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News Flash – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released 4 podcasts and a video slideshow presentation of the May 18, 2011, national provider call on “CMS ICD-10 Conversion Activities, Including a Lab Case Study.” The podcasts, slideshow presentation, and written transcripts are now available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/ODF-Podcast-Transcripts.html> on the CMS website. The 4 audio podcasts with corresponding written transcripts, as well as the full written transcript of the call can be accessed by scrolling to the “Downloads” section at the bottom of the page. To access the video slideshow presentation, select the link in the “Related Links Outside CMS” section of the webpage.

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Attending Physician Identifiers on Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institution (RNHCI) Claims

Note: This article was revised on March 27, 2013, to add a reference to MLN Matters® article MM8186, which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM8186.pdf>, to alert RNHCIs to the UB-04 claim form and code set changes. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

This article is intended for Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions (RNHCIs) billing their Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC).

What You Need to Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7542 which instructs Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institution (RNHCIs) to report their own name and National Provider Identifier (NPI) in the attending physician field on claims in order to satisfy the reporting requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

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Background

Health care providers, including Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions (RNHCIs), have been required to use the National Provider Identifier (NPI) on electronic Medicare claim transactions since May 23, 2008. Medicare billing instructions have historically required RNHCI claims to report the RNHCI's own NPI but have not required RNHCI's to report an attending physician NPI. Due to the non-medical nature of RNHCI services, beneficiaries electing the RNHCI benefit do not have an attending physician. As long as RNHCIs submit their claims to Medicare using the Direct Data Entry (DDE) system, the absence of an attending physician is not a problem, since Medicare system edits of DDE claims do not require an attending physician on type of bill 41x (Religious Nonmedical).

However, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has learned that the absence of an attending physician presents a barrier to RNHCIs seeking to submit claims using the HIPAA-standard 837 Institutional Claim. The 837 Institutional Claim requires an attending provider name and NPI to be reported in the 2310A loop, NM1 segment for all claims that contain any services other than unscheduled transportation. If RNHCIs do not report this segment on claims, the claims will be rejected by HIPAA-compliant translator edits. Therefore, CR7542 instructs RNHCIs submitting the HIPAA-standard 837 Institutional Claim to Medicare to report their institution's own name and NPI in the Attending Physician NPI field on all claims.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7542, may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R2285CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your 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.

You may want to review MM7862 which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM7862.pdf>, that instructs providers that there are revised instructions for reporting the attending provider on RNHCI claims, and that RNHCIs should report their Director of Nursing National Provider Identifier as the attending provider on claims.

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