



JSM/TDL-09187, 02-20-09

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 25, 2009

FROM: Acting Director, Provider Billing Group
Center for Medicare Management

Director, Business Applications Management Group
Office of Information Services

Director, Medicare Contractor Management Group
Center for Medicare Management

SUBJECT: Creation of Expert Claims Processing System (ECPS) Event for 76X Type of Bill (TOB) to Return to Provider (RTP) Partial Hospitalization Codes

TO: All Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and Part A and Part B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

Claims with 76X TOB and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System HCPCS Codes 90849, 90853, 90857 and 90899 are suspending in the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) with Common Working File (CWF) Edit 61#6. These codes were removed from the Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) list in the final rule and are therefore not eligible for payment for Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) (TOB 76X). Until the successful installation of the April Release, FIs/MACs shall create an ECPS Event for 76X TOB and HCPCS 90849, 90853, 90857 and 90899 to RTP claims with Reason Code W7080 'mental health HCPCS codes that are not approved for partial hospital program' so that CMHCs can correct claims with the proper PHP codes, if appropriate. For the April Release, 3M will include CMHC (76X TOB) in Edit 80 logic for the Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (IOCE) until the long term fix is able to be completed in FISS.

Contractors shall append condition code 15 to claims upon release to exempt them from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) claims processing timeliness standards.

Provider Notification Instructions

Contractors shall use the following language on appropriate provider listservs and post to their website within 5 business days from the date of this joint signature memorandum/technical direction letter:

It has been brought to our attention that that claims with 76X TOB and HCPCS Codes 90849, 90853, 90857 and 90899 are suspending in FISS with CWF Edit 61#6 and we are working quickly to resolve it. Our resolution will be to RTP your claims for HCPCS 90849, 90853, 90857 and 90899 with Reason Code W7080 ('mental health HCPCS codes that are not approved for partial hospital program') so that you can correct claims with the proper PHP codes, if applicable, in order to receive appropriate payment.

NOTE: MEDICARE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTORS (MACs)

A/B MAC Contract Numbers

Jurisdiction 1 ~ HHSM-500-2008-M0002Z
 Jurisdiction 3 ~ HHSM-500-2006-M0005Z
 Jurisdiction 4 ~ HHSM-500-2007-M0001Z
 Jurisdiction 5 ~ HHSM-500-2007-M0002Z
 Jurisdiction 9 ~ HHSM-500-2008-M0008Z
 Jurisdiction 10~HHSM-500-2009-M0004Z
 Jurisdiction 12~HHSM-500-2008-M0001Z
 Jurisdiction 13~HHSM-500-2008-M0004Z
 Jurisdiction 14~HHSM-500-2009-M0002Z

This Joint Signature Memorandum is being issued to you as technical direction under your MAC contract and has been approved by your Project Officer. This technical direction is not construed as a change or intent to change the scope of work under the contract and is to be acted upon only if sufficient funds are available. In this regard, your attention is directed to the clause of the General Provisions of the contract entitled Limitation of Cost, FAR 52.232-20. If the Contractor considers anything contained herein to be outside of the current scope of the contract, or contrary to any of its terms or conditions, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer in writing as to the specific discrepancies and any proposed corrective action.

Should you require further technical clarification, you may contact your Project Officer. Contractual questions should be directed to your CMS Contracting Officer. Please copy the Project Officer and Contracting Officer on all electronic and/or written correspondence in relation to this technical direction letter.

If you are a FI and have any questions, please contact Sylvia Sampson on (410) 786-6153 or Maria Durham on (410) 786-6978.

/s/
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