



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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Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Indicator (ASCPI) File Error; and Reiteration of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Policy Regarding Beneficiary Liability for V2787 and V2788

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and other providers who bill Medicare Carriers or Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC) for providing intraocular lens replacement services in ambulatory surgical centers.

What You Need to Know

CR 6630, from which this article is taken, corrects the Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Indicator (ASCPI) file payment indicator assigned to **Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System** (HCPCS) codes V2787 (Astigmatism correcting function of intraocular lens) and HCPCS V2788 (Presbyopia correcting function of intraocular lens). It notifies your carrier or MAC that the correct payment indicator (“Y5”) previously assigned to these codes is incorrect and instructs them to download files containing the corrected payment indicator (“E5”)

You should make sure that your billing staffs are aware of this correction, and that your carrier or MAC will search for, and adjust, affected claims with dates of service on/after January 1, 2009. Please see the Background section, below, for more information.

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Background

CR 6630, from which this article is taken, alerts your carriers and MACs that the payment indicator (“Y5”) assigned to HCPCS V2787 Astigmatism correcting function of intraocular lens and HCPCS V2788 (Presbyopia correcting function of intraocular lens) in earlier Change Requests (CR6184 issued on October 17, 2008; CR6424 issued on March 13, 2009; and CR6496 issued on May 22, 2009) was incorrect and results in incorrect beneficiary liability assignment and messaging on Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs). CR6630 notifies the carriers and MACs that the corrected payment indicator assigned to these codes is “E5”.

Your carrier or MAC will install replacement ASCPI files for January, 2009, April 2009, and July 2009 (which have been corrected to reflect payment indicator of “E5” for both V2787 and V2788). They will search for, and adjust, affected claims to trigger the correct beneficiary liability message for codes V2787 and V2788 for dates of service on or after January 1, 2009.

Additional Information

You can find the official instruction, CR6630, issued to your carrier or MAC by visiting <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R546OTN.pdf> on the CMS website

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier or MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the Internet.

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