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Discontinuation of Home Health Type of Bill 33X

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for Home Health Agencies submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHI) and Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

STOP – Impact to You

Effective for home health episodes beginning on or after October 1, 2013, Original Medicare will no longer accept institutional claims submitted with Type of Bill (TOB) 033X. Your RHHI or MAC will return your claims with TOB 033X; and a statement covers "From" date of on, or after, October 1, 2013.

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CAUTION – What You Need to Know

CR 8244, from which this article is taken, updates the Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 10 (Home Health Agency Billing), and makes system changes required to discontinue the use of TOB 033X (Home Health, Outpatient (includes HHA visits under a Part A Plan of treatment)).

GO – What You Need to Do

You should make sure that your billing staffs are aware of this TOB change.

Background

The National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) maintains the Type of Bill (TOB) code set healthcare organizations use on institutional claims. In 2012, the NUBC voted to simplify the TOB codes used for home health claims by using a single TOB code for all home health services provided under a home health plan of care.

CR 8244 announces the NUBC's decision to discontinue the use of TOB 33X (Home Health, Outpatient (includes HHA visits under a Part A Plan of treatment)). Effective October 1, 2013, you should use TOB 032X for your claims for home health episodes; Original Medicare will no longer accept institutional claims submitted on, or after, that date with TOB 033X .

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8244 issued to your RHHI or MAC regarding this change may be viewed at http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2694CP.pdf on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your RHHI or 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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