



## **Processing Instructions to Update the Identification Code Qualifier Being Used in the NM108 Data Element at the 2100 Loop, NM1- Patient Name Segment in the 835 Guide**

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### **PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED**

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This MLN Matters Article is intended for physicians, providers and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### **PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED**

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Change Request (CR) 10565 provides instructions to the MACs to update the Identification Code Qualifier in Data Element NM108 currently being used in the 2100 Loop, NM1- Patient Name Segment of the 835 guide. This will synchronize the usage of the same qualifier as used/submitted on the claim. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these instructions.

### **BACKGROUND**

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With the removal of the Social Security Number (SSN)-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) from Medicare cards and in an effort to synchronize the usage of the same Identification Code Qualifier in the Health Care Claim Payment/Advice (835) and the Professional and Institutional (837) Health Care Claim as required by the 835 guide, CR10565 modifies the Identification Code Qualifier being used in the 835 Electronic Remit from HN to MI.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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The official instruction, CR10565, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R2063OTN.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/>

## DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date of Change	Description
April 27, 2018	Initial article released.

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