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News Flash – All providers and suppliers who enrolled in the Medicare program prior to March 25, 2011, will have their enrollment revalidated under new risk screening criteria required by the Affordable Care Act (Section 6401a). Do NOT send in revalidated enrollment forms until you are notified to do so by your Medicare Administrative Contractor. You will receive a notice to revalidate between now and March 2013. For more information about provider revalidation, review MLN Matters® Special Edition Article SE1126, which can be found at http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1126.pdf on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

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Clarification to Chapter 26, Section 10.4 - Items 14-33 - Provider of Service or Supplier Information

Provider Types Affected

This article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare contractors (Carriers and Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7538 and clarifies the manual section specified in the article title to confirm that the changes implemented in CR6947 are applicable only to services payable under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and anesthesia services.

Specifically, CR7538 clarifies Chapter 26, Section 10.4 of the "Medicare Claims Processing Manual" to confirm that the changes implemented in CR6947 are applicable only to services payable under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and anesthesia services. Please make sure your billing staff is aware of these changes.

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Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7538, issued to your carrier and/or A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at

http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2284CP.pdf on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at

http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip on the CMS website.

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