

Medicare Part B

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Top Rejects, Billing Errors and Resolutions

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# Today's Objectives

- Response report messages, resolutions and resources.
- CMS-1500 crosswalk.
- Top billing errors, resolutions and resources.
- Professional Provider Telecommunications Network (PPTN).
- Medicare claim review programs.

# Provider Outreach and Education

- **Our Goal**
- Help providers realize it is much more cost-effective for their practices to file claims correctly the first time, every time.
- Working together, we can make a difference!

# GPNet

- GPNet is the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) gateway to TrailBlazer Health Enterprises®.
- Once a file/batch has been successfully transmitted, GPNet will transmit a response report into your “Mailbox” usually within an hour; however, please allow 24 hours before contacting EDI.



# Acceptance Report Messages

- All files submitted that generate an ANSI 997 Acknowledgment will receive a GPNet Claim Acceptance Response in either a report or file format. A Compliance report is generated when a claim is not syntactically correct.
- ANSI 997 ACKNOWLEDGMENT
- (99700001.RSP.ANSI\_997)
- For information regarding ANSI 997 Acknowledgment response file layouts, please refer to the “ANSI 997” section of your Implementation Guide for the transaction set being used.

# Response Report

- Electronic submitters will receive a response report indicating:
  - Total claims submitted
  - Total charges
  - Claim rejects
  - Dollar amount rejected
- The following message indicators are:
  - W = Warning
  - I = Informational
  - R = Reject
  - M = Message



# Messages XOA and X1N (Cont.)

- Reasons you may get these messages:
  - New provider in group has not been enrolled with Medicare.
  - Social Security number for rendering provider not matching either enrollment records or National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES).
  - Indicator “EI” used with Social Security number; should be “SY.”

| Item # | Claim Description                                | Loop                   | Segment | Electronic Instructions        | Status | Example  | Requirements                               |
|--------|--|------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|--|
| 24j+   | Rendering Provider                               | 2310B<br>or<br>2420A   | NM101   | Rendering Identifier Code      | C      | 82       | 82 = Rendering Provider                    |
|        |  |                        | NM108   | Identification Code Qualifier  |        | XX       | XX = CMS NPI                               |
|        |  |                        | NM109   | Identification Code            |        | NPI #    | Enter the rendering provider's NPI number. |
| 25     | Provider's Social Security or Tax ID Information | 2010AA<br>or<br>2010AB | REF01   | Reference Identifier Qualifier |        | EI or SY | EI = Tax ID or SY = Social Security        |
|        |  |                        | REF02   | Reference Identification       |        | ###      | Tax ID number or Social Security           |
|        |  |                        | REF01   | Reference Identifier Qualifier |        | EI or SY | EI = Tax ID or SY = Social Security        |
|        |  |                        | REF02   | Reference Identification       |        | ###      | Tax ID Number or Social Security           |





# Message C20 (Cont.)

- Reasons you may get this message:
  - Submitting X-ray or laboratory procedures without the ordering provider's National Provider Identifier (NPI).
  - Submitting consultation without the referring provider's NPI.

| Item # | Claim Description                            | Loop                       | Segment    | Electronic Instructions  | Status | Example | Requirements  |
|--------|--|----------------------------|------------|--|--------|---------|---|
| 17+    | Name of Referring or Ordering Physician      | 2310A<br>or<br>2420F       | NM101      | Entity Identifier Code   | C      | DN      | DN = Referring Provider   |
|        |  |                            | NM102      | Entity Type Qualifier  |        | 1       | 1 = Person  |
|        |  |                            | NM103 (DN) | Referring Provider Last Name<br><b>NM101 must = DN</b>               |        | Name    | Enter the name of the <b>referring</b> physician if the service was <b>referred</b> by a physician. |
|        |  |                            | NM104      | Referring Provider First Name  |        |         |   |
|        |  |                            | NM105      | Referring Provider Middle Name                                       |        |         |   |
|        |  | 2420E                      | NM101      | Entity Identifier Code   | C      | DK      | DK = Ordering Provider  |
|        |  |                            | NM102      | Entity Type Qualifier  |        | 1       | 1 = Person  |
|        |  |                            | NM103 (DK) | Ordering Provider Last Name<br><b>NM101 must = DK</b>                |        | Name    | Enter the name of the <b>ordering</b> physician if the service was <b>ordered</b> by a physician.   |
|        |  |                            | NM104      | Referring Provider First Name  |        |         |   |
|        |  |                            | NM105      | Referring Provider Middle Name                                       |        |         |   |
| 17a    | UPIN Number                                  | No Longer Used by Medicare |            |  |        |         |   |
| 17b+   | NPI Number of Ordering or Referring Provider | 2310A<br>or<br>2420F       | NM108      | Identifier Code Qualifier  | C      | XX      | XX = CMS NPI  |
|        |  |                            | NM109 (DN) | Referring NPI ID<br><b>NM108 must = XX</b><br><b>NM101 must = DN</b> |        | NPI #   | Enter the 10-digit NPI of the <b>referring</b> provider.  |
|        |  | 2420E                      | NM108      | Identifier Code Qualifier  | C      | XX      | XX = CMS NPI  |
|        |  |                            | NM109 (DK) | Ordering NPI ID<br><b>NM108 must = XX</b><br><b>NM101 must = DK</b>  |        | NPI #   | Enter the 10-digit NPI of the <b>ordering</b> provider.   |



# Messages V3D and VBC (Cont.)

- Reasons you may get these messages:
  - The diagnosis submitted is not valid
  - Diagnosis pointer not provided

| Item # | Claim Description        | Loop | Segment                                  | Electronic Instructions | Status | Example | Requirements   |
|--------|--------------------------|------|--|-------------------------|--------|---------|--|
| 21+    | Diagnosis/Condition      | 2300 | HI01-1                                   | Diagnosis Code          | c      | BK      | Principal Diagnosis  |
|        |                          |      | HI01-2                                   |                         |        | DX Code | Primary Diagnosis Code   |
|        |                          |      | HI02-1                                   |                         |        | BF      | BF = Diagnosis Code  |
|        |                          |      | HI02-2                                   |                         |        | DX Code | Second Diagnosis Code  |
|        |                          |      | HI03-1                                   |                         |        | BF      | BF = Diagnosis Code  |
|        |                          |      | HI03-2                                   |                         |        | DX Code | Third Diagnosis Code   |
|        |                          |      | HI04-1                                   |                         |        | BF      | BF = Diagnosis Code  |
|        |                          |      | HI04-2                                   |                         |        | DX Code | Fourth Diagnosis Code  |
|        |                          |      | HI05-1                                   |                         |        | BF      | BF = Diagnosis Code  |
|        |                          |      | HI05-2                                   |                         |        | DX Code | Fifth Diagnosis Code   |
|        |                          |      | HI06-1                                   |                         |        | BF      | BF = Diagnosis Code  |
|        |                          |      | HI06-2                                   |                         |        | DX Code | Sixth Diagnosis Code   |
|        |                          |      | HI07-1                                   |                         |        | BF      | BF = Diagnosis Code  |
|        |                          |      | HI07-2                                   |                         |        | DX Code | Seventh Diagnosis Code   |
|        |                          |      | HI08-1                                   |                         |        | BF      | BF = Diagnosis Code  |
|        |                          |      | HI08-2                                   |                         |        | DX Code | Eighth Diagnosis Code  |
| 24e*   | Diagnosis Code Reference | 2400 | SV107-1<br>SV107-2<br>SV107-3<br>SV107-4 | Diagnosis Code Pointer  | R      |         | A submitter must point to the primary diagnosis for each service line. |



# Message C3E (Cont.)

- Reasons you may get this message:
  - Submitting additional payer-specific provider identification number for the supplemental insurance but not furnishing valid reference identification qualifier.
- Resolution:
  - Verify the rendering provider has a different identification number for supplemental insurance. If there is a different ID, use identification qualifiers:
    - EI = Employer's identification number.
    - LU = Location number.



# Message C1E (Cont.)

- Reason you may get this message:
  - The procedure code is invalid

| Item # | Claim Description        | Loop | Segment | Electronic Instructions | Status | Example | Requirements                             |
|--------|--------------------------|------|---------|-------------------------|--------|---------|--|
| 24d    | Procedure Code/Modifiers | 2400 | SV101-1 | Service ID Qualifier    | R      | HC      | HC = Healthcare Common Procedural Coding |
|        |                          |      | SV101-2 | Procedure Code          |        | #####   |  |
|        |                          |      | SV101-3 | Procedure Modifier 1    |        |         | Procedure Code and Modifier              |
|        |                          |      | SV101-4 | Procedure Modifier 2    |        |         |  |
|        |                          |      | SV101-5 | Procedure Modifier 3    |        |         |  |
|        |                          |      | SV101-6 | Procedure Modifier 4    |        |         |  |





# MSP Messages (Cont.)

| Item # | Claim Description                       | Loop                           | Segment | Electronic Instructions                       | Status | Example  | Requirements   |                           |  |
|--------|---|--------------------------------|---------|---|--------|----------|--|---------------------------|--|
| 11*    | Insured's Policy or Group Number        | 2320                           | SBR01   | Payer Responsibility                          | R      | P        | P = Primary, S = Secondary, T = Tertiary   |                           |  |
|        |   |                                | SBR03   | Insured's Group or Policy Number              |        | XXXXXX   | Policy or Group Number   |                           |  |
|        |   | 2330A                          | NM109   | Insured's Identifier                          |        | ###      | Other Subscriber's Primary Identifier  |                           |  |
|        |   | 2000B                          | SBR05   | Insurance Type Code (Header Information)      |        | 12       | Indicator must equal one of the following values: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 41, 42, 43 or 47 if the 2000B SBR01 is "T" or "S." |                           |  |
|        |   | 2000B<br>2320                  | SBR09   | Claim Filing Indicator Code                   |        | MB       | <b>Indicators</b> – 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, AM, BL, CH, CI, DS, HM, LI, LM, MB, MC, OF, TV, VA, WC, ZZ           |                           |  |
| 11*    | MSP Information for an Electronic Claim | 2320                           | SBR05   | Insurance Type Code (Detail Line Information) | C      | MB       | <b>Indicators</b> – AP, C1, CP, GP, HM, IP, LD, LT, MB, MC, MI, MP, OT, PP, SP   |                           |  |
|        |   | 2300                           | CLM01   | Monetary Amount                               |        | \$\$\$\$ | Total Amount of All Submitted Charges  |                           |  |
|        |   | 2320 (header)                  | AMT01   | Amount Qualifier Code                         |        | D        | D = Primary Payer <b>PAID</b> Amount   |                           |  |
|        |   |                                |         |   |        | B6       | B6 = Primary Payer <b>ALLOWED</b> Amount   |                           |  |
|        |   | 2400 (detail)                  | AMT01   | Amount Qualifier Code                         |        | F2       | F2 = Patient Responsibility  |                           |  |
|        |   |                                |         |   |        | AMT02    | Approved Amount  | \$\$\$\$                  | Dollar Amount                                  |
|        |   | 2320 (header) or 2430 (detail) | CAS01   | Claim Adjustment Group Codes                  |        | AAE      | AAE = Approved Amount  |                           |  |
|        |   |                                |         |   |        | CAS02    | Claim Adjustment Reason Codes  | \$\$\$                    | Approved Dollar Amount                         |
|        |   | 2320 (header) or 2430 (detail) | CAS03   | Adjustment Amount                             |        | CO       | CO, CR, OA, PI or PR   |                           |  |
|        |   |                                |         |   |        | CAS04    | Adjustment Quantity  | 96                        | Reason Code                                    |
|        |   | 2330B (H) or 2430 (D)          | DTP01   | Primary Insurance Adjudication Date           |        | \$\$\$\$ | Monetary Amount (03, 06, 09, 12, 15 or 18)   |                           |  |
|        |   |                                |         |   |        | DTP03    | Date Paid  | ###                       | Adjustment Quantity (04, 07, 10, 13, 16 or 19) |
|        |   | 2300 or 2400                   | CN101   | Contract Type Code                            |        | 573      | 573 = Date Claim Paid  |                           |  |
|        |   |                                |         |   |        | 2430     | SVD02  | Primary Payer Paid Amount | Date   |
|        |   | 2330B                          | NM101   | Entity Identifier Code                        |        | 09       | Claim OTAF Amount  |                           |  |
|        |   |                                |         |   |        | NM102    | Entity Type Code   | \$\$\$                    | Monetary Amount                                |
|        |   |                                |         |   |        | NM103    | Last Name or Organization Name   | \$\$\$                    | Service Line Paid Amount                       |
|        |   |                                |         |   |        | NM108    | Identification Code Qualifier  | PR                        | PR = Payer                                     |
|        |   |                                |         |   |        | NM109    | Identification Code  | 2                         | 2 = Non-Person Entity                          |
|        |   |                                |         |   |        | CIGNA    | Other Payer Last or Organization Name  |                           |  |
|        |   |                                | PI      | PI = Payer Identification                     |        |          |  |                           |  |
|        |   |                                | ###     | Other Payer Primary Identification Number     |        |          |  |                           |  |

# MSP Electronic Claim Submission

- MSP claims should be submitted to Medicare electronically.
- Required information:
  - Insurer type code
  - Amount paid by primary payer
  - Amount allowed by primary payer
  - Obligation to Accept Payment in Full (OTAF) amount (if applicable)
  - Date primary insurance paid

# Electronic Submission

- **Electronic Billing Reminder**
- For tribal self-funded insurance, the allowed and paid amount fields will be zero. Providers must take an extra step if the primary allowed and primary paid amounts are both “zero.”
  - Narrative field – Indicate reason for non-payment (i.e., tribal self-funded insurance).
  - CAS segment field – Indicate the appropriate Claim Adjustment Segment (CAS) reason code to the reason for non-payment.
    - 96 – Non-covered service.

# MSP Manual

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# GPNet Edits Manual (Cont.)

| Edit # | Edit Type | Message  | Segment ID | Edit Logic   |
|--------|-----------|--|------------|--|
| X1M    | C         | RENDER PROV SSN OR EIN NOT ON XWALK > @FLD     | REFNM      | Edit is set if the 2310B is submitted and does not contain a REF01 of 1C. The 2310B REF01 does contain: - EI and the EIN from the 2310B REF02 or the EIN from the 2010AA or 2010AB REF02 where REF01 is EI is not on the PIN/NPI Crosswalk file for the NPI in the 2310B NM109.    |
| X1N    | C         | RENDERING PROVIDER SSN OR EIN NOT ON CROSSWALK | REFNM      | Edit is set if the 2420A is submitted and does not contain a REF01 of 1C. The 2420A REF01 does contain: - EI and the EIN from the 2420A REF02 or the EIN from the 2010AA or 2010AB REF02 where REF01 is EI is not on the PIN/NPI Crosswalk file for the NPI in the 2420A NM109 OR. |



# Electronic Claims Crosswalk

| Item # | Claim Description                 | Loop   | Segment | Electronic Instructions       | Status   | Example  | Requirements  |
|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|---|
| 1      | Type of Health Insurance          | 2000B  | SBR01   | Primary Payer Responsibility  |          | P        | P = Primary, S = Secondary, T = Tertiary  |
|        |                                   |        | SBR09   | Primary Payer                 |          | MB       |   |
| 1a*    | Patient's Medicare HIC Number     | 2010BA | NM101   | Insured or Subscriber (IL)    | R        | IL       | For Medicare, the patient is always the subscriber. Shown on Medicare card.                                     |
|        |                                   |        | NM102   | Person                        |          | 1        |   |
|        |                                   |        | NM108   | Member Identification Number  |          | MI       |   |
|        |                                   |        | NM109   | Subscriber Primary Identifier |          | #        |   |
|        |                                   |        | NM103   | Last Name                     |          | Doe      |   |
| 2*     | Patient's Name                    | 2010BA | NM104   | First Name                    | R        | John     | Enter the patient's last name, first name and middle initial as it appears on the Medicare card.                |
|        |                                   |        | NM105   | Middle Name                   |          | X        |   |
|        |                                   |        | NM107   | Suffix (e.g., Jr. Sr.)        |          | JR       |   |
|        |                                   |        | DMG02   | Birth Date                    |          | 19360826 |   |
| 3      | Patient's Birth Date and Gender   | 2010BA | DMG03   | Gender                        |          | M        | F = Female, M = Male, U = Unknown   |
|        |                                   |        | NM103   | Last Name                     |          | Doe      | If the patient has insurance primary to Medicare, enter the insured's last name, first name and middle initial. |
| 4+     | Insured's Name                    | 2330A  | NM104   | First Name                    | C        | John     |   |
|        |                                   |        | NM105   | Middle Name                   |          | X        |   |
|        |                                   |        | NM107   | Suffix (e.g., Jr. Sr.)        |          | JR       |   |
|        |                                   |        | N301    | Address Line 1                |          | Address  | Enter the patient's mailing address.  |
| 5      | Patient's Address                 | 2010BA | N302    | Address Line 2                | Address  |          |   |
|        |                                   |        | N401    | City Name                     | Anywhere |          |   |
|        |                                   |        | N402    | State Code                    | TX       |          |   |
|        |                                   |        | N403    | ZIP Code                      | XXXXX    |          |   |
| 6+     | Patient's Relationship to Insured | 2000B  | SBR02   | Self Relationship             | C        | 18       | Must = Self (18) or Spouse (01) for Medicare  |
|        |                                   | 2320   | SBR02   |                               |          |          |   |



# Top Denial Reasons

| <b>DENIAL REASON</b>             | <b>OCCURRENCES</b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Provider Eligibility          | 4,299              |
| 2. Duplicates                    | 2,730              |
| 3. Beneficiary Eligibility       | 2,391              |
| 4. Missing/Invalid Group Number  | 1,875              |
| 5. Late Filing/Filing Time Limit | 1,212              |
| 6. Place of Service              | 1,048              |
| 7. Screening/Routine             | 1,024              |
| 8. Bundled Services              | 695                |
| 9. Part A Service                | 683                |
| 10. Provider Number Missing      | 512                |

# Provider Eligibility

**This is the highest billing error.**

For the quarter ending March 2009, statistics reflect 4,299 claims denied as provider not eligible.

# Provider Eligibility (Cont.)

- **Recommendations for improvement:**
  - Providers should verify their Medicare effective date from the letter received from the Provider Enrollment department.
  - Verify the date of service submitted is on or after the date the provider became eligible.
  - If a claim is not submitted and processed within one year of number being issued, it will be terminated and a new enrollment form will need to be submitted for reinstatement.
  - Verify the provider specialty is allowed to bill the procedure.

# Duplicates

**Duplicate claim denials remain one of the top Medicare Part B errors.**

This quarter, 2,730 claims denied as duplicates.

# Duplicates (Cont.)

- **Recommendations for improvement:**
  - Call the Provider Inquiry line if the reason for non-payment is in question:
    - (866) 448-5894
  - Verify claim status before refiling:
    - Interactive Voice Response (IVR):
      - (877) 567-9230
    - PPTN

# Beneficiary Eligibility

**Beneficiary eligibility is the third highest billing error.**

2,391 claims denied for beneficiary eligibility.

# Beneficiary Eligibility (Cont.)

- **Recommendations for improvement:**
  - Patient screening is vital:
    - Copy the Medicare card
    - Obtain essential patient information
    - Determine Medicare eligibility
    - Obtain information to allow the claim to be submitted to the appropriate insurance payer
    - Call the IVR to verify patient eligibility or,
    - Verify patient eligibility via PPTN

# Missing/Incomplete Group Number

- This is a fairly new denial since NPI implementation.
- **Recommendation for improvement:**
  - If one NPI is used for multiple groups, utilize the billing and pay-to loops to identify the physical location of the group.
  - If a development letter is received from TrailBlazer<sup>SM</sup> asking for the PTAN of group or rendering provider, respond within the given time frame.



# Late Filing/Time Limit

- **This is the fifth highest billing error for this quarter with 1,212 claims denied.**
- **Recommendations for improvement:**
  - Stay informed of the claims filing deadline; it changes every January 1.
- **Claims filing deadline for 2009:**
  - Current year (2009)
  - Previous year (2008)
  - Last three months of previous year (October, November, December 2007)

# Place of Service (POS)

**Place of Service (POS) denials continue to be a billing error.**

For this quarter 1,048 claims denied for place of service.

# POS (Cont.)

- **Recommendations for improvement:**
  - Verify the procedure is valid for the POS.
- **Examples of denied services:**
  - Inpatient visits submitted with outpatient POS code.
  - X-ray submitted without a 26 modifier or without CPT indicating interpretation.
  - Observation codes submitted with inpatient POS code; should be outpatient.

# Routine/Screening Services

**This is the seventh highest billing error.**

For this quarter, statistics reflect 1,024 claims denied as routine.

# Routine/Screening Services (Cont.)

- **Recommendations for improvement:**
  - Providers should be familiar with the services Medicare considers screening, routine and non-covered.
  - Services/procedures performed in the absence of signs or symptoms or other evidence of illness or injury are routine in nature and are non-covered.
  - Some routine/screening services are considered by Medicare and guidelines can be found in the *Screening and Preventative* manual on the TrailBlazer Web site: <http://www.trailblazerhealth.com>

# Bundled Services

**This is the eighth highest billing error.**

695 claims denied for bundled services.

# Bundled Services (Cont.)

- **Recommendations for improvement:**
  - Bundled services are listed on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) located on the CMS Web site.
  - Identify the most common services you provide, as well as understand those services which may be considered “bundled.”

# Bundled Services (Cont.)

- **Examples:**

- CPT 99050 is a supply code not covered by Medicare.
- Surgeries could have anywhere from 10–90 days postoperative care. Any visit billed within this period, or on the same day as surgery will deny as a bundled service unless a modifier(s) is used to indicate otherwise.
- Some codes deny as National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI), which indicates bundled service. Refer to the CMS Web site for a list of NCCI edits.



# Part A Services

- Part A services being submitted to Part B accounted for 683 denials for this quarter.
- Services are being submitted to Part B that should be submitted to Part A.

# Part A Services (Cont.)

- **Recommendations for improvement:**
  - Influenza services are being submitted to Part B when the POS is hospital outpatient. These services are submitted on the Part A claim.
  - When billing X-rays for hospital patients, use the 26 modifier to indicate interpretation service unless there is a procedure code to specifically describe physician interpretation.

# Provider Number Missing

- The final top billing error is the provider number is missing.
- For this quarter, 512 claims denied for this error.
- **Recommendation for improvement:**
  - If the rendering provider has multiple PTANs linked to one NPI, utilize the billing and pay-to loops and segments to identify which location the provider is working.
  - If a development letter is received from TrailBlazer asking for the PTAN of the rendering provider, respond within the given time frame.

# PPTN

- Immediate, easy access to online claim inquiry information.
- Features:
  - Individual claim display
  - Patient eligibility inquiry (entitlement, deductible, HMO and Medicare Secondary Payer {MSP})
  - Provider eligibility
  - Check status

# PPTN Main Menu

PROFESSIONAL PROVIDER TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK – PPTN  
PRODUCTION

ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

H4 - CLAIM STATUS INQUIRY (REQUIRED FIELDS)

HIC \_\_\_\_\_

NPI \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE DATE RANGE (MMDDCCYY) FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL SECONDARY SELECTION: PROCEDURE CODE \_\_\_\_\_

ICN \_\_\_\_\_

SELECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (OTHER LOOK-UP ACTIONS REQUIRED FIELD)

ACTION BY PROVIDER

ACTION BY CODE

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AP - ACCOUNTS REC  
PE - PROVIDER ELIG  
PI - PRICING INQUIRY  
PS - PROVIDER SUMMARY

AD/ED - ADS/EOMB LOOKUP  
AI - ACCOUNTS REC INQ  
AM - AMBULANCE FEE SCHEDULE  
BS - BANK CHECK STATUS  
CD - CAP FEE SCHEDULE  
CF - CLINICAL LAB FEE  
DB - MPFSDB

DC - DIAGNOSIS LOOKUP  
DR - DRUG FEE SCHEDULE  
EI - CWF BENE ELIG LOOKUP  
F1 - ASC FEE SCHEDULE  
HS - HPSA/SCARCITY LOOKUP  
MI - OTHER-INSURER LOOKUP  
PC - PROCEDURE LOOKUP

# Beneficiary Eligibility

PROFESSIONAL PROVIDER TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK

– PPTN  
PRODUCTION

ACTION **EL**

H4 - CLAIM STATUS INQUIRY (REQUIRED FIELDS)

HIC \_\_\_\_\_

LEGACY PROV NUM \_\_\_\_\_

NPI \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE DATE RANGE (MMDDCCYY) FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL SECONDARY SELECTION:

PROCEDURE CODE \_\_\_\_\_

ICN \_\_\_\_\_

SELECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (OTHER LOOK-UP ACTIONS REQUIRED FIELD)

ACTION BY PROVIDER

ACTION BY CODE

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F1 - ASC FEE SCHEDULE  
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PC - PROCEDURE LOOKUP

# CWF Eligibility Detail

- ELGB CWF PART B ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM ELGBSAT1
- 02/15/2008 14:13:29 INQUIRY BY PROVIDERS
- ENTER THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:
- HIC NUMBER : #####X
- SURNAME : DOE
- INITIAL : J
- DATE OF BIRTH : 12121927 (MMDDCCYY)
- SEX CODE : F
- REQUESTOR ID :
- CARRIER NO : 04402
- NPI INDICATOR : N N - NPI or Blank
- PROVIDER NO : #####
- HOST-ID : GL, GW, KS, MA, PA, NE, SE, SO, SW
- APP DATE : (MMDDCCYY)
- REASON CODE : 1
- RESPONSE CODE : P

# CFW Eligibility Detail (Cont.)

- ELGB CWF PART B ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM ELGBCRO
- 02/15/2008 15:55:47 BENEFICIARY INFORMATION PAGE 01
- IP-REC CN #####X NM Doe IT J DB 12121927 SX F CAR 04402
- PN 1234567890 REAS 1 REQ
- CORRECT CN NM IT E DB SX
- A-ENT 12121987 A-TRM B-ENT 07012002 B-TRM
- DOD LRSV 60 LPSY 190
- DAYS LEFT . FULL-HOSP . CO-HOSP FULL-SNF CO-SNF IP-DED DOEBA DOLBA
- CURRENT 59 30 20 80 0 12222007 12222007
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- PARTB YR DED-TBM PSYC PHYS THER OCC THER
- 20080101 0 TBM TBM
- 181000 181000
- FULL-NAME DOE.E.JANE
- HMO CURR-ID H1849 OPT C ENT 03012008 TERM
- ESRD: CODE-1 EFF DATE CODE-2 EFF DATE
- PF1=INQ SCREEN PF3/CLEAR=END PF8=NEXT



# PPTN Menu Selection Claim Status

PROFESSIONAL PROVIDER TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK - PPTN  
PRODUCTION

ACTION **H4**

H4 - CLAIM STATUS INQUIRY (REQUIRED FIELDS)

HIC #####X

NPI XXXXXXXXXX

SERVICE DATE RANGE (MMDDCCYY) FROM **06012007** TO **06012007**

OPTIONAL SECONDARY SELECTION:

PROCEDURE CODE \_\_\_\_\_

ICN \_\_\_\_\_

SELECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (OTHER LOOK-UP ACTIONS REQUIRED FIELD)

ACTION BY PROVIDER

ACTION BY CODE

AP - ACCOUNTS REC  
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HIC NUMBER IS A REQUIRED FIELD FOR THE H4 ACTION.

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## H4 = Claim Status

Requires:

- Patient's Medicare number
- Provider NPI
- Date of service



# Importance of Documentation

- Medical record documentation is required to record:
  - Pertinent facts, findings and observations about an individual's health history including:
    - Past and present illnesses
    - Examinations
    - Tests
    - Treatments
    - Outcomes

# Coding and Documentation

- Carriers may request medical record documentation to validate:
  - Site of service.
  - Medical necessity and appropriateness of diagnostic or therapeutic services provided.
  - Services provided have been accurately reported.

# Coding and Documentation (Cont.)

- The principles of documentation listed below are applicable to all types of medical and surgical services, in all settings.
  - Medical record should be complete and legible.
  - Documentation of each patient encounter should include:
    - The date
    - Reason for encounter and relevant history, findings and prior diagnostic test results
    - Assessment, clinical impression or diagnosis
    - Plan of care
    - Past and present diagnoses
    - Health risk factors identified
    - Patient's progress, response to and changes in treatment, any revision to diagnosis and any patient non-compliance should be documented
    - Thought processes and medical decision-making

# Coding and Documentation (Cont.)

- Recommendations for proper claim submission:
  - Provide the services your patient needs
  - Document services rendered
  - Bill what is needed and reflected in documentation.

# Coding and Documentation (Cont.)

- Helpful hints:
  - Report Evaluation and Management (E/M) services with current CPT codes.
  - Medical necessity must be met.
  - Don't report higher level E/M when lower level is what is needed.
  - Level of service must be supported by documentation.
  - Maintain accurate medical record by documenting during or as soon as practicable after service provided.
  - Code based on documentation.
  - Time is ancillary factor unless more than 50 percent is spent providing counseling or coordination of care.
  - “Incident to” valid for office visits when performed in place of service “11” and criteria are met.

# Claim Review Programs

- Since 1996, CMS has implemented several initiatives to prevent improper payments before the claim is processed and identify and recoup improper payments after the claim has been processed. The overall goal of CMS' claim review programs are to reduce payment error by identifying and addressing provider billing errors concerning coverage and coding.



# Claim Review Programs (Cont.)

| <b>Prepayment Claim Review Programs</b>         | <b>Postpayment Claim Review Programs</b>        |
|---|---|
| National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Edits | Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) Program |
| Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE)                  | Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC)                 |

MAC Medical Review (MR)

# Claim Review Programs (Cont.)

- **NCCI Edits**
- Prepayment edits analyzing code pairs billed by same provider, same day, same patient.
- **MUE Edits**
- Prepayment edits analyzing units of service billed by same provider, same day, same patient.
- **CERT**
- Random selection of claims and medical records to review claims for compliance with Medicare coverage, coding and billing rules.
- **RAC**
- Tasked with detecting and correcting improper payments on Medicare claims (i.e., collecting overpayments and paying back underpayments). The RAC contacts the provider and requests a refund of any overpayment amounts and pays the provider any underpayment amounts.

Questions?

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