



News Flash – National Provider Identifier (NPI) News – Medicare is now asking that submitters send a small number of claims using only the NPI. If no claims are rejected, the submitter can gradually increase the volume. Additional information can be found at the CMS NPI website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/>.

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Institutional Value Code Changes

Provider Types Affected

Providers who bill fiscal intermediaries (FI), Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), or regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs) for Medicare services.

What You Need to Know

Value codes A1, A2, A7, B1, B2, B7, C1, C2, and C7 are now restricted to use only in paper claims, and are no longer available for use on X12N 837 institutional claim transactions.

Background

The National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) has restricted the use of value codes A1, A2, A7, B1, B2, B7, C1, C2, and C7 to paper claims only. These value codes are no longer available for use on X12N 837 institutional claim transactions.

Your Medicare FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC will create edits to restrict the use of these value codes to paper claims, and to not allow their use on direct data entry claims. Further, Medicare will ensure that any paper claim data from value codes A1, A2, A7, B1, B2, B7, C1, C2, or C7 are migrated to the appropriate X12N 837 2320 Claim Level Adjustment (CAS) segment (claim adjustment reason code "PR") for coordination of benefits files.

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Note that CR5411 does **not** say that **adjustments** that might previously be reported on an electronic claim using the value codes A1, A2, A7, B1, B2, B7, C1, C2, or C7 must now all be reported in the claim level CAS. Requirements already in the 837-I Implementation Guide that apply to reporting of adjustments in either the claim or the service level CASs apply when submitting initial electronic claims that involve such adjustments.

Additional Information

You can find the official instruction, CR 5411, issued to your FI, A/B MAC, or RHHI by visiting <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2610TN.pdf> on the CMS website

If you have any questions, please contact your FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC 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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