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Instructions on utilizing 837 Institutional Claim Adjustment Segments (CAS) for Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Part A Claims. (This CR Rescinds and Fully Replaces CR 6275)

Provider Types Affected

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

What You Need to Know

CR 6426, from which this article is taken, alerts your Medicare Part A contractors (FIs, MACs, and RHHIs) and their associated systems to the changes they will need to follow when calculating MSP payment amounts from incoming American National Standards Institute (ANSI) ASC X12N 837 4010-A1 claims transactions. It specifically addresses their use of data reported in ANSI ASC X12N 837 institutional CAS segments for MSP Part A Claims.

CR 6426 only affects providers submitting Part A claims. It is important for such providers to code the CAS segments of their claims accurately so that Medicare will make the correct MSP payments. See the Background and Additional Information Sections of this article for further details regarding these changes.

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Background

The Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) provisions apply to situations where Medicare is not the beneficiary's primary insurance. Medicare's secondary payment for Part A MSP claims is based on:

- Medicare-covered charges, or the amount the physician (or other supplier) is Obligated to Accept as Payment in Full (OTAF), whichever is lower;
- What Medicare would have paid as the primary payer; and
- The primary payer(s) payment.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that Medicare, 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 X12N 837 implementation guides have been established as the standards of compliance for claim transactions and the implementation guides for each transaction are available at <http://www.wpc-edi.com> on the Internet.

This article is to remind you to include CAS segment related group codes, claim adjustment reason codes and associated adjustment amounts on your MSP 837 claims you send to your Medicare contractor. Medicare contractors need these adjustments to properly process your MSP claims and for Medicare to make a correct payment. This includes all adjustments made by the primary payer, which, for example, explains why the claim's billed amount was not fully paid.

The instructions detailed by CR 6426 are necessary to ensure:

- Medicare complies with HIPAA transaction and code set requirements;
- Providers code for the CAS segments claims to reflect any adjustments made by primary payers; and
- MSP claims are properly calculated by Medicare contractors (and their associated shared systems) using payment information derived from the incoming 837 Institutional claim.

Adjustments made by the payer are reported in the CAS segment on the 835 electronic remittance advice (ERA) or on hardcopy remittance advices. Providers must take the CAS segment adjustments (as found on the 835 ERA) and report these adjustments on the 837 (unchanged) when sending the claim to Medicare for secondary payment.

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Note: If you are obligated to accept, or voluntarily accept, an amount as payment in full from the primary payer (a.k.a. your contractual obligation), you must identify this amount as Value Code 44 in the 2300 HI Value Information. This amount is also known as the Obligated to accept as payment in full amount (OTAF). Details of the MSP payment provisions may be found in the CMS Medicare Secondary Payer Manual and in the federal regulations at 42 CFR 411.32 and 411.33.

Additional Information

You can find the official instruction (CR6426) issued to your FI, RHHI, or MAC by visiting <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R70MSP.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website. You will find the updated “Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Manual”, Chapter 5 (Contractor Prepayment Processing Requirements), Section 40.7.3.2 (Medicare Secondary Payment Part A Claims Determination for Services Received on 837 Institutional Electronic or Hardcopy Claims Format) as an attachment to that CR.

For information on the soon to be implemented (April 2011) process to reopen group health plan MSP claims processed according to beneficiary data in Medicare’s database when that MSP data is deleted or terminated after the claim was processed, please see <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM6625.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI, RHHI, or 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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