



News Flash – A new Medicare Learning Network® booklet titled "Medicare Information for Advanced Practice Nurses and Physician Assistants" (September 2010), which is designed to provide education on Medicare requirements for advanced practice nurses (APN) and physician assistants (PA), is now available in downloadable format at http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Medicare_Information_for_APNs_and_PAs_Booklet_ICN901623.pdf on the CMS website. This publication provides information about required qualifications, coverage criteria, billing, and payment for Medicare services furnished by APNs and PAs.

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Accumulation of Informational Only claims with Condition Code 04 from Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) and Maryland Waiver Hospitals on the Provider Statistical and Reimbursement Report (PS&R)

Provider Types Affected

This article applies to all Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and Maryland Waiver Hospitals that bill Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) or Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need To Know

Currently, claims submitted for Indirect Medical Education (IME), Graduate Medical Education (GME) and Nursing & Allied Health (N&AH) with both Condition Codes 04 and 69 are sent to the PS&R. With the release of CR7145, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announces that effective for claims for discharges on or after October 1, 2010 and processed on or after April 4, 2011 by Medicare, claims submitted by CAHs and Maryland Waiver Hospitals with Condition Code 04 will begin to accumulate on the PS&R report type 118. As a result, that data will be available to both providers and Medicare contractors.

Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR 7145 issued to your FI or MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R794OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

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

News Flash - Each Office Visit is an Opportunity. Medicare patients give many reasons for not getting their annual flu vaccination, but the fact is that there are 36,000 flu-related deaths in the United States each year, on average. More than 90% of these deaths occur in people 65 years of age and older. Please talk with your Medicare patients about the importance of getting their annual flu vaccination. This Medicare-covered preventive service will protect them for the entire flu season. And remember, vaccination is important for health care workers too, who may spread the flu to high risk patients. **Don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. Protect your patients. Protect your family. Protect yourself. Get Your Flu Vaccine - 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 vaccine and its administration, as well as related educational resources for health care professionals and their staff, please visit http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/Flu_Products.pdf and <http://www.cms.gov/AdultImmunizations> on the CMS website.

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