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Use of New CMS-1500 Claim Form by 1 April 2014!

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) universal paper claim filing form known as the CMS-1500 Claim Form has been updated. The CMS-1500 Claim Form may be used by Providers to submit their claims and invoices to Insurance companies and other payers. The National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) is responsible for the design and maintenance of the CMS-1500 Claim Form. The NUCC maintains the data set integrity and hard copy CMS-1500 Claim Form physical layout.

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Days Remaining to
ICD-10 Conversion

As of 11/1/2013

In June 2013, the NUCC approved the updated CMS-1500 Claim Form Version 02/12 to accommodate reporting needs for the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10). It aligns with the requirements in the Accredited Standards Committee X12 (ASC X12) Health Care Claim: Professional (837P) Version 5010 Technical Report Type 3. In August 2013, CMS announced the following transition timeline:

- 6 January 2014 through 31 March 2014: Dual transition period which CMS payers will receive and process paper claims submitted on the revised CMS-1500 Claim Form Version 08/05 or Version 02/12. We expect commercial payers to adopt this same timeline.
- 1 April 2014: Payers receive and process only Version 02/12 of CMS-1500 paper claims.

Changes to the CMS-1500 Claim Form

There are 24 changes to the CMS-1500 Claim Form that changed the shape and template. One change is Item Number 21 that added a qualifier field to distinguish between whether the International Classification of Disease, 9th Revision (ICD-9) or ICD-10 is used on the form. The need to identify ICD-9 or ICD-10 being reported is important during the ICD-10 implementation period.

Another change related to Item Number 21 is expanding the number of diagnosis codes to accommodate additional reporting of diagnoses from 4 to 12. Third Party Outpatient Collections System (TPOCS) is only being modified to print four diagnosis codes on the new form.

What is next for the CMS-1500 Claim Form?

The new CMS-1500 Claim Form will impact the Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs). TPOCS, the direct care system having the capability to print CMS-1500 Claims, is currently being upgraded to generate the new CMS-1500 Claim Form. The upgraded TPOCS will be able to produce the new CMS-1500 paper claim forms until the Armed Forces Billing and Collections Utilization System (ABACUS) takes over late FY14.

MTFs need to have official hard copy paper forms on hand, the MTFs will need to order, acquire, and have the forms available for use by 1 April 2014. MTFs should be aware of the different types of CMS-1500 Claim Forms and obtain the type that is compatible with TPOCS for the interim.

To assist in learning the new CMS-1500 Claim Form the Unified Business Office (UBO) Program Office (PO) is developing an online course in the UBO Learning Center called “Data and Billing in Sync Health Insurance Claim Form 1500” to assist billers with questions about the new CMS-1500 Claim Form. The online course will be available mid December 2013 at http://www.tricare.mil/ocfo/mcfs/ubo/learning_center/Teleconferences.cfm. Also, the UBO PO will update the UBO User Guide with the new CMS-1500 Claim Form instructions.

Understanding the changes to the CMS-1500 Claim Form, access to training, and the updated UBO User Guide will prepare billers for 1 April 2014.

CMS-1500 Claim Form Version 02/12
Effective 1 April 2014



These changes will help accommodate additional diagnosis codes and other ICD-10 related items.

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