
Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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SUBJECT: Applicable Bill Types for Ambulance Services (Revenue Code 540)

The purpose of this Program Memorandum (PM) is to advise you of the bill types that can be reported for ambulance services (revenue code 540). This PM supercedes the applicable bill types mandated by §3660.1.B of the Medicare Intermediary Manual. However, it does not supersede any requirements other than the applicable bill types for ambulance services.

It has been brought to our attention that Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) have never received a Home Health Agency bill with ambulance services reported; therefore, we are removing bill types 32X, 33X and 34X from the list of applicable bill types for ambulance services. Effective January 1, 2003, return to provider (RTP) any subsequent claims with ambulance services (revenue code 540) from providers who bill on a 32X, 33X or 34X type of bill.

Providers (including Critical Access Hospitals (CAH)) who bill on a 12X type of bill may report ambulance services (revenue code 540) following the instructions for reporting ambulance services in PM AB-01-185. The CAHs that are exempt from the ambulance fee schedule (PM A-02-004) and bill ambulance services on a 12X type of bill would remain exempt from the ambulance fee schedule.

Bill types 13X, 22X, 23X, 83X and 85X may continue to report ambulance services (revenue code 540).

As a result, edit to assure that only bill types 12X, 13X, 22X, 23X 83X and 85X may be reported with revenue code 540.

Do not reopen and reprocess any claims that have not been brought to your attention.

Provider Education

Notify your provider community through your next regularly scheduled FY2003 bulletins and/or your Web site.

The *effective date* for this PM is January 1, 2003.

The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after December 31, 2003.

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