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SUBJECT: Clarification on Patient's Reason for Visit Necessary to Capture HIPAA Compliant Fields

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: In order for Medicare to process HIPAA compliant claim information located on the UB-04, or 837I transaction appearing on the claim form, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) needs to clarify the usage of the Patient's Reason for Visit (PVR) used for processing claims.

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: March 31, 2016

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
R	25/75.5 - Form Locators 43-65
N	25/75.6 - Form Locators 66-81

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

**Business Requirements
Manual Instruction**

Attachment - Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Institutional providers are required to submit HIPAA compliant claims. Some information in the 837I is placed in the store and forward repository. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is continuing with their application of the HIPAA v5010. The National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) has provided clarified direction on the Patient’s Reason for Visit form locator (FL) in the 2016 Data Specifications Manual. The purpose of this CR is to ensure correct education and editing for institutional claims processing system fields.

B. Policy: The Administrative Simplification provisions of HIPAA require the Secretary of HHS to adopt standard electronic transactions and code sets for administrative health care transactions. The Secretary may also modify these standards periodically.

The Patient’s Reason (FL 70a-c) is a “Situational” reported field. It is required for Medicare institutional claims processing on Type of Bill 013x and 085x when: a) Form Locator 14 (Priority (Type) of Admission or Visit) codes 1, 2, or 5 are reported; and b) Revenue Codes 045x, 0516, or 0762 are reported. The requirement for reporting Patient’s Reason for Visit is restricted to the outpatient bill types above.

If the Patient’s Reason for Visit is not required, it may be reported on other 013x and 085x bill types that fail to meet the criteria in a) or b) above at the sender’s discretion when this information substantiates the medical necessity of services.

Similarly, the ASC X-12 under RFI #1256 identified that the NUBC Data Specifications Manual outlines under what circumstances the patient's reason for visit is required on an outpatient claim under the instructions for Form Locator 70a-c.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
9450.1	Medicare Contractors shall be aware of the Clarification on Patient’s Reason for Visit necessary to capture HIPAA compliant fields. All system changes have already been made to be in compliance	X								

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	with the above policy.									

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
9450.2	MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within 5 business days after receipt of the notification from CMS announcing the availability of the article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X				

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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Medicare Claims Processing Manual

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FL 43 - Revenue Description/IDE Number/Medicaid Drug Rebate

Not Required. The provider enters a narrative description or standard abbreviation for each revenue code shown in FL 42 on the adjacent line in FL 43. The information assists clerical bill review. Descriptions or abbreviations correspond to the revenue codes. “Other” code categories are locally defined and individually described on each bill.

The investigational device exemption (IDE) or procedure identifies a specific device used only for billing under the specific revenue code 0624. The IDE will appear on the paper format of Form CMS-1450 as follows: FDA IDE # A123456 (17 spaces).

HHAs identify the specific piece of durable medical equipment (DME) or non-routine supplies for which they are billing in this area on the line adjacent to the related revenue code. This description must be shown in Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) coding.

When required to submit drug rebate data for Medicaid rebates, submit N4 followed by the 11 digit National Drug Code (NDC) in positions 01-13 (e.g., N49999999999). Report the NDC quantity qualifier followed by the quantity beginning in position 14. The Description Field on Form CMS-1450 is 24 characters in length. An example of the methodology is illustrated below.

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FL 44 - HCPCS/Rates/HIPPS Rate Codes

Required. When coding HCPCS for outpatient services, the provider enters the HCPCS code describing the procedure here. On inpatient hospital bills the accommodation rate is shown here.

HCPCS used for Medicare claims are available from Medicare contractors.

Health Insurance Prospective Payment System (HIPPS) Rate Codes

The HIPPS rate code consists of the three-character resource utilization group (RUG) code that is obtained from the “Grouper” software program followed by a 2-digit assessment indicator (AI) that specifies the type of assessment associated with the RUG code obtained from the Grouper. SNFs must use the version of the Grouper software program identified by CMS for national PPS as described in the Federal Register for that year. The Grouper translates the data in the Long Term Care Resident Instrument into a case mix group and assigns the correct RUG code. The AIs were developed by CMS.

The Grouper will not automatically assign the 2-digit AI, except in the case of a swing bed MDS that is will result in a special payment situation AI (see below). The HIPPS rate codes that appear on the claim must match the assessment that has been transmitted and accepted by the State in which the facility operates. The SNF cannot put a HIPPS rate code on the claim that does not match the assessment.

HIPPS Rate Codes used for Medicare claims are available from Medicare contractors.

HIPPS Modifiers/Assessment Type Indicators

The assessment indicators (AI) were developed by CMS to identify on the claim, which of the scheduled Medicare assessments or off-cycle assessments is associated with the assessment reference date and the RUG that is included on the claim for payment of Medicare SNF services. In addition, the AIs identify the Effective Date for the beginning of the covered period and aid in ensuring that the number of days billed for each scheduled Medicare assessment or off cycle assessment accurately reflect the changes in the beneficiary's status over time. The indicators were developed by utilizing codes for the reason for

assessment contained in section AA8 of the current version of the Resident Assessment Instrument, Minimum Data Set in order to ease the reporting of such information. Follow the CMS manual instructions for appropriate assignment of the assessment codes.

HIPPS Modifiers/Assessment Type Indicators used for Medicare claims are available from Medicare contractors.

HCPCS Modifiers (Level I and Level II)

Form CMS-1450 accommodates up to four modifiers, two characters each. See AMA publication CPT 20xx (xx= to current year) Current Procedural Terminology Appendix A - HCPCS Modifiers Section: "Modifiers Approved for Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Hospital Outpatient Use". Various CPT (Level I HCPCS) and Level II HCPCS codes may require the use of modifiers to improve the accuracy of coding. Consequently, reimbursement, coding consistency, editing and proper payment will benefit from the reporting of modifiers. Hospitals should not report a separate HCPCS (five-digit code) instead of the modifier. When appropriate, report a modifier based on the list indicated in the above section of the AMA publication.

HCPCS modifiers used for Medicare claims are available from Medicare contractors.

FL 45 - Service Date

Required Outpatient. CMHCs and hospitals (with the exception of CAHs, Indian Health Service hospitals and hospitals located in American Samoa, Guam and Saipan) report line item dates of service on all bills containing revenue codes, procedure codes or drug codes. This includes claims where the "from" and "through" dates are equal. This change is due to a HIPAA requirement.

There must be a single line item date of service (LIDOS) for every iteration of every revenue code on all outpatient bills (TOBs 013X, 014X, 023X, 024X, 032X, 033X, 034X, 071X, 072X, 073X, 074X, 075X, 076X, 077X (effective April 1, 2010), 081X, 082X, 083X, and 085X and on inpatient Part B bills (TOBs 012x and 022x). If a particular service is rendered 5 times during the billing period, the revenue code and HCPCS code must be entered 5 times, once for each service date.

FL 46 - Units of Service

Required. Generally, the entries in this column quantify services by revenue code category, e.g., number of days in a particular type of accommodation, pints of blood. However, when HCPCS codes are required for services, the units are equal to the number of times the procedure/service being reported was performed.

The provider enters up to seven numeric digits. It shows charges for noncovered services as noncovered, or omits them. **NOTE:** Hospital outpatient departments report the number of visits/sessions when billing under the partial hospitalization program.

FL 47 - Total Charges - Not Applicable for Electronic Billers

Required. This is the FL in which the provider sums the total charges for the billing period for each revenue code (FL 42); or, if the services require, in addition to the revenue center code, a HCPCS procedure code, where the provider sums the total charges for the billing period for each HCPCS code. The last revenue code entered in FL 42 is "0001" which represents the grand total of all charges billed. The amount for this code, as for all others is entered in FL 47. Each line for FL 47 allows up to nine numeric digits (0000000.00). The CMS policy is for providers to bill Medicare on the same basis that they bill other payers. This policy provides consistency of bill data with the cost report so that bill data may be used to substantiate the cost report. Medicare and non-Medicare charges for the same department must be reported consistently on the cost report. This means that the professional component is included on, or excluded from, the cost report for Medicare and non-Medicare charges. Where billing for the professional components is not consistent for all payers, i.e., where some payers require net billing and others require gross, the provider must adjust either net charges up to gross or gross charges down to net for cost report preparation. In such cases, it must adjust its provider statistical and reimbursement (PS&R) reports that it derives from the bill. Laboratory tests (revenue codes 0300-0319) are

billed as net for outpatient or nonpatient bills because payment is based on the lower of charges for the hospital component or the fee schedule. The A/B MAC (A or HH) determines, in consultation with the provider, whether the provider must bill net or gross for each revenue center other than laboratory. Where “gross” billing is used, the A/B MAC (A or HH) adjusts interim payment rates to exclude payment for hospital-based physician services. The physician component must be billed to the carrier to obtain payment. All revenue codes requiring HCPCS codes and paid under a fee schedule are billed as net.

FL 48 - Noncovered Charges

Required. The total non-covered charges pertaining to the related revenue code in FL 42 are entered here.

FL 49 - (Untitled)

Not used. Data entered will be ignored.

Note: the “PAGE ____ OF ____” and CREATION DATE on line 23 should be reported on all pages of the UB-04.

FL 50A (Required), B (Situational), and C (Situational) - Payer Identification

If Medicare is the primary payer, the provider must enter “Medicare” on line A. Entering Medicare indicates that the provider has developed for other insurance and determined that Medicare is the primary payer. All additional entries across line A (FLs 51-55) supply information needed by the payer named in FL 50A. If Medicare is the secondary or tertiary payer, the provider identifies the primary payer on line A and enters Medicare information on line B or C as appropriate.

FL 51A (Required), B (Situational), and C (Situational) – Health Plan ID

Report the national health plan identifier when one is established; otherwise report the “number” Medicare has assigned.

FLs 52A, B, and C - Release of Information Certification Indicator

Required. A “Y” code indicates that the provider has on file a signed statement permitting it to release data to other organizations in order to adjudicate the claim. Required when state or federal laws do not supersede the HIPAA Privacy Rule by requiring that a signature be collected. An “I” code indicates Informed Consent to Release Medical Information for Conditions or Diagnoses Regulated by Federal Statutes. Required when the provider has not collected a signature and state or federal laws do not supersede the HIPAA Privacy Rule by requiring a signature be collected.

NOTE: The back of Form CMS-1450 contains a certification that all necessary release statements are on file.

FL 53A, B, and C - Assignment of Benefits Certification Indicator

Not used. Data entered will be ignored.

FLs 54A, B, and C - Prior Payments

Situational. Required when the indicated payer has paid an amount to the provider towards this bill.

FL 55A, B, and C - Estimated Amount Due From Patient

Not required.

FL 56 – Billing Provider National Provider ID (NPI)

Required on or after May 23, 2008.

FL 57 – Other Provider ID (primary, secondary, and/or tertiary)

Not used. Data entered will be ignored.

FLs 58A, B, and C - Insured's Name

Required. The name of the individual under whose name the insurance benefit is carried.

FL 59A, B, and C - Patient's Relationship to Insured

Required. If the provider is claiming payment under any of the circumstances described under FLs 58 A, B, or C, it must enter the code indicating the relationship of the patient to the identified insured, if this information is readily available.

Codes used for Medicare claims are available from Medicare contractors. Codes are also available from the NUBC (www.nubc.org) via the NUBC's Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual.

FLs 60A (Required), B (Situational), and C (Situational) – Insured's Unique ID (Certificate/Social Security Number/HI Claim/Identification Number (HICN))

The unique number assigned by the health plan to the insured.

FL 61A, B, and C - Insurance Group Name

Situational (required if known). Where the provider is claiming payment under the circumstances described in FLs 58A, B, or C and a Worker's Compensation (WC) or an Employer Group Health Plan (EGHP) is involved, it enters the name of the group or plan through which that insurance is provided.

FL 62A, B, and C - Insurance Group Number

Situational (required if known). Where the provider is claiming payment under the circumstances described in FLs 58A, B, or C and a WC or an EGHP is involved, it enters the identification number, control number or code assigned by that health insurance carrier to identify the group under which the insured individual is covered.

FL 63 - Treatment Authorization Code

Situational. Required when an authorization or referral number is assigned by the payer and then the services on this claim AND either the services on this claim were preauthorized or a referral is involved. Whenever Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) review is performed for outpatient preadmission, pre-procedure, or Home IV therapy services, the authorization number is required for all approved admissions or services.

FL 64 – Document Control Number (DCN)

Situational. The control number assigned to the original bill by the health plan or the health plan's fiscal agent as part of their internal control.

FL 65 - Employer Name (of the Insured)

Situational. Where the provider is claiming payment under the circumstances described in the second paragraph of FLs 58A, B, or C and there is WC involvement or an EGHP, it enters the name of the employer that provides health care coverage for the individual identified on the same line in FL 58.

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FL 66 – Diagnosis and Procedure code Qualifier (ICD Version Indicator)

Required. The qualifier that denotes the version of International Classification of Diseases (ICD) reported. The following qualifier codes reflect the edition portion of the ICD: 9 - Ninth Revision, 0 - Tenth Revision.

FL 67 - Principal Diagnosis Code

Required. The hospital enters the ICD code for the principal diagnosis. The code **must** be the full ICD diagnosis code, including all five digits where applicable for ICD-9 or all seven digits for ICD-10. The reporting of the decimal between the third and fourth digit is unnecessary because it is implied.

The principal diagnosis code will include the use of “V” codes where ICD-9-CM is applicable. Where the proper code has fewer than five digits (ICD-9-CM) or seven digits (ICD-10-CM), the hospital may not fill with zeros. The principal diagnosis is the condition established after study to be chiefly responsible for this admission. Even though another diagnosis may be more severe than the principal diagnosis, the hospital enters the principal diagnosis. Entering any other diagnosis may result in incorrect assignment of a Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) and cause the hospital to be incorrectly paid under PPS. The hospital reports the full ICD code for the diagnosis shown to be chiefly responsible for the outpatient services in FL 67 of the bill. It reports the diagnosis to its highest degree of certainty. For instance, if the patient is seen on an outpatient basis for an evaluation of a symptom (e.g., cough) for which a definitive diagnosis is not made, the symptom must be reported. If during the course of the outpatient evaluation and treatment a definitive diagnosis is made (e.g., acute bronchitis), the hospital must report the definitive diagnosis. When a patient arrives at the hospital for examination or testing without a referring diagnosis and cannot provide a complaint, symptom, or diagnosis, the hospital should report an ICD code for Persons Without Reported Diagnosis Encountered During Examination and Investigation of Individuals and Populations.

FLs 67A-67Q - Other Diagnosis Codes

Situational. Required when other condition(s) coexist or develop(s) subsequently during the patient’s treatment.

FL 68 – Reserved

Not used. Data entered will be ignored.

FL 69 - Admitting Diagnosis

Required. For inpatient hospital claims subject to QIO review, the admitting diagnosis is required. Admitting diagnosis is the condition identified by the physician at the time of the patient’s admission requiring hospitalization.

FL70A – 70C - Patient’s Reason for Visit

Situational. *It is required for Medicare institutional claims processing on Type of Bill 013x and 085x when: a) Form Locator 14 (Priority (Type) of Admission or Visit) codes 1, 2, or 5 are reported; and b) Revenue Codes 045x, 0516, or 0762 are reported. The requirement for reporting Patient’s Reason for Visit is restricted to the outpatient bill types above.*

If the Patient’s Reason for Visit is not required, it may be reported on other 013x and 085x bill types that fail to meet the criteria in a) or b) above at the sender’s discretion when this information substantiates the medical necessity of services.

FL71 – Prospective Payment System (PPS) Code

Not used. Data entered will be ignored.

FL72 - External Cause of Injury (ECI) Codes

Not used. Data entered will be ignored.

FL 73 – Reserved

Not used. Data entered will be ignored.

FL 74 - Principal Procedure Code and Date

Situational. Required on inpatient claims when a procedure was performed. Not used on outpatient claims.

FL 74A – 74E - Other Procedure Codes and Dates

Situational. Required on inpatient claims when additional procedures must be reported. Not used on outpatient claims.

FL 75 – Reserved

Not used. Data entered will be ignored.

FL 76 - Attending Provider Name and Identifiers (including NPI)

Situational. Required when claim/encounter contains any services other than nonscheduled transportation services. If not required, do not send. The attending provider is the individual who has overall responsibility for the patient's medical care and treatment reported in this claim/ encounter.

Secondary Identifier Qualifiers:

0B - State License Number

1G - Provider UPIN Number

G2 – Provider Commercial Number

FL 77 - Operating Provider Name and Identifiers (including NPI)

Situational. Required when a surgical procedure code is listed on this claim. If not required, do not send. The name and identification number of the individual with the primary responsibility for performing the surgical procedure(s).

Secondary Identifier Qualifiers:

0B - State License Number

1G - Provider UPIN Number

G2 – Provider Commercial Number

FLs 78 and 79 - Other Provider Name and Identifiers (including NPI)

Situational. The name and ID number of the individual corresponding to the qualifier category indicated in this section of the claim.

Provider Type Qualifier Codes/Definition/Situational Usage Notes:

DN - Referring Provider. The provider who sends the patient to another provider for services. Required on an outpatient claim when the Referring Provider is different than the Attending Physician. If not required, do not send.

ZZ - Other Operating Physician. An individual performing a secondary surgical procedure or assisting the Operating Physician. Required when another Operating Physician is involved. If not required, do not send.

82 - Rendering Provider. The health care professional who delivers or completes a particular medical service or non-surgical procedure. Report when state or federal regulatory requirements call for a combined claim, i.e., a claim that includes both facility and professional fee components (e.g., a Medicaid clinic bill or Critical Access Hospital claim). If not required, do not send.

Secondary Identifier Qualifiers:

0B - State License Number

1G - Provider UPIN Number

G2 – Provider Commercial Number

FL 80 – Remarks

Situational. For DME billings the provider shows the rental rate, cost, and anticipated months of usage so that the provider's A/B MAC (A or HH) may determine whether to approve the rental or purchase of the equipment. Where Medicare is not the primary payer because WC, automobile medical, no-fault, liability insurer or an EGHP is primary, the provider enters special annotations. In addition, the provider enters any remarks needed to provide information that is not shown elsewhere on the bill but which is necessary for proper payment. For Renal Dialysis Facilities, the provider enters the first month of the 30-month period during which Medicare benefits are secondary to benefits payable under an EGHP. (See Occurrence Code 33.)

FL 81 - Code-Code Field

Situational. To report additional codes related to a Form Locator or to report external code list approved by the NUBC for inclusion to the institutional data set.

Codes used for Medicare claims are available from Medicare contractors. Codes are also available from the NUBC (www.nubc.org) via the NUBC's Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual.