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Patient Status Code 65 or Implementation of Patient Status Code 65, Discharged/Transferred to a Psychiatric Hospital or Psychiatric Distinct Part Unit of a Hospital

Provider Types Affected

Hospitals and other facilities that bill Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries

Provider Action Needed

This instruction implements Patient Status Code 65, "discharged/transferred to a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric distinct part unit of a hospital."

Background

Field Locator 22 on the UB-92 or electronic equivalent is a **required field** for all Part A inpatient, skilled nursing facility, hospice, home health agency, and outpatient hospital bills. This code indicates a patient's status as of the "through" date of the billing period.

Currently, hospitals are using patient Status Code 05 for patients discharged/transferred to a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric distinct unit of a hospital, because psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric distinct part units have been included in patient Status Code 05 (previously defined as "discharged/transferred to another type of facility").

This instruction removes these types of hospitals from patient Status Code 05 and assigns them separately identifiable patient Status Code 65.

Also, Medicare identifies psychiatric hospitals by provider number xx-4xxx and psychiatric distinct part units by provider number xx-Sxxx. Payment can be affected when an acute inpatient prospective payment hospital transfers a patient to a psychiatric hospital because psychiatric hospitals are included in the post-acute care transfer policy. Thus, correct coding of this field, which is also a required field, is very important for all providers.

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Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is January 3, 2005, but the change is effective for claims with a discharge date of April 1, 2004 or later.

Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your fiscal intermediary regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed by going to:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm_date_dsc.asp

From that web page, look for Change Request (CR) 3364 in the CR NUM column on the right, and click on the file for that CR. If you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at:

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