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

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SUBJECT: Announcement of the February 2021 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 changes described below will be implemented on February 19, 2021.

Edit Deactivation

Edit 32040 “Wheelchair Claim Not Found For Bene” will be deactivated. Edit 32040 is a reject edit applicable to DME records. Edit 32040 checks for a combination of the following conditions:

- 1) A wheelchair accessory code is billed with a KU modifier
- 2) Service line ‘from’ date of service is in calendar year 2016
- 3) HCPCS codes K0848 through K0864 is not on the same encounter or on the history of accepted encounters for same beneficiary.

If all conditions are present on the encounter, the edit posted prior to this system update.

Edit 32045 “Invalid modifier combination KU and KE” will be deactivated. Edit 32045 is a reject edit applicable to DME records and posted if the service line ‘from’ date of service is in calendar year 2016, and ‘KU’ and ‘KE’ modifiers are present on the same service line.

Neither edit 32040 nor edit 32045 applies to chart review records.

Edit Modifications

Edit 20500 “Invalid DOS for Rev Code Billed” applies to institutional records and will be modified to include new type of bill (TOB) 087X for the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP). This edit will remain as a reject edit code. The edit is being modified to verify that a valid revenue code service date is submitted for a revenue line billed for TOB 087x.

Change in edit logic used to verify name data

CMS is changing the existing edit logic for the following edit codes:

- 1) 00699 - Void Must Match Original (Disposition of Reject)
- 2) 00780 - Adjustment Must Match Original (Disposition of Reject)
- 3) 00825 - Chart Review Must Match Parent Record (Disposition of Reject)
- 4) 02106 - Invalid Beneficiary Last Name (Disposition of Informational)

The edit logic for these edits include checks to verify that the first character of the beneficiary's first name and the first five characters of the last name submitted on the encounter match the name data on file at the time the service was rendered. The logic for all four edits will be updated to check if the first character of the beneficiary's first name and the first five characters of the last name submitted on the encounter matches with any of the name data on file for the beneficiary.

The modifications to edits 20500, 00699, 00780, 00825, and 02106 will apply to all records submitted on or after February 19, 2021.

Questions should be addressed to RiskAdjustmentOperations@cms.hhs.gov. Please specify "February 2021- Encounter Data Software Release" in the subject line.

Thank you.