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News Flash – In September 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the availability of a new electronic mailing list for those who refer Medicare beneficiaries for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS). Referral agents play a critical role in providing information and services to Medicare beneficiaries. To ensure you give Medicare patients the most current DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program information, CMS strongly encourages you to review the information sent from this new electronic mailing list. In addition, please share the information you receive from the mailing list and the link to the [“mailing list for referral agents”](#) subscriber webpage with others who refer Medicare beneficiaries for DMEPOS. Thank you for signing up!

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Medicare System Update to Implement the Line Level National Provider Identifier (NPI) Editing for Sanctioned Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) Method II Providers

Note: This article was revised on May 20, 2013, to reflect the correct effective and implementation dates (see above). All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Method II Providers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

This article, based on Change Request (CR) 8170, instructs Medicare contractors on implementing a system update to include the line level National Provider Identifier (NPI) field editing for Sanctioned

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Critical Access Hospital (CAH) providers reimbursed under the optional method. Please make sure that your billing staffs are aware of updates.

Background

With the October 2012 implementation of CR7578, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) stored line level NPI information for CAHs. At the time of the implementation of CR7578, NPI editing was not applied at the line level. CR 8170 instructs the Fiscal intermediary Shared System (FISS) to apply the same editing, conditions and sanctions for the line level NPI fields that are currently being applied at the claim level. The policy for this provision remains the same.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8170, issued to your FI and A/B MAC regarding this change, may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R12140TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI or A/B 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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