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Information for Medicare Fee-for-Service Health Care Professionals

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Correction to Chapter 17, Section 80.2.3 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual Regarding MSN/ANSI X12 Denial Messages for Anti-Emetic Drugs

Note: This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers billing Medicare carriers or durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) for anti-emetic drugs

Provider Action Needed

This article is provided for your information only.

Background

CR4001 corrects an error in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Pub. 100-4), Chapter 17, Section 80.2.3 (MSN /ANSI X12N Denial Messages for Anti-Emetic Drugs).

The text incorrectly cites Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) 6.3 as a valid MSN denial message for anti-emetic drugs. In response to this correction, your carriers and DMERCs will not use *MSN 6.3: Payment cannot be made for oral drugs that do not have the same active ingredients as they would have if given by injection when an anti-emetic drug is denied*.

Rather, if the anti-emetic drug is denied because the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) did not approve it or because the drug is not being used as part of an anti-cancer chemotherapeutic regimen, carriers and DMERCs will use either:

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- *MSN 6.2: Drugs not specifically classified as effective by the Food and Drug Administration are not covered* (ANSI X12 Adjustment Code 114); or
- *MSN 6.4: Medicare does not pay for an oral anti-emetic drug that is not administered for use immediately before, at, or within 48 hours after administration of a Medicare covered chemotherapy drug* (ANSI X12 Group Code PR 96 with Remark Code M100)).

Additional Information

You can find more information about Denial Messages for Anti-Emetic Drugs by going to *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R684CP.pdf* on the CMS website.

Finally, if you have any questions, please contact your carrier/DMERC at their toll-free number, which may be found at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip* on the CMS website.

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