a different payment amount.

Key Points

Additions to the ZIP code list in CR5208 requiring 9-digit ZIP codes are as follows:

30132	58639	60585	69145	78660
51001	58649	60586	69343	82701
51023	60502	67762	77578	98068
57533	60503	69128	78653	

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Deletions to the ZIP code list in CR5208 requiring 9-digit zip codes are as follows:

01432	19525	62231	68755	77550	78657
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Additional Information

For complete details regarding this Change Request (CR) please see the official instruction (CR5730) issued to your Medicare carrier or A/B MAC. That instruction may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1337CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare carrier 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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