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SUBJECT: New Non-Physician Specialty Code for Complimentary Insurer

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Complimentary Insurers shall self-designate their Medicare specialty on the Medicare enrollment application (CMS Complimentary Insurer Registration Form) or the use of Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System when they register in the Medicare program. CIs are assigned a Medicare specialty code when they register. The specialty code becomes associated with the claims submitted by that health plan. Specialty codes are used by CMS for programmatic and claims processing purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 7, 2013

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

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
R	6/400.5/Non-Physician Practitioner/Supplier Specialty Codes
R	6/420/Exhibit

III. FUNDING:

For Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and/or Carriers:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractors activities are to be carried out with their operating budgets.

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC statement of Work. The contractor is not obliged to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Business Requirements

Manual Instruction

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Attachment - Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The process by which the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) accepts and processes claims submitted by entities that provide coverage complementary to Medicare Part B is called the indirect payment procedure (IPP). If an entity (1) meets all of the requirements of the regulation at 42 CFR § 424.66, (2) and submits claims in accordance with required Medicare claims specifications, then Medicare may pay that IPP entity for Part B items and services furnished to a Medicare beneficiary by a physician or other supplier.

B. Policy: Registered IPP entities shall self-designate their Medicare specialty on the Medicare enrollment application (Registration For Eligible Entities That Provide Health Insurance Coverage Complementary To Medicare Part B – CMS 855C) or the use of Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) when they register in the Medicare program. IPP entities are assigned a Medicare specialty code when they register. The specialty code becomes associated with the claims submitted by that health plan. Specialty codes are used by CMS for programmatic and claims processing purposes.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Use "Shall" to denote a mandatory requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility										
		A/B MAC		D M E	F I	C A R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		P a r t A	P a r t B					F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
8282-06.1	Contractors shall include Non-Physician Specialty Code C2 - Complimentary Insurer with their submission of CROWD Form F (Participating Physician/Supplier Report), in accordance with Publication 100-06, Chapter 6.		X			X			X			

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility					
		A/B MAC	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H H I	Other
		P a r t A	P a r t B	M A C			
8282-06.2	MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.		X			X	

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

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) or Contractor Manager, as applicable.

VI. FUNDING

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400.5 - Non-Physician Practitioner/Supplier Specialty Codes

(Rev. 219, Issued: 05-03-13, Effective: 10-01-13, Implementation: 10- 07-13)

The following list of codes and narrative describe the kind of medicine non-physician practitioners or other healthcare providers/suppliers practice.

Code	Non-Physician Practitioner/Supplier Specialty Codes
15	Speech Language Pathologist in Private Practice
31	Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation (ICR)
32	Anesthesiologist Assistant
42	Certified Nurse Midwife (effective July 1, 1988)
43	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
45	Mammography Screening Center
47	Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF)
49	Ambulatory Surgical Center
50	Nurse Practitioner
59	Ambulance Service Supplier, e.g., private ambulance companies, funeral homes
60	Public Health or Welfare Agencies (Federal, State, and local)
61	Voluntary Health or Charitable Agencies (e.g., National Cancer Society, National Heart Association, Catholic Charities)
62	Clinical Psychologist (Billing Independently)
63	Portable X-Ray Supplier (Billing Independently)
64	Audiologist (Billing Independently)
65	Physical Therapist in Private Practice
67	Occupational Therapist in Private Practice
68	Clinical Psychologist
69	Clinical Laboratory (Billing Independently)
71	Registered Dietician/Nutrition Professional
73	Mass Immunization Roster Billers (Mass Immunizers have to roster bill assigned claims and can only bill for immunizations)
74	Radiation Therapy Centers
75	Slide Preparation Facilities
80	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
88	Unknown Supplier/Provider
89	Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
95	Unknown Supplier
97	Physician Assistant
C1	Centralized Flu
<i>C2</i>	<i>Complimentary Insurer</i>

NOTE: Specialty Code Use for Service in an Independent Laboratory: For services performed in an independent laboratory, show the specialty code of the physician ordering the x-rays and requesting payment. If the independent laboratory requests payment, use supplier code "69".

Exhibit 1 - Participating Physician/Supplier Report - Screen 9

**PARTICIPATING PHYSICIAN/SUPPLIER REPORT
SPECIALTY CODES**

Total Physicians - The contractor enters in the appropriate column the total of all specialty codes applicable to physicians.

Total LLPs - The contractor enters in the appropriate column the total of all specialty codes applicable to limited license physicians.

Total NPPs - The contractor enters in the appropriate column the total of all specialty codes applicable to non-physician practitioners.

Total Physicians/LLPs/NPPs - The contractor enters in the appropriate column the sum of all physicians, LLPs and NPPs.

Total Suppliers - The contractor enters in the appropriate column the total of all specialty codes applicable to suppliers.

SPECIALTY CODE/GROUP	Participants			Non-Participants		Par Drop-Out Current (6)	Non-Par Sign-Up Current (7)	Par Disenrolls (8)
	Prior (1)	Current (2)	Contin. (3)	Prior (4)	Current (5)			
TOTALs								
PHYS*								
LLPs*								
NPPs*								
PHYS/LLPS/NPPs*								
SUPs*								

* These lines do not represent specific specialty codes. They are the totals of the specialty sub-groups.