



Updating FISS Editing for Practice Locations to Bypass Mobile Facility and/or Portable Units and Services Rendered in the Patient's Home

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PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for hospitals billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR 11470 implements the newly approved National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) Condition Code "A7" and improved edit criteria in Medicare systems to bypass edits that match service facility location on certain hospital claims. Make sure billing staff know of this change.

BACKGROUND

If you submit a claim containing a service facility location that was not included as a practice location on your Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) Medicare enrollment application (CMS-855A), the claim is returned to you as a "Return To the Provider (RTP)" until the CMS 855A enrollment form and claims processing system are updated.

There are, however, exceptions to hospital claims for which the service facility location is not at a hospital owned location. Services you provide in a Mobile Facility and/or Portable Units and services you provide in the patient's home qualify as exceptions and should bypass the service facility location matching performed between the provider's claim and the provider's practice location file.

The National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) approved Condition Code "A7" to identify claims with hospital services provided in a Mobile Facility or with Portable Units. The NUBC adopted Condition Code "A7" for claims received on or after April 1, 2020. Medicare will accept the "A7" to bypass hospital service facility editing on claims with Dates of Service on or after January 1, 2017, which is when hospital service facility editing was implemented.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 11470, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R2394OTN.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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November 15, 2019	Initial article released.

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