
Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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CHANGE REQUEST 1871

SUBJECT: Handling of Claims Containing HCPCS Codes G0204 and G0205

It has come to our attention that claims containing mammography HCPCS codes G0204 and G0205 cannot be processed to payment until a change is made in the OCE for the January 2002 release. Therefore, these claims must be held in your system until the January OCE is installed. At that time, release the claims for payment including any applicable interest. When releasing these claims, enter condition code 15 to indicate they are clean claims in which payment was delayed due to a CMS processing delay and are therefore, not subject to contractor performance evaluation for claims processing timeliness standards.

In situations where a claim contains services in addition to mammography HCPCS codes G0204 and G0205, return the claim to the provider requesting them to split the claim and resubmit two separate claims, one with the mammography services and one with the remaining services. In addition, advise them to submit future claims in this fashion until January 1, 2002.

Do not adjust any previously processed claims unless they are brought to your attention.

Post a notice on your website regarding this information as well as when the claims that are being held will be processed. In addition, advise your professional relations staff of this information.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is September 25, 2001.

The *implementation date* for this PM is September 25, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after September 1, 2002.

If you have any questions, contact Faith Ashby at 410-786-6145.

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