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CMS CENTERS for MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
Information for Medicare Fee-for-Service Health Care Professionals

News Flash - - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced the postponement of the 2009 Medicare Part B Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP). The program will continue through December 31, 2008. Earlier this year, CMS accepted bids for vendor contracts for the 2009-11 CAP. CAP physician election for participation in the CAP in 2009 will not be held, and CAP drugs will not be available from an approved CAP vendor for dates of service after December 31, 2008. CMS will provide additional guidance for participating CAP physicians on how to transition out of the program. This information will be posted on the CMS CAP physician's page at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/02_infophys.asp* on the CMS website.

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Reporting National Provider Identifiers (NPI) on claims for Out-of-Jurisdiction Purchased Mammography Preventive Screening and Diagnostic Services

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and other Part B providers/suppliers who submit bills to Medicare carriers and Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MAC) for mammography services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

CR 6237, from which this article is taken provides billing instructions for using the NPI on paper, or electronically-submitted, Medicare claims for purchased mammography screening and diagnostic services when the service is performed outside of the carrier's or A/B MAC's claims processing jurisdiction. In this situation, billing providers should report their own NPI as the performing provider and also provide the name, address, and zip code of the performing physician/supplier.

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You should be aware that carriers and AB MACs will return your out-of-jurisdiction, purchased mammography screening or diagnostic service claims as unprocessable if you submit them without the billing provider's NPI; and the name, address, and ZIP code of the performing physician/supplier.

Additional Information

You can find more information about the reporting of the NPI on claims for out-of-jurisdiction purchased mammography preventive screening and diagnostic services by going to CR 6237, located at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1624CP.pdf* on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) website.

For claims processing instructions on the CMS-1500 form and electronic form *ANSI X12 837P* you can refer to the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual,* Chapter 1 (General Billing Requirements), Section 10.1.1.1. (Claims Processing Instructions for Payment Jurisdiction for Claims Received on or after April 1, 2004). That manual is available at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Manuals/IOM/list.asp* on the CMS website. To learn more about the NPI in general, visit *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvidentStand* on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip* on the CMS website.

News Flash - "Flu season is here! Medicare patients give many reasons for not getting their annual flu shot, including—"It causes the flu"; "I don't need it"; "It has side effects"; "It's not effective"; "I didn't think about it"; "I don't like needles!" The fact is that every year in the United States, on average, about 36,000 people die from influenza. Greater than 90 percent of these deaths occur in individuals 65 years of age and older. You can help your Medicare patients overcome these odds and their personal barriers through patient education. Talk with your Medicare patients about the importance of getting an annual flu shot--and don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends. Get Your Flu Shot – Not the Flu. Remember - Influenza vaccine plus its administration are covered Part B benefits. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For information about Medicare's coverage of the influenza virus vaccine and its administration as well as related educational resources for health care professionals and their staff, see *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/flu_products.pdf* on the CMS website. To download the Medicare Part B Immunization Billing quick reference chart, go to *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/qr_immun_bill.pdf* on the CMS website. A copy of this quick reference chart can be ordered, free of charge, by going to the MLN Products web page and clicking on "MLN Product Ordering Page" in the Related Links Inside CMS section of the web page.

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