Correction to Editing Update for Vaccine Services

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims for vaccine services to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

This article informs you that Medicare is changing the Common Working File (CWF) to bypass line-item dates of service for vaccines reported on inpatient Part B claims with Type of Bill (TOB) 12X and 22X when the dates of service (DOS) equal a posted outpatient TOB 73X or 77X service dates, or if present, occurrence span code visit date, regardless of the date of service. Please make sure your billing staffs are aware of these corrections.

BACKGROUND

CR 11492 (Editing Update for Vaccine Services), which had an effective date of April 1, 2020, requires the CWF to bypass line-item DOS for vaccines reported on inpatient Part B claims with TOBs 12X and 22X when the DOS equal a posted outpatient TOB 73X or 77X service dates, or if present, the occurrence span code visit date.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) learned that CWF is not able to bypass line-item DOS for TOB 12X vaccine claims overlapping a TOB 73X or 77X service date with DOS prior to April 1, 2020.

With CR 11867, regardless of the date of service, MACs will allow vaccine related service line items on outpatient claims TOB 12X when the from and through dates equal a posted outpatient 73X or 77X service date or if an occurrence span code visit date is present.

No changes to current policy are included in CR 11867, which modifies existing editing to ensure correct payment for claims related to vaccine services.
Note: MACs will not search their files to retroactively pay claims. However, they will adjust claims you bring to their attention.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION


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

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