
Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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**SUBJECT: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Institutional 837
Health Care Claim - Home Health Implementation Direction**

Home Health Claims via the 837

In Program Memorandum (PM) A-02-014, Change Request 2028, dated February 12, 2002, we advised intermediaries and their standard systems to await further instructions regarding how to process home health claims using the 4010 format. Intermediaries must advise their home health submitters/providers via their next scheduled bulletin (or Web site) to use the 2300 loop Admission Date segment to submit the admission date/start of care date for home health claims for test (and later, for production) version 4010 claims and to submit "0001" as a default value for the hour and minute (HHMM) part of the admission date data element if the information is not available.

The home health care information (CR6) segment could contain the start of care date. Forward any data received in CR6 to the repository to be sent for coordination of benefits (COB). However, this data should not be used to process the claim.

Home Health Claims via Direct Data Entry (DDE)

The admission hour (HH) is available via DDE whereas the minutes (MM) are not. Notify your submitters/providers via your next scheduled bulletin (or Web site) to submit a compliant numeric hour ("00" is acceptable if unknown) for home health claims submitted via DDE. For purposes of COB processing, the HH and MM must be submitted by your standard system. Your standard system will create a default value of "01" for the MM and submit this value for COB.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

The effective date for this PM is May 1, 2002.

The implementation date for this PM is October 1, 2002.

This PM may be discarded after October 31, 2004.

Medicare contractor questions concerning this PM may be directed to Matt Klischer at (410) 786-7488, or mklischer@cms.hhs.gov.

Any provider, clearinghouse, or other vendor questions related to this PM should be directed to their servicing Medicare intermediary(s).