Important Reporting Changes for Present on Admission Claims

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UniCare Health Plan of West Virginia, Inc. (UniCare) works to ensure that your claims are paid promptly. This provider bulletin offers detailed information about important coding changes that hospitals in the UniCare network will need to use when submitting Present on Admission (POA) claims. These changes are effective starting on July 1, 2012 and are in accordance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). These changes also comply with HIPAA Implementation Guide Interpretation Requests for 837 institutional claims.

Scope of POA and PPC Claims Changes

Beginning on July 1, 2012, providers are now required to report provider-preventable conditions (PPCs) with POA claims. The new federal regulations prevent Medicaid programs from paying providers for the treatment of PPCs. The ACA directed the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to enforce this regulation. Accordingly, the following is a list of preventable conditions where payment will be prohibited as of July 1, 2012:

- Foreign Object Retained After Surgery
- Air Embolism
- Blood Incompatibility
- Stage III and IV Pressure Ulcers
- Falls and Trauma
  - Fractures
  - Dislocations
  - Intracranial Injuries
  - Crushing Injuries
  - Burns
  - Electric Shock
- Manifestations of Poor Glycemic Control
  - Diabetic Ketoacidosis
  - Nonketotic Hyperosmolar Coma
  - Hypoglycemic Coma
  - Secondary Diabetes with Ketoacidosis
  - Secondary Diabetes with Hyperosmolarity
- Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)
• Vascular Catheter-Associated Infection
• Surgical Site Infection Following:
  o Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG)—Mediastinitis
  o Bariatric Surgery
    ▪ Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass
    ▪ Gastroenterostomy
    ▪ Laparoscopic Gastric Restrictive Surgery
  o Orthopedic Procedures
    ▪ Spine
    ▪ Neck
    ▪ Shoulder
    ▪ Elbow
• Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)/ Pulmonary Embolism (PE). Not included for Medicaid for pediatric and obstetric populations.
  o Total Knee Replacement
  o Hip Replacement

The new regulations also prevent Medicaid programs from paying for the following events:
• Surgery on the wrong patient
• Wrong surgery on a patient
• Wrong site surgery

**Table of Indicator Codes for PPC Forms**

This table includes the Indicator Codes to be used on the PPC form. Using the codes correctly ensures that you are reimbursed as appropriate.

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<tr>
<th>Indicator</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Reimbursable</th>
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<tr>
<td>Y</td>
<td>The condition was present on admission.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>N</td>
<td>The condition was not present on admission.</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>W</td>
<td>The provider determined that it was not possible to document if the condition was present on admission.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>U</td>
<td>The documentation was insufficient to determine if the condition was present on admission.</td>
<td>No</td>
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Indicator Code Usage and Examples

Indicator code usage is different for electronic and paper claims:

For electronic claims, the PPC indicator codes follow the diagnosis code in the appropriate 837i 2300 HI segment. They must be within 2300 HI01-09 through HI12-09 in accordance with the number of diagnosis codes billed.

Examples of diagnosis codes with PPC data:

HI*BK:5770::::::Y~
HI*BJ:78906~
HI*BF:3051::::::Y*BF:4019::::::Y*BF:3384::::::Y*BF:77210::::::Y*BF:V5869~

For paper claims, the PPC Indicator Code is the eighth digit of Field Locator (FL) 67, Principal Diagnosis and Secondary Diagnosis fields, FL 67 A-Q. If the diagnosis is exempt from PPC reporting, leave this field blank.

Additional Resources

To view additional information on provider-preventable conditions:

- Enter Medicaid.gov into the URL of your search engine.
- Under Medicaid select By Topic from the menu.
- Select Financing & Reimbursement from the menu on the left of the screen.

If you have any questions about POA and PPC reporting, please contact the EDI Solutions Helpdesk at:

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