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

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SUBJECT: Announcement of the March 2020 Encounter Data Software Release Updates

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. These changes will be implemented on March 27, 2020.

Preclusion List related Edits: Since April 1, 2019, plans have been denying payment/rejecting claims based on the January 1, 2019 Preclusion List with dates-of-service of April 1, 2019 and later. Now, CMS is creating four new informational edits to improve data integrity by checking the Preclusion List to verify that providers are active and not precluded from receiving payment for Medicare advantage (MA) items.

The Preclusion List is a list of providers and prescribers who are precluded from receiving payment for MA items or services or Part D drugs furnished or prescribed to Medicare beneficiaries. For more information on the Preclusion List, see <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/PreclusionList.html>.

These new edits apply to all encounter data (i.e., encounter data records and chart review records) submitted on or after March 27, 2020, for dates of service on or after April 1, 2019. These edits use the 'Claim Rejection Date' and 'Reinstatement Date' fields from the Preclusion List as part of the editing logic in the Encounter Data Processing System.

Edit 01440 – 'Precluded Billing Provider' – This new informational edit checks the Billing Provider's National Provider Identifier (NPI) at the header level on Professional, Institutional, and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) records against the latest Preclusion List. If the Billing Provider NPI is on the Preclusion List, this edit will check the 'Claim Rejection Date' field. If the 'From Date of Service' on the header is on or after the 'Claim Rejection Date' for the Billing Provider NPI and the 'Reinstatement Date' field is null the edit will post. The edit will also post on the header if the 'From Date of Service' is on or after the 'Claim Rejection Date' and prior to the 'Reinstatement Date.'

Edit 01445 – ‘Precluded Rendering Provider’ – This new informational edit checks the Rendering Provider NPI at the header level and line levels on Professional, Institutional, and DME records against the latest Preclusion List. If the Rendering Provider NPI is on the Preclusion List, this edit will check the ‘Claim Rejection Date’ field. If the ‘From Date of Service’ on the header (or line) is on or after the ‘Claim Rejection Date’ for the Rendering Provider NPI and the ‘Reinstatement Date’ is null the edit will post. The edit will also post if the ‘From Date of Service’ is on or after the ‘Claim Rejection Date’ and prior to the ‘Reinstatement Date.’

Edit 01450 – ‘Precluded Referring Provider’ – This new informational edit checks the Referring Provider NPI at both the header and line levels on Professional, Institutional, and DME records against the latest Preclusion List. If the Referring Provider NPI is on the Preclusion List, this edit will check the ‘Claim Rejection Date’ field. If the ‘From Date of Service’ on the header (or line) is on or after the ‘Claim Rejection Date’ for the supplied Referring Provider NPI and the ‘Reinstatement Date’ is null this edit will post. The edit will also post if the ‘From Date of Service’ is on or after the ‘Claim Rejection Date’ and prior to the ‘Reinstatement Date.’

Edit 01455 – ‘Precluded Ordering Provider’ – This new informational edit checks the Ordering Provider NPI at the line level on Professional and DME encounters against the latest Preclusion List. If the Ordering Provider NPI is on the Preclusion List, this edit will check the ‘Claim Rejection Date’ field. If the ‘From Date of Service’ on the service line is on or after the ‘Claim Rejection Date’ for the Ordering Provider NPI and the ‘Reinstatement Date’ is null the edit will post. The edit will also post if the ‘From Date of Service’ is on or after the ‘Claim Rejection Date’ and prior to the ‘Reinstatement Date.’

Replacement for Chart Review Record (CRR) Delete Edit: The purpose of this new reject edit is to ensure that replacement CRRs are not submitted for CRR-Deletes. When this occurs, the submitter’s intention is not clear. Instead of submitting a replacement, the MAO should submit a void chart review record for the CRR-Delete and then resubmit a new, original CRR-Delete with the corrected information.

Edit 00860 – ‘Replacement for CRR-Delete Not Allowed’ – This new reject edit will post when a CRR is submitted as a replacement (Claim Frequency Code = ‘7’) and the record to be replaced is a previously submitted and accepted CRR-Delete.

This edit is applicable to all replacement CRRs that are linked to a CRR-Delete submitted on or after to June 11, 2018 for all dates of service.

Updates to Existing Edit:

Edit 25015 – ‘SNF Interrupted Stay’ – This informational edit implemented in the 2019 Q4 release is being updated to bypass chart review encounters. This new informational edit is in line with the Interrupted Stay Policy, which is effective concurrent with the implementation of the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM). This policy sets out criteria for determining when Medicare will treat multiple Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) stays occurring in a single Part A benefit period as a single “interrupted” stay, rather than as separate stays under the PDPM. This edit will check the length of the occurrence code span and post when the occurrence span code is

74, SNF PDPM HIPPS codes are billed, and the occurrence span code dates exceed 3 days. This edit applies to only encounter data records.

Questions can be addressed to encounterdata@cms.hhs.gov, please specify, “March 2020-Encounter Data Software Release” in the subject line.