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Implementation Date: July 6, 2015

Manual Update to Pub. 100-04, Chapter 1, to include Claims Submitted by Multiple DMEPOS Suppliers

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for durable medical equipment prosthetic, orthotics, and suppliers (DMEPOS) submitting claims to Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) for supplies and services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 9079, which instructs DME MACs that effective July 1, 2015, when a second supplier submits a diabetic test strip claim for a span date already approved for the same beneficiary from a different supplier, the DME MAC will deny the second supplier’s claim as a duplicate claim, rather than a suspect duplicate claim. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of this change.

Background

CR 9079 informs DME MACs that manual Subsection, 120.2 D, “Claims Submitted by Multiple DMEPOS Suppliers Multiple Suppliers,” has been added to Chapter 1 of the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual.”

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CR9079 Manual Update

Effective July 1, 2015, when a second supplier submits a diabetic test strip claim for a span date already approved for the same beneficiary for a different supplier, the DME MAC will deny the second supplier's claim as a duplicate claim, when the following conditions are met:

- Same Beneficiary Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN);
- Overlapping span Date of Service (DOS) (From DOS and Through DOS);
- Same Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code;
- Same Type of Service on the incoming claim matches a previously approved claim in history; and
- The item is a diabetic testing supply.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 9079, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3262CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. The number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Net/work-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work?

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