



News Flash – On June 9, 2009, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) conducted a national provider conference call on the HIPAA Versions 5010 and D.O. You can view the presentation, transcript and listen to the audiofile from that call by accessing http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Versions5010andD0/Downloads/6-9-2009_National_Provider_Call.pdf on the CMS website.

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Related Change Request (CR) #: 6609

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Effective Date: October 1, 2009

Related CR Transmittal #: R1797CP

Implementation Date: October 5, 2009

Claim Status Category Code and Claim Status Code Update

Provider Types Affected

All physicians, providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (fiscal intermediaries (FI), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHI), carriers, A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC) and Durable Medical Equipment MACs (DME MACs) for Medicare beneficiaries are affected.

Provider Action Needed

This article, based on CR6609, explains that the Claim Status Codes and Claim Status Category Codes for use by Medicare contractors with the Health Claim Status Request and Response ASC X12N 276/277 were updated during the June 2009 meeting of the national Code Maintenance Committee and code changes approved at that meeting were posted at <http://www.wpc-edi.com/content/view/180/223/> on the Internet on or about June 30, 2009. All providers should ensure that their billing staffs are aware of the updated codes.

Background

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all health care benefit payers to use only Claim Status Category Codes and Claim Status Codes approved by the national Code Maintenance Committee in the X12 276/277 Health Care Claim Status Request and Response format adopted as the standard

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for national use (004010X093A1). These codes explain the status of submitted claim(s). Proprietary codes may not be used in the X12 276/277 to report claim status.

Additional Information

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare contractor at their toll-free number which may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

The official instruction, CR6609, issued to your Medicare contractor regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1797CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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