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DATE: December 23, 2020

TO: All Medicare Advantage, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations Systems Staff

FROM: Jennifer R. Shapiro, Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group

SUBJECT: Announcement of the December 2020 Encounter Data Software Release Updates

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to implement software improvements to the systems related to accepting and processing encounter data to support the Medicare Advantage (MA) program. The change described below was implemented on December 18, 2020.

The edit disposition of edit 22395 – “HIPPS Code Conflicts with Revenue Code” has been changed from reject to informational. This edit checked the combination of the billed Health Insurance Prospective Payment System (HIPPS) code and the revenue code on skilled nursing facility and home health encounters. Prior to this release, certain combinations of the revenue and HIPPS codes were rejected. With the change in disposition status, the edit will continue to post, but the encounter data record will not be rejected. The edit will be reported on the MAO-002 with a status of “I” for informational. MAOs may resubmit encounter data rejected with edit code 22395.

This edit does not apply to chart review records.

Questions can be addressed to RiskAdjustmentOperations@cms.hhs.gov, please specify, “December 2020- Encounter Data Software Release” in the subject line.