
Program Memorandum Carriers

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SUBJECT: Oral Anti-Cancer Drugs

This Program Memorandum (PM) provides instructions for DMERCs and their shared system, VIPS, for processing oral anti-cancer drugs in version 4010A1 of the X12N 837 health care claim transaction. The addenda version (4010A1) removed the qualifier of "N4" National Drug Codes (NDC) from the SV101-1 data element and created a separate loop to report the NDC. The revision requires a HCPCS as the primary service and the NDC as a secondary service. Section 4460.2 of the Medicare Carriers Manual (MCM) was updated to state that oral anti-cancer codes need to be billed to the DMERC using the NDC. The DMERC billing software must be modified to build the necessary data elements to create a compliant 837 and report the NDC in the appropriate location in the 837 version 4010A1. The VIPS system must also be modified to process the NDC from the appropriate location in the 837.

The DMERC free billing software needs to be modified to support the submission of the oral anti-cancer drugs using the following values:

Loop 2400

SV101-1 (required) = ZZ
SV101-2 (required) = XXXXX

When the above values are present, the NDC is to be reported in loop 2410, LIN03. The unit price and metric quantity is to be reported in loop 2410, CTP03 and CTP04 respectively. DMERCs are to make the revised free billing software available to requesting providers no later than May 8, 2003. In the situation where both the HCPCS is reported (SV101-1 = "HC") and the NDC is reported (LIN03 is present) on the claim, process using the HCPCS. If the SV101-1 is "ZZ" (which means the NDC is reported for oral cancer drugs) process the claim using the NDC.

VIPS has created a problem log #241 to make the necessary system changes. These changes were included in the April release.

This information will also be included in the revised companion document that is currently under development.

The *effective date* and *implementation date* of this PM for DMERCs is May 9, 2003.

The *implementation date* of this PM for VIPS will be May 9, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after October 16, 2005.

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