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Modifications to Online Medicare Secondary Payer Questionnaire: This CR Rescinds and Replaces CR4098

Provider Types Affected

Medicare physicians/providers/suppliers that, upon providing services to a Medicare patient, use a questionnaire to determine other insurance coverage that may be primary to Medicare

Provider Action Needed



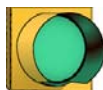
STOP – Impact to You

Questions have arisen over Part V of the model Medicare Secondary Payer Questionnaire.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

CR5087 provides clarification regarding Part V, provides major revisions to other parts of the model Medicare Secondary Payer Questionnaire, and rescinds and replaces CR4098.



GO – What You Need to Do

You should replace any previous versions of the model questionnaire with the new version, available as an attachment to CR5087.

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Background

In 1980, Congress enacted provisions that made Medicare the secondary payer to certain additional primary plans (group health plans, workers' compensation plans, liability insurance, or no-fault insurance). To help you identify such Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) situations, CMS has developed a model Medicare Secondary Payer Questionnaire (found in IOM 100.05 (Medicare Secondary Payer Manual) Chapter 3, Section 20.2.1). You can use this model questionnaire as a guide, at each inpatient and outpatient admission, to help identify other payers that may be primary to Medicare.

CR4098 (released October 21, 2005) made changes to this model questionnaire that have generated several questions, specifically regarding PART V (Disability). In response, CR 5087 (from which this article is taken) incorporates the changes that were made in CR 4098, modifies the changes previously made to PART V to address the questions that have arisen, and makes additional changes to other parts of the model questionnaire to improve the wording and sequencing of questions in these parts.

The changes to the model questionnaire are too numerous to list here. As such, please refer directly to the revised section in the *Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Manual*, Chapter 3 (MSP Provider, Physician, and Other Supplier Billing Requirements), Section 20.2.1 (Admission Questions to Ask Medicare Beneficiaries) which contains the complete, updated model questionnaire. The changes are identified in redline and italics.

Please keep in mind the following:

1. This questionnaire is a model. Other questions may be added to help identify other payers that may be primary to Medicare.
2. If you choose to use this model questionnaire, please be aware that it was developed to be used in sequence. The Instructions listed after the questions are to direct the patient to the next appropriate question to facilitate transition between questions.

Additional Information

You can find more information about the Medicare Secondary Payer Questionnaire by viewing CR5087 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R53MSP.pdf>. Attached to the CR is the revised section of the *Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Manual*, Chapter 3 (MSP Provider, Physician, and Other Supplier Billing Requirements), Section 20.2.1 (Admission Questions to Ask Medicare Beneficiaries) which contains the complete, updated model questionnaire.

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