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Improved Processing of Oxygen Services on Home Health Claims

Note: This article was updated on August 16, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. All other content remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Home Health Agencies submitting claims to Medicare Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) for oxygen services provided to Medicare beneficiaries are affected.

What You Need to Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7169 which corrects a Medicare systems error that occurs when both portable and stationary oxygen equipment are billed on the same home health claim. The correction of this error will prevent Medicare system rejections of otherwise payable claims. **Medicare may hold some of your claims related to this issue until the systems error is corrected on July 5, 2011.**

Background

During the implementation of two recent Change Requests (CRs), regarding oxygen services (CR 6340 and CR 6838), Medicare RHHIs identified limitations in Medicare systems that prevent the correct processing of certain portable oxygen services on home health claims. In cases where both stationary and portable oxygen services are billed on the same claim, the Medicare's Fiscal Intermediary

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Shared System (FISS) is incorrectly moving the charges for the portable oxygen services reported on revenue code 0604 lines to lines for stationary oxygen services. As a result, the revenue code 0604 lines are rejected.

The requirements contained in CR7169 correct this problem, which will subsequently allow claims with both stationary and portable oxygen services to be processed and paid correctly. As a result of CR7169:

- RHHs will allow portable oxygen equipment rental (Health Care Common Procedure Codes (HCPCS) E0431, E0433, E0434, E1392, and K0738) to be billed separately using revenue code 0604 on types of bill (TOB) 32X, 33X, or 34X (other than TOB 322 or 332).
- RHHs will make the monthly portable oxygen rental payment, when billed on the same claim as stationary oxygen equipment rental, as the higher of 50 per cent of the monthly stationary oxygen rental payment or the fee schedule amount for the portable oxygen add-on.
- Until the above items are implemented on July 5, 2011, Medicare RHHs will hold claims that would otherwise be rejected incorrectly where the revenue codes for both stationary and portable oxygen equipment rentals are present on the same claim.

Note: CR7169 contains no new policy, but simply corrects an error in processing claims in accordance with current policy.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7169, issued to your RHHs regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R839OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your RHHs 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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