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News Flash – Did you know that Medicare provider enrollment application forms can be completed on your computer? This means that you can fill out the information required by typing into the open fields while the form is displayed on your computer monitor. Filling out the forms this way before printing, signing, and mailing means more easily-readable information – which means fewer mistakes, questions, and delays when your application is processed. Be sure to make a copy of the signed form for your records before mailing. You can find the Medicare provider enrollment application forms at http://www.cms.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/02_EnrollmentApplications.asp on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

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Related Change Request (CR) #: 7541

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Related CR Transmittal #: R2277CP

Implementation Date: October 3, 2011

October 2011 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 12.3

Provider Types Affected

This article is for providers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), and/or Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)) for outpatient services provided to Medicare beneficiaries and paid under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and for outpatient claims from any non-OPPS provider not paid under the OPPS, and for claims for limited services when provided in a Home Health Agency not under the Home Health Prospective Payment System or claims for services to a hospice patient for the treatment of a non-terminal illness.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7541, which describes changes to the Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) and OPPS to be implemented in the

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October 2011 OPPS and I/OCE updates. Be sure your billing staff is aware of these changes.

Background

CR7541 describes changes to billing instructions for various payment policies implemented in the October 2011 OPPS update. The October 2011 I/OCE changes are also discussed in CR7541.

Note: The full list of I/OCE specifications can now be found at <http://www.cms.gov/OutpatientCodeEdit/> on the CMS website.

A summary of the changes for October 2011 is within Appendix M of Attachment A of CR7541 and that summary is captured in the following key points.

Key Points of CR7541 Based on Appendix M of the I/OCE Specifications

- Effective January 1, 2008, Medicare will:
 - Add new modifier 92 to the valid modifier list. Edit 22 is affected.
- Effective July 1, 2011, Medicare will:
 - Update Nuclear medicine/Radio labeled product edit requirements. Edit 78 is affected.
- Effective May 10, 2011, Medicare will:
 - Apply a mid-quarter Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval date to code 90654.
- Effective October 1, 2011, Medicare will:
 - Make HCPCS/APC/SI changes (data change files);
 - Implement version 17.2 of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits (as modified for applicable institutional providers). Edits 19, 20, 39, and 40 are affected;
 - Update procedure/device and device/procedure edit requirements. Edit 77 is affected;
 - Create 508-compliant versions of the specifications & Summary of Data Changes documents for publication on the CMS website;
 - Add new diagnosis codes (29420, 29421, 31081, & 31089) to the list of Mental Health (MH) diagnoses used for partial hospitalization;
 - Update the valid diagnoses code list with ICD-9-CM changes. Edit 1 is affected; and

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- Updated diagnosis/age and diagnosis/sex conflict edits with Medical Code Editor (MCE) changes. Edits 2 and 3 are affected.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7541 issued to your Medicare MAC, RHHI or FI regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.gov/transmittals/downloads/R2277CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare MAC, RHHI or FI at their toll-free number, which may be found at

<http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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