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- "Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners: Protecting Your Privacy - Protecting Your Medicare Enrollment Record," Fact Sheet, ICN 903765, Downloadable only.

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October Update to the Calendar Year (CY) 2013 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)

Note: This article was revised on September 10, 2013, to reflect the revised CR8386 issued on September 10. In the article, the CR release date, transmittal number, and the Web address for accessing the CR were revised. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians and other providers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), and/or Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)) for services that are paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB).

What You Need To Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8386 and instructs Medicare contractors to download and implement a new MPFSDB, effective October 1, 2013.

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Background

Section 1848(c)(4) of the Social Security Act (see http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1848.htm on the Internet) authorizes the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish ancillary policies necessary to implement relative values for physicians' services.

CR8386, from which this article is taken, announces that the MPFSDB has been updated effective October 1, 2013; and new payment files were issued to your contractor(s) based upon the CY 2013 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule (published in the Federal Register on November 16, 2012); as modified by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (applicable January 1, 2013, see http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/index.html), and the October 1, 2013 updated payment files.

Key changes for the October are as follows:

- Medicare contractors add HCPCS code G9187 (BPCI Home Visit) to their systems with an effective date of October 1, 2013; and
- The effective date of HCPCS code G0460 (Autologous Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP)for Chronic Non-Healing Wounds) is adjusted to be August 2, 2012.

For more information and access to the CY 2013 Final Rule, see the "Physician Fee Schedule" webpage available at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/index.html on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

CMS will notify your contractors when the new files are available for retrieval, and CR8386 instructs them to provide you 30 days' notice before implementing the changes. Further, while they do not have to search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid, or to retroactively pay claims; they will adjust claims that you bring to their attention.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR8386 issued to your Medicare contractor regarding this change may be viewed at http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2784CP.pdf on the 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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