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Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 8479

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Implementation Date: April 7, 2014

MREP and PC Print Updates for Operating Rules Phase III 360 Rule Compliance

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (fiscal intermediaries (FIs), carriers, Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs), Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME/MACs) and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

What Provider Need to Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8479 which informs Medicare standard system maintainers about changes to documentation requirements for electronic transactions. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

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Background

Section 1104 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires the Secretary to adopt and regularly update standards, implementation specifications, and operating rules for the electronic exchange and use of health information for the purpose of financial and administrative transactions.

Key Points in CR 8479

- Medicare contractor's systems will publish text describing the Group Code/CARC/RARC/CAGC reject codes included in the remittance advice to trading partners using MREP, PC Print, or PCACE software to view/print all V5010 X12 835 transactions. All published text will contain corresponding code descriptions or definitions specified in the code lists without changing the meaning and intent of the descriptions.
- Medicare contractor's systems will publish text describing the corresponding CORE-defined Claim Adjustment/Denial Business Scenario on all V5010 X12 835 transactions for trading partners using MREP, PC Print, or PCACE software to view/print v5010 X12 835 transactions.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8479 issued to your MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1308OTN.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.

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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