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SUBJECT: Suppression of G9678 (Oncology Care Model Monthly Enhanced Oncology Services) Claims OCM Beneficiary Medicare Summary Notice

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This Change Request (CR) suppresses all G9678 (Oncology Care Model Monthly Enhanced Oncology Services) claims from the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN). This includes the billing code, HCPCS service description, claim lines, and all other content elements related to all G9678 codes. G9678 is a model-specific demonstration code that has no beneficiary cost-sharing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 2, 2017

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Demonstrations

Attachment - Demonstrations

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is for the MCS Shared System Maintainer (SSM) to implement system edits to suppress all G9678 claims from the Medicare Summary Notices (MSN). This includes the billing code, HCPCS service description, claim lines, and all other content elements related to all G9678 codes. G9678 is a model-specific demonstration code that has no beneficiary cost-sharing.

G9678 (Monthly Enhanced Oncology Services) was created specifically for the Oncology Care Model (OCM) and may only be billed by OCM practitioners for beneficiaries participating in the model. G9678 is a per-beneficiary-per-month payment that covers oncology care management services required of practices participating in OCM. Practices bill for G9678 services for all Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) beneficiaries whose care they manage through the model. Practices must provide OCM beneficiaries with a Beneficiary Notification Letter, which notifies them of their participation in OCM and the services provided through the model. At their discretion, practices may also provide beneficiaries with a letter from CMS that includes additional information regarding G9678 payments. OCM beneficiaries are made aware that Medicare reimburses practices for G9678 services, but beneficiaries are never responsible for any portion of G9678 payments.

OCM is an episode-based, total cost of care model for Medicare FFS beneficiaries undergoing chemotherapy treatment. Physician group practices that participate in the model are responsible for managing care for attributed OCM beneficiaries during six-month episode periods. Practices are held accountable for the total cost of care (Medicare Parts A, B, and D expenditures) for beneficiaries during episodes. All G9678 claims are included in episode expenditures.

B. Policy: This CR implements system edits to suppress all G9678 claims from the Medicare Summary Notices (MSN). This includes the billing code, HCPCS service description, claim lines, and all other content elements related to all G9678 codes. This policy change is intended to minimize confusion for OCM beneficiaries by suppressing model-specific claims payment information for which there is no beneficiary liability. Practices participating in OCM provide OCM beneficiaries with the OCM Beneficiary Notification Letter, which informs beneficiaries about their participation in the model and instructs them to contact CMS with any questions or concerns.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility			
		A/B MAC	D M E	Shared- System Maintainers	Other

		A	B	H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
10054.1	The Shared System shall suppress all G9678 claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2017 from the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN).						X			
10054.1.1	The Shared System shall suppress all G9678 claims, regardless of claim status (i.e. denied claims shall also be suppressed). No exclusions apply.						X			
10054.1.2	The Shared System shall suppress names, dates, and contact information for providers that billed G9678 claims in cases where G9678 was the only code on the MSN billed by the provider.						X			
10054.2	The Shared System shall not issue an MSN in cases where G9678 claims are the only claims on the MSN.						X			
10054.3	A/B MACs Part B shall test the MSN suppression logic.		X							

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
	None					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
	N/A

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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