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TO: All Medicare Advantage, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations Systems Staff

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SUBJECT: Encounter Data Software Release Updates: August 2023 Release

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to implement software improvements to the systems related to accepting and processing encounter data to support the Medicare Advantage (MA) program. The changes described in this memo impact the Encounter Data Processing System (EDPS) and are effective for submissions beginning August 18, 2023.

Updates to existing edits

Edit 22100 “Revenue Code 0023 Missing/Invalid for DOS” is an existing header level informational institutional edit that validates the date of service for Home Health encounters when revenue code 0023 is present. The updated edit will post under the following situations:

Type of Bill is equal to 329 (home health final claim), and

- Revenue Code 0023 is not present on any service line,
- Or
- The Admission Date of Service is submitted and equals the header From Date of Service, and
 - Only one occurrence of Revenue Code 0023 is present on the encounter record, and
 - The From Date of Service for the service line containing Revenue Code 0023 is not equal to the Admission Date and header From Service Dates,
- Or
- Only one occurrence of Revenue Code 0023 is present on the encounter, and
 - None of the subsequent visit service lines From Dates of Service for Revenue Codes 042X, 043X, 044X, 055X, 056X, or 057X match the From Date Service for the revenue code 0023 service line, and

- The visit service lines do not contain HCPCS codes G0320, G0321 or G0322 (new G codes for home health telecommunication technology encounters).

New institutional and professional edits for Billing of Audiologist

Edit 25050 “Provider Must Be An Audiologist” is a new institutional line level edit that validates that the rendering provider NPI submitted with any of the 36 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes in **Table 1** found in the Appendix has a Specialty Code of 64 (Audiologist). The edit disposition for 25050 institutional edit is informational.

Modifier AB is Audiology service furnished personally by an audiologist without a physician/npp order for non-acute hearing assessment unrelated to disequilibrium, or hearing aids, or examinations for the purpose of prescribing, fitting, or changing hearing aids; service may be performed once every 12 months, per beneficiary.

This new EDPS edit 2505 will post when:

- Service line contains one of the 36 CPT codes listed in **Table 1**, and
- Modifier AB is present, and
- The service line From Date of Service is on or after 07/01/23, and
- Line level Rendering Provider NPI of an audiologist with Specialty Code 64 is not present,

Or

- Header level Rendering Provider NPI of an audiologist with Specialty Code 64 is not present if line level Rendering provider NPI is not submitted,

Or

- Billing Provider NPI is not present with a Specialty Code of 64 if header level Rendering Provider NPI is not submitted.

Edit 25055 “Invalid Combination of HCPCS Modifiers” is a new institutional line level edit that validates that Modifier AB (see definition above) is submitted for any of the CPT codes in **Table 1**, and does not contain a modifier of TC (Technical Component) or 26 (Professional Component). The edit disposition for 25055 is informational.

This edit will be bypassed when the service lines contain CPT codes 92587 or 92588, both of which can have either a technical component or a professional component.

The EDPS edit 25055 will post when:

- Service line contains one of the 36 CPT codes listed in **Table 1**, and
- Modifier AB is present with a ‘TC’ or ‘26’ modifier, and
- The service line From Date of Service is on or after 07/01/23, and

- Line level Rendering Provider NPI of an audiologist with Specialty Code 64 is present,

Or

- Header level Rendering Provider NPI of an audiologist with Specialty Code '64' is present if line level Rendering provider NPI is not submitted,

Or

- Billing Provider NPI is present with a Specialty Code of 64 if header level Rendering Provider NPI is not submitted.

Edit 25060 “Invalid Modifier and CPT Combination” is a new institutional and professional line level edit that validates submission of the Modifier AB and the 36 CPT codes in **Table 1**, and that the service line Date of Service is on or after 7/1/2023. The edit disposition for 25060 is informational.

Edit 25060 will post when:

Professional Encounters

- Modifier AB is present, and
- The service line From Date of Service is on or after 07/01/23, and
- CPT code billed is not equal to one of the 36 CPT codes listed **Table 1**.

Institutional Encounters

- Modifier AB is present, and
- The service line From Date of Service is on or after 07/01/23, and
- CPT code billed is not equal to one of the 36 CPT codes listed in **Table 1**.

Questions can be submitted to RiskAdjustmentOperations@cms.hhs.gov, please specify, “Encounter Data Software Release Updates: August 2023 Release” in the subject line. Thank you.

Appendix A

The Memo contains patient discharge status codes, revenue and condition codes. The American Hospital Association (AHA) has granted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS or the agency) and its authorized agents a limited, royalty-free permission to reproduce portions of the National Uniform Billing Code (NUBC) UB-04 Data Specifications Manual and a limited license to use NUBC UB-04 Specifications Data in CMS publications, both print and electronic media, as agency requirements demand.

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Table 1

CPT Code	Short Descriptor
92550	Tympanometry & reflex thresh
92552	Pure tone audiometry air
92553	Audiometry air & bone
92555	Speech threshold audiometry
92556	Speech audiometry complete
92557	Comprehensive hearing test
92562	Loudness balance test
92563	Tone decay hearing test
92565	Stenger test pure tone
92567	Tympanometry
92568	Acoustic refl threshold tst
92570	Acoustic immitance testing
92571	Filtered speech hearing test
92572	Staggered spondaic word test
92575	Sensorineural acuity test
92576	Synthetic sentence test
92577	Stenger test speech
92579	Visual audiometry (vra)
92582	Conditioning play audiometry
92583	Select picture audiometry

CPT Code	Short Descriptor
92584	Electrocochleography
92587	Evoked auditory test limited
92587 – TC	
92587 – 26	
92588	Evoked auditory tst complete
92588 – TC	
92588 – 26	
92601	Cochlear implt f/up exam <7
92602	Reprogram cochlear implt <7
92603	Cochlear implt f/up exam 7/>
92604	Reprogram cochlear implt 7/>
92620	Auditory function 60 min
92621	Auditory function + 15 min
92625	Tinnitus assessment
92626	Eval aud funcj 1st hour
92627	Eval aud funcj ea addl 15
92640	Aud brainstem implt programg
92651	Aep hearing status deter i&r
92652	Aep thrshld est mlt freq i&r
92653	Aep neurodiagnostic i&r