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### **CMS 1500 Claim Form Instructions: Revised for Form Version 02/12**

**Note: This article was revised on October 6, 2014, to reflect the revised CR8509 issued on October 2. In the article, the effective and implementation dates have changed and the CR release date, transmittal number and the Web address for accessing the CR are changed. All other information is the same.**

### **Provider Types Affected**

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians and other providers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), and Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME/MACs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

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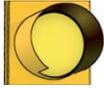
## Provider Action Needed

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### STOP – Impact to You

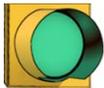
This change request (CR) 8509 revises the current CMS 1500 claim form instructions to reflect the revised CMS 1500 claim form, version 02/12.



### CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Form Version 02/12 will replace the current CMS 1500 claim form, 08/05, effective with claims received on and after April 1, 2014:

- Medicare will begin accepting claims on the revised form, 02/12, on January 6, 2014;
- Medicare will continue to accept claims on the old form, 08/05, through March 31, 2014;
- On April 1, 2014, Medicare will accept paper claims on only the revised CMS 1500 claim form, 02/12; and
- On and after April 1, 2014, Medicare will no longer accept claims on the old CMS 1500 claim form, 08/05.



### GO – What You Need to Do

Make sure that your billing staff are aware of these instructions for the revised form version 02/12.

## Background

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The National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) recently revised the CMS 1500 claim form. On June 10, 2013, the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the revised form, 02/12. The revised form has a number of changes. Those most notable for Medicare are new indicators to differentiate between ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes on a claim, and qualifiers to identify whether certain providers are being identified as having performed an ordering, referring, or supervising role in the furnishing of the service. In addition, the revised form uses letters, instead of numbers, as diagnosis code pointers, and expands the number of possible diagnosis codes on a claim to 12.

The qualifiers that are appropriate for identifying an ordering, referring, or supervising role are as follows:

- DN - Referring Provider
- DK - Ordering Provider

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- DQ - Supervising Provider

Providers should enter the qualifier to the left of the dotted vertical line on item 17.

The Administrative Simplification Compliance Act (ASCA) requires Medicare claims to be sent electronically unless certain exceptions are met. Those providers meeting these exceptions are permitted to submit their claims to Medicare on paper. Medicare requires that the paper format for professional and supplier paper claims be the CMS 1500 claim form. Medicare therefore supports the implementation of the CMS 1500 claim form and its revisions for use by its professional providers and suppliers meeting an ASCA exception. More information about ASCA exceptions can be found in Chapter 24 of the "Medicare Claims Processing Manual" which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c24.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR 8509 issued to your MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3083CP.pdf> on the CMS website. CR 8509 contains the instructions for completing the revised CMS 1500 claim form (02/12), which will become part of Chapter 26 in the "Medicare Claims Processing Manual" (Pub. 100-04).

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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