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Hospital Payment
Arrangement 1 and 2 for Emergency Room

This is a reminder to acute care general hospitals and emergency medicine physicians enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) program of the correct billing procedure to follow when submitting for emergency room (ER) services in accordance with hospital's ER payment arrangement.

The Department of Public Welfare (the department) provides payment for emergency medicine physician services based on the payment arrangement selected by an acute care general hospital upon enrollment in the MA program. There are currently two ER payment arrangements options offered by the department. Hospitals that elect ER Payment Arrangement 1 are assigned the Provider Type (PT) 01 and Provider Specialty (PS) 016 indicator on their enrollment files. Hospitals that elect ER Payment Arrangement 2 are assigned the PT 01/PS 017 indicator on their enrollment files. For detailed information regarding ER payment arrangements and billing practices, please see MA Bulletins 01-13-29 and 31-13-33, which may be viewed at the following link:

http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/publications/bulletinsearch/bulletinselected/index.htm?bn=01-13-29&o=N&po=OMAP&id=07/02/2013.

Hospitals with PT 01/PS 016 indicator (ER Payment Arrangement 1)

The hospital (PT 01/PS 016) bills the department and the department pays the hospital for the ER support component and diagnostic services. The emergency medicine physician (PT 31/PS 315) bills the department and the department pays the physician for the applicable evaluation and management code for ER services or the compensable procedure code. The emergency medicine physician (PT 31/PS 315) bills the department and the department pays the physician for the professional component of diagnostic services when the emergency medicine physician provides the interpretation and written report.

Hospitals with PT 01/PS 017 indicator (ER Payment Arrangement 2)

The hospital (PT 01/PS 017) bills the department and the department pays the hospital for the ER support component, diagnostic services and the emergency medicine physician's (PT 31/PS 315) applicable evaluation and management code for ER services or the compensable procedure. The hospital bills and the department pays the hospital for the emergency medicine physician's professional component of diagnostic services when the emergency medicine physician provides the interpretation and written report. **The emergency medicine physician is not to bill the department and the department does not pay claims submitted by the emergency medicine physician based on this payment arrangement.**

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Effective July 1, 2013, claims billed by the emergency medicine physician will be denied by the department on Error Status Code (ESC) 4355 (ER Svc not payable to physician per hospital arrangement) when the place of service (POS) 23 is identified and the hospital's MA Identification Number is linked to a PT/Specialty 01/017 indicator (ER Payment Arrangement 2) on its enrollment file. If you need to verify your ER arrangement or believe that you are enrolled improperly, please contact Provider Enrollment at 1-800-537-8862, Option # 1 and select the enrollment option.

Effective July 1, 2013, **all** emergency medicine physician claims for ER services (POS 23), whether submitted by the hospital or the emergency medicine physician, who are billing for services that are rendered in an inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, hospital short procedure unit, hospital special treatment room, ambulatory surgical center, or emergency room, **must enter the name, the nine-digit provider number, and the four-digit service location of the facility on the claim**. Failure to enter this information on the claim will cause the claim to deny on ESC 625 (Facility number MA ID is missing and it is required) or failure to enter a valid facility number and valid location will cause the claim to deny on ESC 4356 (Facility number is invalid).

Providers who have access to the PROMIS*e*™ Portal are able to obtain Facility MA ID numbers by logging on to the PROMIS*e*™ Internet; on the menu bar select Claims; from the horizontal bar select Submit Professional, in the box under Professional Claim heading, click the link for Facility Provider Numbers. For more information, click on the link below:

https://promise.dpw.state.pa.us/portal/Default.aspx?alias=promise.dpw.state.pa.us/portal/provider

Check the department's website often at: www.dpw.state.pa.us/
Thank you for your service to our Medical Assistance recipients.
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