

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



The "[Medicare Enrollment and Claim Submission Guidelines](#)" Booklet (ICN 906764) was revised and is now available in downloadable format. This booklet is designed to provide education on applying for enrollment and submitting claims to Medicare. It includes the following information: enrolling in the Medicare Program; private contracts with Medicare beneficiaries; Medicare claims; deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments; Beneficiary Notices of Noncoverage; and billing requirements.

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## **FISS Claims Processing Update for Ambulance Services**

### **Provider Types Affected**

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This MLN Matters® Article is intended for providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (fiscal intermediaries (FIs) and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for ambulance services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### **Provider Action Needed**

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This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8251 which informs Medicare contractors that systems changes are being made to include HCPCS A0888 in the listing of mileage codes allowed to be billed with transport claims that do not require attending provider name and NPI. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes. See the Background and Additional Information Sections of this article for further details regarding these changes.

### **Background**

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In CR7557, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services (CMS) implemented system edits for nonscheduled transportation services where the attending provider name and identifiers (including National Provider Identifier (NPI)) were not required. When implementing those changes, CMS considered the mileage pairs that would be billed with the transport with the exception of A0888

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(Noncovered ambulance mileage, per mile). CMS now needs to add the HCPCS code of A0888 to the listing of mileage codes allowed to be billed with the transport claims that do not require attending provider name and NPI.

NPI regulations stated that the attending provider name and identifiers (including NPI) are required when claim/encounter contains any services other than nonscheduled transportation services. If the claim/encounter was for nonscheduled transportation services, the attending provider name and identifiers (including NPI) are not required.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR 8251 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/R13090TN.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.

**News Flash** - Generally, Medicare Part B covers one flu vaccination and its administration per flu season for beneficiaries without co-pay or deductible. Now is the perfect time to vaccinate beneficiaries. Health care providers are encouraged to get a flu vaccine to help protect themselves from the flu and to keep from spreading it to their family, co-workers, and patients. Note: The flu vaccine is not a Part D-covered drug. For more information, visit:

- [MLN Matters® Article #MM8433](#), "Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2013-2014 Season"
- [MLN Matters® Article #SE1336](#), "2013-2014 Influenza (Flu) Resources for Health Care Professionals"
- [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) - a free, online service where users can search for locations offering flu and other adult vaccines. While some providers may offer flu vaccines, those that don't can help their patients locate flu vaccines within their local community.

The CDC website for [Free Resources](#), including [prescription-style tear-pads](#) that allow you to give a customized flu shot reminder to patients at high-risk for complications from the flu.

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