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SUBJECT: Payment for All Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) Services Under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS)

Background

Section 4541(a)(2) of the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) requires payment under a prospective payment system for all CORF services. The MPFS is used as the prospective payment system for these services. In PM AB-00-01, dated January 2000, (formerly AB-98-63, dated October 1998), you were instructed to pay for all CORF outpatient rehabilitation services, (including physical therapy including speech language pathology and occupational therapy) and certain other CORF services identified by HCFA Common Procedures Coding System (HCPCS) codes in the Program Memorandum (PM) under the MPFS. You were provided with an MPFS schedule abstract file which contained payment amounts for the identified CORF services.

New Requirement

Effective with claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2000, CORFs are required to report all of their services utilizing HCPCS and you are required to make payment for these services under the MPFS. Because of systems constraints in installing and making payments under the MPFS, HCFA will provide you with an updated MPFS abstract file in place of the entire MPFS file. This abstract file will contain additional HCPCS codes for CORF services and their related prices. The additional codes are listed below.

If you receive a claim for a Medicare covered service with dates of service on or after July 1, 2000 that does not appear on the abstract file, you have two options for obtaining pricing information:

Option I: You will be provided with an additional supplemental file that will contain all physician fee schedule services and their related prices. Since this supplemental file contains approximately a million records, we do not anticipate that you would incorporate it into your operational systems, but instead use it as a resource to extract pricing data as needed. The data in the supplemental file will be in the same format as the MPFS abstract file, but the fields defining the fee and outpatient hospital indicators will not be populated, instead they will be filled in with spaces. See PM AB-00-01 for the format of the record layout.

Option II: Contact your local carrier to obtain the price in order to pay the claim. When requesting the pricing data advise the carrier to provide you with the non-facility fee from the MPFS.

The MPFS abstract file and the new supplemental file of physician fee schedule services will be available for retrieval on May 17, 2000 through HCFA's Mainframe Telecommunications System formerly known as the Network Data Mover system.

The new MPFS abstract file which contains the additional CORF HCPCS codes and related prices is named:

MU00.@BF12390.MFS2000.ABSTR.V0517.FI

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The new supplemental file which contains pricing amounts for all physician fee schedule services is named:

MU00.@BF12390.MFS2000.SUPLPHYS.V0517.FI

To facilitate any systems changes that you may have, test files will be available for your retrieval on March 14, 2000.

The test MPFS abstract file, which contains additional CORF HCPCS codes and related prices, is named:

MU00.@BF12390.MFS2000.ABSTR.TST0314.FI

The test supplemental file, which contains pricing amounts for all physician fee schedule services, is named:

MU00.@B12390.MFS2000.SUPLPHYS.TST0314.FI

ADDITIONAL CORF HCPCS Codes

The following is a list of additional HCPCS codes for the reporting of CORF services. These are in addition to the codes listed in PM AB-00-01. This list is intended to facilitate your ability to pay claims under the MPFS. It is not intended to be a list of all covered CORF services and does not assure coverage of these services.

G0169	A4220	A4221	G0101	G0102	90804	90805	90806
90807	90808	90809	90810	90811	90812	90813	90814
90815	90845	90846	90847	90849	90853	90857	

Advise your CORFs of the above information in your next scheduled bulletin.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This Program Memorandum may be discarded March 31, 2001.

The *effective date* for this PM is July 1, 2000.

The *implementation date* for this PM is July 1, 2000.

If you have any questions, contact Roberta Epps, (410) 786-4503, for coverage issues. Contact Laurie Feinberg, MD, (410) 786-7069, for coding issues. Contact Faith Ashby (410) 786-6145, or Linda Gregory (410) 786-6138, for billing issues. Contact Mary Anne Stevenson, (410) 786-1818, for questions regarding the abstract and supplemental files.