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December 4, 2023 – SAVE THE DATE: CMS to Host Medicare Secondary Payer and Certain Civil Money Penalties Informational Webinars in January 2024

CMS will be hosting webinars for both Group Health Plan (GHP) and Non-Group Health Plan (NGHP) Responsible Reporting Entities (RREs) in January. The webinars will cover information regarding the Certain Civil Money Penalties Final Rule and allow RREs to ask questions directly of CMS.

The scheduled dates for the webinars are:
GHP – Wednesday January 17th at 1:00 PM EST
NGHP – Thursday January 18th at 1:00 PM EST

RREs are encouraged to submit questions in advance of the webinars to the dedicated resource mailbox at Sec111CMP@cms.hhs.gov. Although an individualized response will not be received, CMS will utilize these emails to guide the webinar presentations and future outreach materials. Full detail regarding the webinars, including log-in information, will be posted in the coming weeks.

November 2, 2023 – New Alert titled *Medicare Secondary Payer and Certain Civil Money Penalties: Frequently Asked Questions* Now Available

A new alert titled *Medicare Secondary Payer and Certain Civil Money Penalties: Frequently Asked Questions* is now available in the Download section of the Mandatory Insurer Reporting for Group Health Plans What's New page.

October 10, 2023 – New Alert on Medicare Secondary Payer and Certain Civil Money Penalties Notice of Final Rule is Now Available

A new Alert titled *Medicare Secondary Payer and Certain Civil Money Penalties: Notice of Final Rule* is now available in the Download section of the GHP Alerts page.

October 2, 2023 – Updated MMSEA Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) User Guide Now Available

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide version 6.9 has been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1 for a summary of updates.

July 19, 2023 – New Top 10 Section 111 Group Health Plan Reporting Errors Chart Now Available

A new chart titled *Top 10 Section 111 Group Health Plan Reporting Errors January 1 – June 30, 2023*, is now available in the Download section below. Descriptions of these and all reporting errors are available for review in the GHP User Guide.

July 3, 2023 – Updated MMSEA 111 - 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and

Response Companion Guide for Mandatory Reporting GHP Entities Now Available
An updated MMSEA 111 - 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response Companion Guide for Mandatory Reporting GHP Entities version 5.6 is now available in the

Download section of the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1 for a summary of changes.

April 24, 2023 – Updated MMSEA Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) User Guide Now Available

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide version 6.8 has been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1 for a summary of updates.

April 11, 2023 - Section 111 Group Health Plan Reporting Webinar Presentation Now Available

The presentation from the March 29th Section 111 Group Health Plan Reporting webinar is now available in the Download section below.

March 6, 2023 – CMS to Host Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting Webinar

CMS will be hosting Section 111 GHP Reporting webinar on March 29, 2023. Complete webinar information is available in the Downloads section below.

February 16, 2023 – Top 10 Section 111 Group Health Plan Reporting Errors Chart Now Available

A new chart titled Top 10 Section 111 Group Health Plan Reporting Errors, covering the period of July 1 – December 31, 2022, is now available in the Download section below. Descriptions of these and all reporting errors are available for review in the GHP User Guide.

January 9, 2023 – Updated MMSEA Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) User Guide Now Available

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide version 6.7 has been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1 for a summary of updates.

November 4, 2022 – New Alert titled Reminder to Group Health Plan (GHP) Responsible Reporting Entities (RRE) Regarding Correction of SPT0 Errors Now Available.

A new Alert titled Reminder to Group Health Plan (GHP) Responsible Reporting Entities (RRE) Regarding Correction of SPT0 Errors, is now available on the GHP Alerts page.

November 4, 2022 – Implementation of Part D Reporting Hierarchy for Section 111 Mandatory Insurer Reporting for Group Health Plans (GHP)

Recently there has been an increase in overlapping reporting of prescription drug records by various entities as part of the Section 111 mandatory Group Health Plan (GHP) reporting process. To reduce the risk of potentially conflicting information, reporting hierarchy business rules will be implemented for prescription drug records. These will be similar to those governing MSP occurrences and will be applied to all Medicare Part D primary as well as supplemental prescription drug record transactions, effective April 2023.

Full details regarding the hierarchy implementation can be found in the following sections of Version 6.6 of the GHP User Guide. Please see:

Section 9.10 Prescription Drug Hierarchy Requirements

October 3, 2022 – Updated MMSEA Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) User Guide Now Available

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide version 6.6 has been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1 for a summary of updates.

April 4, 2022 – Updated MMSEA Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) User Guide Now Available

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide version 6.5 has been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1 for a summary of updates.

January 10, 2022 – Updated MMSEA Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) and 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response User Guides Now Available

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide version 6.4 and 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response Companion Guide version 5.5 have been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1 for a summary of updates.

November 23, 2021 – Reminder Regarding Inclusion of Part D information in Section 111 Query Only Response File for Responsible Reporting Entities (RREs) that Provide Primary Prescription Drug Information.

This is a reminder to Group Health Plan (GHP) RREs of changes being made to the Query Only Response File, effective December 13, 2021, to provide current Part D enrollment information for a beneficiary if the RRE's profile indicates that it provides network primary prescription drug coverage via Section 111 reporting.

Full details on these changes can be found in the Technical Alert (PDF) issued June 28, 2021 and in the current version (v 6.3) of the GHP User Guide.

October 4, 2021 – Updated MMSEA Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) User Guide Now Available

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide version 6.3 has been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1 for a summary of updates.

September 27, 2021 – Section 111 Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Records Will Accept Future Effective Date

Effective October 4, 2021, Section 111 MSP record submissions will accept effective dates up to three months in the future for Group Health Plan (GHP) claims. Because Medicare entitlement records may have effective dates up to three months in the future, CMS is updating the COB&R systems to accept these future MSP effective dates.

When a S111 GHP record is submitted and the Medicare Beneficiary's entitlement is in the future (up to 3 months) and there are no errors, the system will now create an MSP record with a future MSP Effective Date. For S111 GHP records, a future MSP Effective Date (up to 3 months) will be

accepted for beneficiaries with both current and future entitlement start dates (i.e., for prospective enrollments).

For example, if a Responsible Reporting Entity submits an MSP record on 10/05/2021 and the beneficiary's Medicare entitlement date is 01/01/2022, the Benefits Coordination and Recovery Center (BCRC) will now accept the Medicare entitlement date of 01/01/2022 as the MSP effective date.

June 28, 2021 – Updated MMSEA Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) User Guide and GHP 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response Companion Guides Now Available

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide version 6.2 as well as the updated GHP 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response Companion Guide version 5.4 have been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1 for a summary of updates.

June 28, 2021

A new technical alert titled Inclusion of Part D information in Section 111 Query Only Response File for Responsible Reporting Entities (RREs) that provide primary prescription drug information has been posted to the GHP Alerts page.

April 13, 2021

A new alert titled Reminder Regarding who is the Responsible Reporting Entity (RRE) When Reporting Primary Prescription Drug Coverage Information is now available in the Downloads section of the GHP Alerts page.

April 7, 2021 – Updated MMSEA Section 111 Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI), Social Security Number (SSN) Collection Group Health Plan (GHP) Model Language Now Available.

The GHP Model language for the collection of MBI and SSN under MMSEA Section 111 has been updated to not be specific for Medicare Parts A/B coverage and is available in the Download section of the Mandatory Insurer Reporting for Group Health Plans page.

April 5, 2021 – Updated MMSEA Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) User Guide Now Available

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide version 6.1 has been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1 for a summary of updates.

December 8, 2020 – Updated MMSEA Section 111 Group Health Plan User Guide Now Available

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide version 6.0 has been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1-1 for a summary of updates.

November 12, 2020

A new technical alert titled Field Requirement Changes for Prescription Drug Reporting Fields on the MSP and Non-MSP Input File is now available in the Downloads section of the GHP Alerts page.

October 27, 2020

A new Alert titled Reminder Regarding Reporting of Insurer and Third-Party Administrator (TPA) Addresses on the TIN Reference File has been added to the Download section of the GHP Alerts page.

October 5, 2020 – Updated MMSEA Section 111 Group Health Plan User Guide Now Available

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide version 5.8 has been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1-1 for a summary of updates.

May 5, 2020 – SUPPORT Act Group Health Plan (GHP) Town Hall Presentation Now Available

The presentation from the May 7, 2020 SUPPORT Act GHP Town Hall is now available in the Download section below.

April 15, 2020 – CMS to Host Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act Group Health Plan (GHP) Town Hall

CMS will be hosting a SUPPORT Act GHP Town Hall on May 7, 2020. Complete Town Hall information is available in the Downloads section below.

April 3, 2020

A New Alert titled Reminder Regarding Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting Change for Prescription Drug Coverage Information under the Substance Use-Disorder that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act is available in the Download section of the GHP Alerts page.

October 1, 2019 – Third SUPPORT Act Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting Changes Webinar is Now Available

The September 25, 2019 Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act, Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting Changes Webinar #3 presentation is now available in the Downloads section below.

September 4, 2019 – CMS to Host Third Webinar Regarding Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting for the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act

CMS will be hosting a third webinar on September 25, 2019 to continue to discuss the impact of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act on Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act (MMSEA) Section 111 reporting for GHP Responsible Reporting Entities (RREs). The intention of this webinar is to present important reminders regarding the upcoming GHP reporting changes as a result of the SUPPORT Act. Complete webinar information is available in the Downloads section below.

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June 26, 2019 – SUPPORT Act Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting Changes Second Webinar is Now Available

The June 20, 2019 Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act, Section 111 Group Health Plan

(GHP) Reporting Changes Webinar #2 presentation is now available in the Downloads section below.

June 12, 2019 – Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting for Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act, Frequently Asked Questions and Answers Now Available

A new document titled Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting for Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act – Frequently Asked Questions and Answers is now available in the Downloads section below.

May 30, 2019 – CMS to Host Second Webinar Regarding Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting for the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act

CMS will be hosting a second webinar on June 20, 2019 to continue to discuss the impact of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act on Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act (MMSEA) Section 111 reporting for GHP Responsible Reporting Entities (RREs). The intention of this webinar is to further clarify who should report as an RRE and provide additional information on how to appropriately submit primary prescription drug coverage information. Complete webinar information is available in the Downloads section below.

April 24, 2019 – SUPPORT Act Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting Changes Webinar is Now Available

The April 18, 2019 Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act, Section 111 Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting Changes Webinar presentations is now available in the Downloads section below.

March 27, 2019

An Alert titled Technical Alert: Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting Change for Prescription Drug Coverage Information under the Substance Use-Disorder that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act has been posted to the Downloads section of the GHP Alerts page.

March 26, 2019 – Group Health Plan (GHP) Reporting for Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act Webinar

CMS will be hosting a webinar on April 18, 2019 to discuss the impact of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act on Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act (MMSEA) Section 111 reporting for GHP Responsible Reporting Entities (RREs). Under Section 4002 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, GHP RREs will be required to report primary prescription drug coverage information effective January 2020. Complete webinar information is available in the announcement posted to the Downloads section below.

May 2, 2018

A technical alert titled GHP Reporting for Non-MSP Input File for Supplemental Drug Records has been posted to the Downloads section of the GHP Alerts page. An updated MMSEA Section 111 Medicare Secondary Payer Mandatory Reporting GHP User Guide has also been posted to the Downloads section of the GHP User Guide page. Please refer to Chapter 1 of the User Guide for a Summary of the changes.

December 15, 2017

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide dated December 15, 2017 has been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1-1 for a summary of Version 5.0 updates.

April 18, 2016 – The Updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide Version 4.9 is Now Available

The updated MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide dated April 18, 2016 has been posted to the GHP User Guide page. Refer to Chapter 1 for a summary of Version 4.9 updates.

May 26, 2015

A Technical Alert titled New Web Address for the Section 111 COBSW has been posted to the Downloads section of the GHP Alerts page.

February 5, 2014 – Implementation of the Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed the restructuring of the Coordination of Benefits (COB) and Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) recovery activities.

COB activities for both Group Health Plans and Non-Group Health Plans (that is, liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance and workers' compensation laws or plans) and Recovery activities for Non-Group Health Plans have been fully transitioned from the COB contractor and the Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor to the new Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC). Contact information for the BCRC is on the Contacts page of the COB&R Overview section.