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Montana Health Care Programs Notice Hospital Inpatient

Present on Admission (POA) Value of Space for Diagnosis Code Exempt from POA Reporting

Montana Health Care Programs recently made a change to the claims processing system to allow a value of space as the POA value if the diagnosis code is in the list of CMS diagnosis codes exempt from POA reporting (available on the CMS website).

The value of space will only be allowed on inpatient claims submitted in the HIPAA 5010 format or on paper/OCR claims submitted on or after January 1, 2012. A value of space on inpatient electronic claims submitted in the HIPAA 4010 format or paper/OCR claims prior to January 1, 2012, will cause the claim to be denied since the value of 1 – exempt from POA reporting was allowed.

With the implementation of HIPAA 5010, the value of “1” for POA is no longer allowed.

If “1” is submitted as the POA value on a 5010 8371 transaction, it will be rejected at the translator as invalid. If the value of “1” is submitted on paper/OCR claims on or after January 1, 2012, they will be denied.

The value of “1” is only allowed on electronic claims submitted in the 4010 format (prior to February 1, 2012, because that format is no longer accepted by Montana Health Care Programs) or on paper/OCR claims submitted prior to January 1, 2012. The Department plans to adjust claims that previously denied in error within the next few weeks.

Contact Information

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