Encounter Data User Group
Q&A Documentation

Questions and Answers – May 16, 2013 Live Session

Q1: If MAOs and other entities receive a paper claim for member reimbursement without the billing National Provider Identification (NPI) and Tax ID (Employer Identification Number (EIN)) populated, can the MAOs and other entities submit the encounter using the default NPI and EIN value and a Proxy Data Reason Code (PDRC)?

A1: Yes, MAOs and other entities can submit a member reimbursement encounter using a default NPI and EIN value with the appropriate PDRC (048 - No NPI on provider claim) and/or (052 - No EIN on provider claim).

Q2: If MAOs and other entities submit a void/delete encounter using CLM05-3='8', will the EDS process the encounter using different editing logic than what was previously used for Edit 00699 - "Void Must Match Original?"

A2: No, the criteria for submitting void/delete encounters have not changed for Edit 00699. The void/delete encounter must contain the same number of lines submitted on the original encounter.

Q3: Is Loop 2300, CLM01 populated on the void/delete required to match Loop 2300, CLM01 populated on the original encounter?

A3: No, Loop 2300, CLM01 populated on the void/delete encounter does not have to match Loop 2300, CLM01 populated on the original encounter. The void/delete encounter will process through editing based on the number of lines submitted in the void/delete encounter against the number of lines in the original encounter.

Q4: Can MAOs and other entities submit multiple contracts in one file, with a limitation of 2,000 encounters, to the Tier II Testing environment?

A4: MAOs and other entities can submit multiple contracts in a single file with a maximum of 2,000 encounters per contract ID to the Tier II Testing environment.

Q5: If MAOs and other entities submit an institutional encounter, is 25 the maximum number of diagnoses that can be populated on the encounter?

A5: Yes, MAOs and other entities may submit up to 25 diagnoses codes for an institutional encounter.

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Q6: How should MAOs and other entities submit encounters to the EDS that contain more than the maximum allowable number of diagnosis codes?

A6: MAOs and other entities should submit examples/questions regarding the 5010 limitations for diagnosis codes to eds@ardx.net. CMS will provide updates to MAOs and other entities once decisions have been made.

Q7: If MAOs and other entities are adding additional diagnosis codes on an institutional encounter obtained directly from the Medical Records Department, but the additional diagnosis codes are not part of a chart review, how should MAOs and other entities submit the encounter to the EDS?

A7: MAOs and other entities are encouraged to submit questions regarding specific examples to eds@ardx.net in order for CMS to research a resolution.

Q8: What is the effective date that MAOs and other entities are required to start submitting Health Insurance Prospective Payment System (HIPPS) codes for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) and Home Health (HH) encounters?

A8: MAOs and other entities are required to submit HIPPS codes for SNF and HH encounters for July 1, 2013 dates of service (DOS) and beyond.

Q9: If MAOs and other entities submit SNF and HH encounters for July 1, 2013 DOS and beyond, that do not include the required HIPPS codes, will the EDS generate a 'reject' edit?

A9: Yes. If MAOs and other entities submit encounters without the required HIPPS codes for July 1, 2013 DOS and beyond, MAOs and other entities will receive a 'reject' edit.

Q10: If an encounter is a paper-generated encounter and also requires the use of the default ZIP code, should an MAO or other entity populate the PWK01 segment with "OZ" or "AM?"

A10: MAOs and other entities are encouraged to submit specific examples to eds@ardx.net for research and resolution.

Q11: Will CMS use 2013 DOS encounters for Risk Adjustment scores?

A11: CMS has not determined if 2013 DOS will be used for Risk Adjustment scores. MAOs and other entities will be notified once information is finalized.

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