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	Change Request 11771

SUBJECT: Updating the Common Working File (CWF) to allow for a Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Termination Date Greater than the Current Date Plus Six Months for non-Group Health Plan (NGHP) MSP Auxiliary Records

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Through this instruction, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is updating CWF MSP requirements for NGHP MSP records, specific to liability (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, and workers' compensation, to allow for an MSP termination date greater than the current date plus six months.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 4, 2021

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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	6/30/3/Other Effective Date and Termination Date Coverage Edits			

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: Pursuant to Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act (MMSEA) in 2007, "applicable plans" (liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, and workers' compensation laws or plans) are required to report settlements, judgments, awards or other payments involving individuals who are or were Medicare beneficiaries to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The applicable plan is the "Responsible Reporting Entity" (RRE) for this process. The required reporting includes instances where the RRE has assumed ongoing responsibility for medicals (ORM) associated to specified medical conditions. This information is collected to determine primary claims payment responsibility. Examples of ORM include, but are not limited to, a no-fault insurer agreeing to pay medical bills submitted to it until the policy in question is exhausted.

NGHP RREs can accurately identify ORM termination dates in the future based on the terms of the insurance contract. However, current CWF programming does not allow for an MSP termination date greater than the current date plus six months. The purpose of this change request (CR) is to update CWF to relax its edits for the MSP termination date field for all NGHP MSP records and allow for termination dates greater than the current date plus six months for all Coordination of Benefits (COB), A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and Durable Medicare Equipment (DME) MAC workload numbers. No changes will be made to GHP termination date edits and CWF GHP edits will remain the same.

B. Policy: Pursuant to §1862(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(2)(A)(ii)), Medicare is precluded from making payment where payment "has been made, or can reasonably be expected to be made..." under liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, or a workers' compensation law or plan, hereafter, referred to as NGHP. Where ORM has been reported, the primary plan has assumed responsibility to pay, on an ongoing basis, for certain medical care related to the NGHP claim. Consequently, Medicare is not permitted to make payment for such associated claims absent documentation that the ORM has terminated or is otherwise exhausted.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
			A/B	}	D		Shared-			Other
		1	MA	\mathbb{C}	M		System			
							aint	aine	ers	
		A	В	Н		F	M	V	C	
				Н	M	I	C	M	W	
				Н	A	S	S	S	F	
					C	S				
11771.1	CWF shall relax its MSP edits for the MSP								X	

Number	Requirement	Responsibility															
		A/B MAC		A/B MAC			A/B D MAC M			A/B D			D Shared- M System			Other	
		A	В	H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F								
	termination date field and allow for termination dates greater than the current date plus six months for liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, or workers' compensation MSP records only.																
11771.2	The Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC) and the MSP Systems Contractor (MSPSC) shall accept and allow for liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, or workers' compensation MSP termination dates greater than the current date plus six months.									BCRC, MSPSC							
11771.3	The A/B MACs, DME MACs, FISS, MCS and VMS shall accept and allow NGHP MSP termination dates greater than the current date plus six months.	X	X	X	X												

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Re	Responsibility			
			A/B MAC B		D M E M A C	C E D I
	None					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

[&]quot;Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref	Recommendations or other supporting information:
Requirement	
Number	

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

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Richard Mazur, 410-786-1418 or richard.mazur2@cms.hhs.gov

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

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30.3.3 - Other Effective Date and Termination Date Coverage Edits

(Rev. 10243; Issued: 07-31-20; Effective: 01-01-21; Implementation: 01-04-21)

If MSP Code: Effective Date Must Be Greater Than

A - Working Aged January 1, 1983 (830101)

A - Working Aged Calculated Date beneficiary turned 65 (first

day of month).

B - ESRD October 1,1981

D - No Fault December 1, 1980

E - Workers' Compensation July 1, 1966

F - Federal/Public Health July 1, 1966

H - Black Lung July 1, 1973

I - Veterans' Administration July 1, 1966

G - Disabled (43) January 1, 1987

G - Disabled Prior to the first day of the month the

Beneficiary turns 65.

L - Liability December 1, 1980

Other Termination date coverage edits are:

- If contractor number is that of the IRS/SSA/CMS data match project ("77777"), the term date may be equal to or greater than the effective date,
- For Group Health Plan (GHP) records the termination date cannot be greater than the current date plus six months, except for MSP code = B, and
- For GHP records the termination date cannot be greater than the first day the beneficiary turned 65 if the MSP code is B or G.

Note: For Non-GHP records the termination date edits identified above do not apply as the termination date may be more than 6-months from the MSP effective date.