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**TO:** All Medicare Advantage, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations Systems Staff

**FROM:** Jennifer R. Shapiro, Acting Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group

**SUBJECT:** Advance Announcement of the June 2019 Encounter Data Software Release

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to implement software improvements to the systems related to accepting and processing encounter data to support the Medicare Advantage (MA) program. Based upon feedback received through site visits to MA organizations, CMS will begin to release preliminary software releases to provide earlier notification of system changes. This memorandum provides preliminary information regarding system changes planned for release in late June 2019 in an effort to provide Medicare Advantage Organizations with advance notification of our system updates.

These planned system changes are consistent with guidance set forth in the Encounter Data Submission and Processing Guide and will further CMS's efforts to ensure encounter data integrity.

CMS plans to implement two new Reject edits.

**Edit 00820 – “Diag. Code Must Exist on Parent Record”**

A diagnosis code submitted for deletion must exist on the parent or original. We require that CRR-Deletes must be linked to another CRR or to an EDR in order to ensure that we know which encounter or chart review record carried the diagnosis that the MAO now wishes to delete. Edit 00820 checks to make sure that the diagnosis code(s) submitted on the CRR-Delete match the record to which the CRR-Delete is linked.

**Edit 00825 – “Chart Review Must Match Parent Record”**

For linked CRRs, this edit checks the following data fields to ensure that they match the values provided on the record to which the CRR is linked.

Professional and DME Chart Review Records

- a. Linked Internal Control Number (ICN) – header level
- b. Member beneficiary identifier Number (HICN/MBI) – header level
- c. Beneficiary Last Name (first 5 characters) – header level

- d. Beneficiary First Name (first character) – header level
- e. Place of Service – header level
- f. Billing Provider NPI – header level
- g. Payer ID – header level
- h. Date of Service – header level

Institutional

- a. Linked Internal Control Number (ICN) – header level
- b. Member beneficiary identifier Number (HICN/MBI) – header level
- c. Beneficiary Last Name (first 5 characters) – header level
- d. Beneficiary First Name (first character) – header level
- e. Bill Type – header level
- f. Billing Provider NPI – header level
- g. Payer ID – header level
- h. Date of Service – header level

CMS will issue a final June 2019 Encounter Data Software Release memorandum closer to the planned release date.

Submitters are encouraged to contact CMS at [encounterdata@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:encounterdata@cms.hhs.gov) with any questions. Please specify “Advance Announcement of the June 2019 Encounter Data Software Release” in the subject line of the email.