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

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SUBJECT: Advanced Announcement of September 2019 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. All systems changes described in this memorandum will be implemented on **September 27, 2019**.

CMS is implementing one new informational edit and updating an existing reject edit.

New Edit

Edit 25010 Modifier Invalid for DOS

This new informational edit informs submitters that the use of the Consolidated Billing (CB) modifier is no longer required when independent laboratories bill separately for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) dialysis-related diagnostic tests. If a professional encounter is submitted using the CB modifier with a claim date of service on or after July 1, 2019, an informational edit will post. This CR aligns with the FFS CR 11061.

Updated Edit

Edit 00805 Deleted Diagnosis Code Not Allowed

Edit 00805 validations will be extended to include linked CRR-delete replacements. Currently, edit 00805 rejects unlinked CRR-delete replacements. This edit is being extended because CMS has observed submission patterns that do not align with current guidance as outlined in the Encounter Data Submission and Processing Guide Section 2.3.3. A replacement linked Chart Review Record (CRR)-delete cannot be submitted for an original Linked CRR-delete. Instead submitters must void the previously accepted linked CRR-delete to nullify the delete operation. The change in this edit logic applies to all encounter data and chart review records submitted as of September 27, 2019, regardless of the date of service.

Questions can be addressed to encounterdata@cms.hhs.gov, please specify, “September 2019-Encounter Data Software Release” in the subject line.