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Home Health Agency Reporting Requirements for the Certifying Physician and the Physician Who Signs the Plan of Care

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for Home Health Agencies (HHAs) submitting claims to Home Health & Hospice Medicare Administrative Contractors (HH&Hs) and Part A Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

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CR 8441, from which this article is taken, provides that home health agencies (HHAs) will begin reporting (on claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2014) the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the name of both the physician who certifies the patient's eligibility for home health services and the physician who signs the home health plan of care (POC). You should make sure that your billing staffs are aware of this change.

Background

Medicare allows a physician (such as a hospitalist) who attends to hospitalized patients, but does not follow them into the community to: 1) Certify the need for home health care based on their face to face contact with patients in the hospital; 2) Initiate the orders and a plan of care for home health services, and 3) "hand off" the patients to their community-based physicians to review and sign the plan of care.

CR 8441, from which this article is taken, requires that, for claims with effective dates or dates of service on or after July 1, 2014, home health agencies (HHA) must:

- Report the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and name of the physician who certifies the patient's eligibility for home health services; and
- Continue to report the NPI and name of the physician who signs the patient's plan of care.

Note: You should complete both the attending physician and the other physician fields even if the certifying physician is the same as the physician who signed the plan of care.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8441, issued to your Medicare contractor regarding this change may be viewed at **http://cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2789CP.pdf** on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare contractor at their toll-free number, which may be found at **http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html** on the CMS website.

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