



News Flash - Your Medicare Payments Could Be Reduced If The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Needs To Collect Overdue Taxes That You Owe - The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Section 1024, authorizes the IRS to reduce certain federal payments, including Medicare payments, to allow collection of overdue taxes. Should you owe such taxes and your payments are reduced, your remittance advice will reflect a provider level adjustment code (PLB) of "WU" in the PLB03-1 data field. For more information, please see MLN Matters Article #MM6125 available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6125.pdf> on the CMS website.

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Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling Billing Update for Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs) and Outpatient Physical Therapy Providers (OPTs)

Note: This article was revised on November 23, 2010, to add a link to MM7133 (<http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM7133.pdf>), which provides additional settings where Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Use is payable (although still not payable to Outpatient Therapy and CORF providers). All other information is unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities (CORFs) and outpatient physical therapy providers (OPTs) who bill Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) or Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

CR 6163, from which this article is taken, updates CR 5878 (Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling Billing Code Update to Medicare), released

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February 1, 2008, to remove outpatient physical therapy provider (OPT) bill type 74X and comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility (CORF) bill type 75X from the list of applicable bill types for smoking and tobacco cessation counseling (effective July 1, 2008).

In addition, CR 6163 also announces that the applicable revenue codes for CORF billing are being updated to remove 029X (Durable Medical Equipment) because CORFs do not bill DME; and lists the revenue codes for which CORFs can bill on 75X bill types.

Make sure that your billing staffs are aware (effective July 1, 2008) that smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling is not billable by OPT or CORF providers, and are also aware of the current, applicable CORF revenue codes for 75X bill types.

Background

OPT and CORF providers cannot bill for smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling. CR 6163, from which this article is taken, updates: 1) CR 5878 (Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling Billing Code Update to Medicare), released February 1, 2008; and 2) The *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* Chapter 5 (Part B Outpatient Rehabilitation and CORF/OPT Services), Sections 100.1.1 (Allowable Revenue Codes on CORF 75X Bill Types) and 100.8 (Billing for DME, Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices, and Surgical Dressings), and Chapter 32 (Billing Requirements for Special Services), Section 12.3 (FI Billing Requirements) to reflect that these bill types are not applicable for smoking and tobacco cessation counseling.

In addition, CR 6163 also announces that the applicable revenue codes for CORF billing are being updated to remove 029X (Durable Medical Equipment) because CORFs do not bill DME.

You should note that Effective July 1, 2008, only those revenue codes displayed in table 1, below, are allowable for reporting CORF services on 75X bill types.

Table 1
Revenue Codes Billable by CORFS on 75X Bill Types*

0270	0274	0279	0410
0412	0419	042X	043X
044X	0550	0559	0560
0569	0636	0771	0900
0911	0914	0919	0919

***Effective July 1, 2008**

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Additional Information

You can find more information about the billing of OPT and CORF smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling services, and about revenue codes billable by CORFs on 75X bill types by going to CR 6163, located at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1593CP.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website. You will find the revised *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* Chapter 5 (Part B Outpatient Rehabilitation and CORF/OPT Services), Sections 100.1.1 (Allowable Revenue Codes on CORF 75X Bill Types) and 100.8 (Billing for DME, Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices, and Surgical Dressings), and Chapter 32 (Billing Requirements for Special Services), Section 12.3 (FI Billing Requirements) as an attachment to CR 6163.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

News Flash - Flu Shot Reminder - Flu Season Is Coming! It's not too early to start vaccinating as soon as you receive vaccine. Encourage your patients to get a flu shot as it is still their best defense against the influenza virus. *(Medicare provides coverage of the flu vaccine without any out-of-pocket costs to the Medicare patient. No deductible or copayment/coinsurance applies.)* And don't forget, health care workers also need to protect themselves. **Get Your Flu Shot. – Not the Flu. Remember -** Influenza vaccine plus its administration are covered Part B benefits. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For information about Medicare's coverage of the influenza virus vaccine and its administration as well as related educational resources for health care professions and their staff, visit http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/flu_products.pdf on the CMS website. To order, free of charge, a quick reference chart on Medicare Part B Immunization Billing, go to http://cms.meridianksi.com/kc/main/kc_frame.asp?kc_ident=kc0001&loc=5 on the CMS website.

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