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Revised CMS-1500 Claim Form

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers who are excluded from the mandatory electronic claims submission requirements and submit claims to Medicare carriers using the CMS-1500 paper claim form

Important Points to Remember

CR4293 describes the claim form **CMS-1500 (12-90)** that is being revised to accommodate the reporting of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and will then be named **CMS-1500 (08-05)**. The following timeline outlines the schedule for using the revised CMS-1500 claim form:

- October 1, 2006: Health plans, clearinghouses, and other information support vendors should be ready to handle and accept the revised CMS-1500 (08/05) claim form.
- October 1, 2006 – January 31, 2007: Providers can use either the current CMS-1500 (12/90) version or the revised CMS-1500 (08/05) version of the claim form.
- February 1, 2007: The current CMS-1500 (12/90) version of the claim form is discontinued; only the revised CMS-1500 (08/05) form is to be used. All rebilling of claims should use the revised CMS-1500 (08/05) form from this date forward, even though earlier submissions may have been on the current CMS-1500 (12/90) claim form.

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Background

The Form CMS-1500 form answers the needs of many health insurers. It is the basic form prescribed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Medicare program and is accepted only from physicians and suppliers that are excluded from the mandatory electronic claims submission requirements set forth in the Administrative Simplification Compliance Act, Pub.L. 107-105 (ASCA), and the implementing regulation at 42 CFR 424.32.

The CMS-1500 (12-90) claim form is being revised to accommodate the reporting of the National Provider Identifier (NPI). The intent of the new form is to best accommodate the NPI with minimal changes to the current claim form. The CMS-1500 (08-05) version will be effective October 1, 2006, but will not be mandated for use until February 1, 2007. Therefore, there will be a period when the current and the revised forms will both be acceptable.

The change log that lists the various changes made to the CMS-1500 (08-05) version can be viewed at the National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) web site at http://www.nucc.org/images/stories/PDF/change_log.pdf on the Internet.

Implementation

The implementation date for the instruction is October 2, 2006

Additional Information

The official instructions issued to your Intermediary regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R899CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare carrier at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/contacts/> on the CMS website.

You may also wish to review MLN Matters articles:

- **SE0555**, "Medicare's Implementation of the National Provider Identifier (NPI): The Second in the Series of Special Edition MLN Matters Articles on NPI-Related Activities" available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0555.pdf> on the CMS website; and/or
- **SE0528**, "CMS Announces the National Provider Identifier (NPI) Enumerator Contractor and Information on Obtaining NPIs" available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0528.pdf> on the CMS website.

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