

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



CENTER FOR MEDICARE

DATE: December 07, 2021

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

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

SUBJECT: Edit 18705 – Invalid Discharge Status Issue identified

An issue was identified with edit 18705-Invalid Discharge Status, where the edit was posting incorrectly and rejecting the encounter data record when the patient status was ‘9’ (ADMITTED AS AN INPATIENT TO THIS HOSPITAL) or ‘41’ (EXPIRED IN A MEDICAL FACILITY (E.G., HOSPITAL, SNF, ICF, OR FREE STANDING HOSPICE)). This issue resulted from software that wasn’t working properly. The issue affected only a small number of records and was resolved on September 10, 2021. If plans identify that an encounter was incorrectly rejected with Edit 18705, we ask that you please resubmit the encounter.

If plans require assistance with identifying applicable submissions please contact the CMS Risk Adjustment Mailbox at RiskAdjustmentOperations@cms.hhs.gov with a subject line Edit 18075 Assistance.