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TO: Impacted Medicare Advantage Organizations, PACE Organizations, Medicare-Medicaid Plans, Section 1833 Cost Contractors and Section 1876 Cost Contractors, and Demonstrations

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SUBJECT: Encounter Data Update: Historical MAO-004 Reports Phase IV Version 0 (4.0) format – Type of Bill 79X

CMS recently completed distribution of the historical Phase 4.0 MAO-004 reports for encounter data records (EDRs) and chart review records (CRRs) with dates of submission on or after January 2014 through October 2020.

In these reports, approximately 20,000 records with type of bill 79X (Clinic – Other) were erroneously classified as an allowable outpatient type of bill for risk adjustment. If you are receiving this memorandum, this issue affected the reporting of records submitted between January 2014 and October 2020. This was a reporting issue only and has been corrected in the Phase 4.0 MAO-004 database to reflect the encounter data filtering logic (see HPMS memo “Final Encounter Data Diagnosis Filtering Logic” dated December 22, 2015). EDRs and CRRs with type of bill 79X are now marked as disallowed for risk adjustment in the database. All future MAO-004 reports will incorporate this change.

Since there were a small number of records affected, CMS is not re-issuing MAO-004 Phase 4.0 reports to reflect the correction. If an organization would like a listing of the records affected or has questions related to this memo, please contact RiskAdjustmentOperations@cms.hhs.gov with the subject heading, “Encounter Data Update: Historical MAO-004 Reports in the New Version Phase IV Version 0 (4.0) format – Type of Bill 79X.”

Thank you.

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