Encounter Data User Group
Q&A Documentation

Questions and Answers – April 18, 2013 Live Session

Q1: How should an MAO or other entity submit an encounter that contains service lines with modifiers that are not accepted by CMS, but are submitted by the provider and paid by the MAO?

A1: CMS is currently evaluating options for the submission of modifier types that are not approved for submission of Medicare services and will provide guidance once decisions are finalized. MAOs and other entities are encouraged to submit questions regarding specific examples of modifiers to eds@ardx.net in order for CMS to document the types of modifiers in question.

Q2: Does the logic for Edit 03102 – Invalid Provider Type/Specialty apply to all encounter submissions or only for specific instances?

A2: The editing logic for Edit 03102 – Invalid Provider Type/Specialty applies to all Professional, Institutional, and DME encounters and is based on the frequency of the edit. Edit 03102 is currently programmed in the Encounter Data Processing System (EDPS) with an 'informational' edit disposition. If MAOs and other entities are receiving this edit with a 'reject' disposition on their recent MAO-002 Reports, they should submit this issue with the ICN number to csscoperations@palmettogba.com for research and resolution.

Q3: Do MAOs and other entities need to identity services impacted by sequestration on the 837?

A3: There is currently no requirement for MAOs and other entities to populate sequestration payments or other sequestration data for 837 encounter submissions. CMS is discussing operational guidance for sequestration for encounters in the 837 format and will provide additional information once determinations are made.

Q4: What is the status of the EDPS Online Edits Lookup Tool to provide MAOs and other entities with a list of the EDPS edits and their associated descriptions in an Excel format?

A4: CMS is currently finalizing the design and programming to provide MAOs and other entities with the ability to review and download EDPS edits in an Excel spreadsheet format on the CSSC Operations website. CMS will provide information for the EDPS Online Edits Lookup Tool to MAOs and other entities once it becomes available.

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Q5: Does CMS have a release date for the remaining MAO Reports (i.e., MAO-004 and MAO-005)?

A5: CMS has not yet determined a release date for additional MAO Reports. Prior to development and release of additional MAO Reports, CMS wants to ensure that all MAOs and other entities are end-to-end certified and that Known Issues are resolved effectively. CMS will provide future release dates for additional MAO Reports once decisions are finalized.

Q6: Can CMS confirm that there will be a revision to the RAPS layout, effective in August 2013, per a recent Health Plan Management System (HPMS) notice?

A6: MAOs and other entities should submit questions pertaining to the layout of RAPS data to the Ask Risk Adjustment inbox at analyst@askriskadjustment.com.

Q7: How will CMS identify the appropriate point of contact when reaching out to MAOs and other entities to resolve the Known Issue related to Edit 22220 – DOS Prior to Provider Effective Date?

A7: Once the EDPS has identified the submitters affected by this issue, the point of contact will be determined based on data obtained from the MAO or other entity's EDS submitter application and the organization representative with whom CSSC has communicated most currently and most frequently.

Q8: Will CMS accept Professional and Institutional encounters that contain service lines with 'from' dates of service (DOS) for 2011 and 'through' DOS for 2012?

A8: Yes, CMS will accept encounters with 2011 'from' DOS, as long as the service line has a valid 2012 'through' DOS that is supported by data populated on the encounter. MAOs and other entities are encouraged to use the Tier II testing environment to test the editing and processing of uncertain or new business scenarios prior to submitting those encounters to production. MAOs and other entities can find instructions on the CSSC Operations website on the use of the Tier II testing environment.

Q9: Will the EDS accept encounters that contain service lines for 2011 'from' DOS and 'through' DOS (crossover claims) and service lines solely for 2011 'from' and 'through' DOS?

A9: The EDS will not accept any service lines that contain 2011 DOS only. MAOs and other entities may submit 2011 'from' DOS only if the 'through' DOS is 2012. Any encounter data that only contains 2011 DOS will not pass EDS edits.

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