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Use of Transmission Date in the Service Date Field for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Claims

Provider Types Affected

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities

Provider Action Needed

This instruction is a notification that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will now require that the date of the transmission of the IRF Patient Assessment Instrument (PAI) be recorded in the "Service Date/Assessment Date" field of the UB-92 (Field Locator 45 of the Revenue Code 0024 line) or electronic equivalent (on the 837i, the field is located in 2400 ASSESSMENT DATE DTP). Should this transmission date be 28 or more calendar days from the discharge date of the claim, the 25 percent penalty will be applied to the payment rate associated with the case mix group for such claim. **Failure to supply a valid date will cause the claim to be returned unprocessed to the provider.**

Background

When the IRF PPS was implemented January 1, 2002, CMS did not require a "service" date on the Revenue Code 0024 line of the IRF PPS claim (Change Request (CR) 1921, Transmittal A-01-131, dated November 1, 2001).

At that time, CMS stated that this field was optional and a date could be entered if the IRF PAI record was submitted more than 28 calendar days after discharge. If so, a 25 percent penalty would be applied to the claim.

CMS will now require that the date of the transmission of the IRF PAI be recorded in the "Service Date" field of the UB-92 (Field Locator 45) or electronic equivalent (on the 837i, the field is located in 2400 ASSESSMENT DATE DTP). The requirement is effective for discharges on or after October 1, 2004.

Should this transmission date be 28 or more calendar days from the discharge date of the claim, the 25 percent penalty will be applied. The total payment amount field will then be reduced by the penalty amount so that the final total payment amount will be 75 percent of the payment rate associated with the case mix group for that claim.

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Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is January 3, 2005 and it will apply to discharges on or after October 1, 2004.

Related Instructions

The Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Pub 100-04), Chapter 3 (Inpatient Hospital Billing) Section 140 (Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS)), Subsection 140.3.4 (Payment Adjustment for Late Transmission of Patient Assessment Data) is being revised. The updated manual instructions are included in the official instruction issued to your intermediary that can be found at the following CMS web sites:

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

From that Web page, look for CR3433 in the CR NUM column on the right, and click on the file for that CR. CR1921, Transmittal A-01-131, dated November 1, 2001, "Additional Instructions for Implementing the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS)" can be reviewed at the following CMS web site:

http://cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/A01131.pdf

Additional Information

If you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at:

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