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## New Value Code to Report Patient Prior Payments

### Provider Types Affected

Hospitals, home health agencies, and other providers who bill Medicare contractors (fiscal intermediaries (FI) regional home health intermediaries (RHHI), or Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MAC)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### What You Need to Know

CR 5882, from which this article is taken, announces the creation of a new value code for the Medicare Form UB-04 (CMS-1450). This new code, **Value Code FC – Patient Prior Payment**, will enable you to continue to report patient prior payments (the amount you received from the beneficiary toward payment of the submitted claim prior to the billing date).

Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of the creation of this new value code, and that they know to implement it effective July 1, 2008.

### Background

Previous Medicare Form CMS-1450 billing instructions for form locator (FL) 54 allowed providers to report the total amount of payments toward deductibles and/or coinsurance that they had collected from a patient for all services other than inpatient hospitals or skilled nursing facilities (SNF). However, with the implementation of the UB-04, the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) eliminated "Patient" from FL 54; which is now used to report prior payer payments.

To enable Medicare providers to continue to report patient prior payments, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) asked the NUBC to create a

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value code for this purpose. NUBC approved this request on 11/14/2007; and CR 5882, from which this article is taken, announces the creation of this new value code: **Value Code FC – Patient Prior Payment**.

Effective July 1, 2008, you may use this value code to report patient prior payments.

## Additional Information

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You can find CR 5882 at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1427CP.pdf> on the CMS website. There is also information in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 25 (Completing and Processing the Form CMS-1450 Data Set), on completing the UB-04. This manual is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Manuals/IOM/list.asp> 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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