



## New Point of Origin Code for Transfer from a Designated Disaster Alternate Care Site

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Note: We revised this article on July 2, 2020, to reflect an updated Change Request that changed the implementation date to August 3, 2020. The transmittal number, CR release date and link to the transmittal also changed. All other information is unchanged.

### PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, hospitals, and other providers who bill Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR 11836 announces a new Point of Origin (PoO) Code "G" to indicate a "Transfer from a Designated Disaster Alternative Care Site (ACS)," due to changes relative to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

### BACKGROUND

The National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) practice is to align Discharge Status Codes and PoO Codes whenever possible. It came to the Committee's attention that there is a Discharge Status Code for Alternate Care Sites (ACS) but no specific matching PoO Code. Relative to the COVID-19 PHE, NUBC created a new Point of Origin (PoO) Code "G" to be effective 07/01/2020, and defined as "Transfer From a Designated Disaster Alternate Care Site."

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 11836, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10205OTN.pdf>.

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

## DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date of Change	Description
July 2, 2020	We revised this article to reflect an updated Change Request that changed the implementation date to August 3, 2020. The transmittal number, CR release date and link to the transmittal also changed.
June 12, 2020	Initial article released.

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