

Encounter Data System User Group

March 29, 2012

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Introduction

The purpose of this session is to provide Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) and other entities with information on policy and operational guidance on testing and submitting production data to the Encounter Data System (EDS).

MAOs and Other Entities

- CMS requires the following types of organizations to submit encounter data:
 - Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans
 - Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug (MA-PD) Plans
 - Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)
 - Special Needs Plans (SNPs)
 - Local Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs)
 - Regional PPOs
 - Employer Group Health Plans
 - Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Plans
 - Cost Plans (1876 Cost HMOs/CMPs and 1833 HCPPs)
 - Medical Savings Account (MSA)
 - Private Fee-for-Service Plans (PFFS)
 - Religious Fraternal Benefit Plans (RFBs)
 - Provider Sponsored Organizations (PSO)

Session Guidelines

- This is a one (1) hour Encounter Data User Group for MAOs and other entities.
- If time allows, we will respond to questions.

CMS Updates

Front-End Certification

- The deadline to meet front-end certification was January 3, 2012.
 - MAOs and other entities who are not front-end certified should do so immediately.
 - Compliance Alerts were distributed on March 1, 2012.
 - Noncompliance letters will be issued to MAOs and other entities not certified

Certification Status as of 03/27/2012*:

Total Plans	556
Total Plans Not Certified	16

*These figures exclude PACE and Cost Plans.

Front-End Certification for Cost Plans

- CMS advised that §1876 Cost HMOs/CMPs and §1833 HCPPs will only be required to submit encounter data for Medicare covered items/services for which plans claim Medicare costs on their CMS Cost Reports.
- Testing of Institutional encounter data is not required for “billing option 1” Cost HMOs/CMPs and all HCPPs. For purposes of front-end certification, Cost Plans are required to submit Professional encounters.
- Cost Plans that are not front-end certified should do so immediately.

End-to-End Testing / Certification Timeline

Encounter Data

	Testing Begins	EDPS Testing	Deadline for Initial Submission of Encounters *	Testing Ends/Deadline for Certification
Professional Encounters	1/4/12	Test cases only	3/30/12*	4/30/12
Institutional Encounters	4/30/12	Test cases only	5/30/12*	6/30/12
DME Encounters	5/30/12	Test cases only	6/30/12*	7/30/12

***MAOs and other entities must make an initial submission to the EDPS by this date.**

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EDPS Key Dates

- MAOs and other entities must have completed end-to-end certification prior to submitting production data:
 - An email notification will be sent from the EDPS for
 - Professional Certification – deadline 4/30/2012
 - Institutional Certification – deadline 6/30/2012
 - DME Certification – deadline 7/30/2012

REMINDER: MAOs and other entities should begin submitting production data once they have completed the certification process.

Testing Update

- The Institutional test plan will be released and discussed during the next User Group Call.
- Institutional Testing begins on April 30, 2012.
- CMS highly recommends that MAOs and other entities take advantage of the Tier 2 plan testing phase.
- Tier 1 Testing (Test Case Scenarios) will continue.
- The End-to-End Test Plans are posted at www.csscooperations.com.

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Paper Claims

- To identify an encounter as a paper (skinny) claim submission, MAOs and other entities must populate
 - Loop 2300, PWK01 = “OZ”
 - Loop 2300, PWK02 = “AA”
- MAOs and other entities must use the minimum required data elements when submitting paper (skinny) claims.
- The minimum data elements document is posted at [http://cssoperations.com/internet/Cssc.nsf/files/EDS_Minimum_Data_Elements_Commonly_Used_Situational_Edits_031212.pdf/\\$File/EDS_Minimum_Data_Elements_Commonly_Used_Situational_Edits_031212.pdf](http://cssoperations.com/internet/Cssc.nsf/files/EDS_Minimum_Data_Elements_Commonly_Used_Situational_Edits_031212.pdf/$File/EDS_Minimum_Data_Elements_Commonly_Used_Situational_Edits_031212.pdf).

Bundled Claims

- CMS will only accept bundled claims identified using the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) for encounter data submission.
- Adjudication processes may be applied, but alteration of original claims will not be accepted, especially in relation to HCPCS/Revenue codes/diagnosis data.
- Populate Loop 2400, SV202-1='HC' and SV202-2=Procedure Code.
- Detailed information for submission of NCCI is located on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/How-To-Use-NCCI-Tools.pdf>.

837-P Ambulance Services

- Operational Guidance for submission of ambulance encounters was provided during the March 15, 2012 User Group.
- Please note that an address, including street address, city, state and zip code must be populated in order to pass translator and CEM level edits.

837-P Ambulance Services

- If available, provide the complete address for ambulance pick-up and drop-off locations.
- If the complete address for ambulance pick-up and drop-off are unavailable
 - Provide the complete address for the Rendering Provider.
 - Provide the complete address for the Billing Provider if the Rendering Provider is the same as the Billing Provider.
- Populate a value of 'AM' in PWK01 and a value of "AA" in PWK02 to indicate ambulance pick-up and drop-off locations are not available and the Rendering or Billing Provider information is populated.

EDPS Weekly Bulletin

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- Based on comments from MAOs and other entities, CMS will provide real time updates regarding edits and MAO-002 reports.
- A tool for MAOs and other entities to submit suggestions and comments will be posted on the CSSC Operations website at www.csscoperations.com.
- The weekly deadline for MAOs and other entities to submit suggestions and comments is Fridays at 12:00 PM ET.

EDPS Weekly Bulletin

- The Bulletin will be published each Wednesday on the CSSC website.
- Bulletins 1 and 2 were released and are located at:
<http://csscooperations.com/Internet/Cssc.nsf/docsCat/Encounter%20Data~EDPS%20Bulletins?open>.
- Release of the Companion Guide will continue on a monthly basis.

Encounter Data Professional Processing and Pricing (EDPPPS) Edits

Professional Edits Guidance

- Edit Code 00265 – Adjustment or Void ICN Not Found in History
 - Several submitters are setting the frequency of all submitted encounters to a “7” instead of a “1” for new encounters.
 - Adjustments cannot be submitted before the **original** encounter is processed and the MAO or other entity receives the MAO-002 Processing Status Report.

Professional Edits Guidance

- Edit Code 00065 – Missing Pick Up Point Zip Code
 - The EDPS was only validating the edit on the service line level for the initial submissions. The EDS team is in the process of implementing validations on the claim level in addition to the service line level.
 - Follow guidance provided for submission of ambulance encounters.

Professional Edits Updates

Revised Edits

- Based on industry feedback and testing, the following change was made to the EDPPPS Edits:

EDPPPS Edit #	EDPPPS Edit Category	EDPPPS Edit Disposition	EDPPPS Edit Error Message	Revised Status
16070	Pricing	Informational	ASC Non-Approved Codes	Changed from "Reject" to "Informational"
98500	Duplicate	Reject	Multiple Claims for Surgery	Removed Edit

- A list of the EDPPPS Edits is located in the Professional Companion Guide - Table 10 on the CSSC website at [http://www.mcoservice.com/internet/Cssc.nsf/files/Feb_Release_EDCompanionGuide_837P_030712.pdf/\\$File/Feb_Release_EDCompanionGuide_837P_030712.pdf](http://www.mcoservice.com/internet/Cssc.nsf/files/Feb_Release_EDCompanionGuide_837P_030712.pdf/$File/Feb_Release_EDCompanionGuide_837P_030712.pdf).

Encounter Data Institutional Processing and Pricing (EDIPPS) Edits

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EDIPPS Edits

- CMS distributed a Proposed Edits Comments tool and a proposed list of Encounter Data Institutional Processing and Pricing (EDIPPS) Edits.
- MAOs and other entities were asked to provide comments/feedback to the proposed EDIPPS edits no later than 5:00PM ET on March 28, 2012.
- CMS is analyzing the comments and will incorporate the updates in the final EDIPPS Edits documentation and the next release of the 837-I Companion Guide.

Note: The EDIPPS edits are subject to revision as implementation of the EDPS progresses.

Resources

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- CSSC Operations:
<http://www.csscoperations.com/internet/cssc.nsf/Home>
- Encounter Data Outreach Registration:
www.tarsc.info
- CMS: www.cms.gov
- EDS Inbox: eds@ardx.net

Resources *(cont'd)*

- X12 Version 5010 Standards:
http://www.cms.gov/Version5010andD0/01_overview.asp
- CEM/CEDI Technical Reporting Formats:
http://www.cms.gov/MFFS5010D0/20_TechnicalDocumentation.asp
- Washington Publishing Company:
<http://www.wpc-edi.com/content/view/817/1>

User Group Update

REMINDER:

- User Group - **Thursday, April 12, 2012**
from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST.

Please remember to review the latest Companion Guide published at www.csscooperations.com.

Closing Remarks