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REPROCESSING PROCEDURE CODE 90999 CLAIMS

Under Federal Medicaid rules, the Medical Assistance (MA) Program is responsible for covering certain Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries' cost-sharing expenses. Medicare requires that procedure code 90999, defined as "unlisted dialysis procedure, inpatient or outpatient" be submitted for Prospective Payment System (PPS) payment for renal dialysis services beginning with dates of service on and after January 1, 2011. The code represents a "composite/bundled" payment for renal dialysis services. The MA Program requires that each individual renal dialysis service be reported on a separate claim line for claim submissions. Since there are differences in the reporting of renal dialysis services between Medicare for the PPS payment and the MA Program payment, the MA Program claims processing system did not recognize procedure code 90999 for payment; therefore, crossover claims for cost-sharing were denied.

Effective October 1, 2011, Medicare crossover claims with dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, for procedure code 90999 that were denied will be reprocessed by the Department of Human Services (Department). Providers are not to resubmit these claims for payment.

Please note that as of October 1, 2011, crossover claims submitted for procedure code 90999 must reflect a Medicare or Medicare Advantage paid amount as well as a Medicare deductible or co-insurance amount in order for the MA Program to process the cost-sharing amount.

The Department acknowledges that some providers may not have submitted their initial crossover claims to the MA Program, within 180 days of the service date, for bundled renal dialysis payments because of the differences in claims processing systems. To allow sufficient time for those providers to submit a potential backlog of claims, the Department will allow providers from October 1, 2011, until December 31, 2011, to submit claims for procedure code 90999 without the 180 days timely filing edit setting on the claims.

Thank you for your service to our Medical Assistance recipients.
We value your participation.

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