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# Montana Health Care Programs Notice Inpatient Hospital

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## Reporting of Hospital-Acquired Conditions (HAC) on Inpatient Claims and Using the Present on Admission (POA) Indicator

### Hospital-Acquired Conditions (HAC)

Effective August 1, 2011, Montana Medicaid will no longer pay for hospital-acquired conditions (HAC) or provider preventable conditions. These conditions are identified by the Medicare program and will be updated quarterly.

For claims with dates of payment on or after August 1, 2011, when a hospital-acquired condition occurs during hospitalization in a PPS facility and the condition was not present or was undetermined to be present on admission, claims will be paid as though the diagnosis code is not present.

For critical access hospitals, a retroactive review will be conducted on all claims with a hospital-acquired condition that was billed on or after August 1, 2011. If this condition was not present or was undetermined to be present on admission, Medicaid payment for that condition must be repaid to the Department.

### Present on Admission (POA)

Effective for inpatient claims with dates of payment on or after January 1, 2012, Medicaid will require the following indicators be used for reporting hospital-acquired conditions that were present at the time of inpatient admission:

- Y      Diagnosis was present at the time of inpatient admission.
- N      Diagnosis was not present at the time of inpatient admission.
- U      Documentation is insufficient to determine if the condition was present at the time of inpatient admission.
- W      Clinically undetermined. The provider was unable to clinically determine whether the condition was present at the time of inpatient admission.

The POA indicator of “1” formerly used to report “exempt from POA reporting” will no longer be valid on claims submitted under the new 5010 format effective January 1, 2012. The POA field must be populated using one of the above-mentioned POA indicators. This requirement pertains to both PPS hospitals and CAHs. Claims will deny if a valid POA indicator is not reported.

## **Contact Information**

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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