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TO: All Medicare Advantage, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations Systems Staff

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SUBJECT: Encounter Data Front End System Updates - Combined Common Edits and Enhancements Module Updates

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to implement software improvements to the systems related to accepting and processing encounter data to support the Medicare Advantage (MA) program. The Encounter Data Front End System (EDFES) performs editing of the encounter data record that focuses on the format and structure of the file as well as the validity of certain data elements. This memo describes new Combined Common Edits and Enhancements Module (CCEM) reject edits that are effective for submissions starting October 4, 2021.

EPSDT Condition Indicator Edits
Effective October 4, 2021, there will be new CCEM reject edits for Professional and DME encounters for the Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Condition Indicator. Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) services are federally mandated services intended to provide preventive health care to children and young adults (under the age of 21) at periodic intervals which are based on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If the EPSDT Referral Certification Condition Indicator field CRC02 = Y (Yes), then the Condition Indicator CRC03, CRC04 and CRC05 must not = NU (Not Used). The valid values include AV (Available – Not Used, Patient Refused Referral), S2 (Under Treatment), and ST (New Services requested). Please see the entry below from the CMS CEM 837 Professional edit spreadsheet, which will be published after October 4, 2021 at:
https://www.csscoperations.com/internet/csscw3.nsf/DID/54CKABNKVQ.

837P Edit Reference	Segment or Element	TA1/ 999/ 277CA	Accept /Reject	Disposition/Error Code	Edits
X222.223.2300.CRC03.025	CRC03	277CA	R	CSCC A7: "Acknowledgement /Rejected for Invalid Information…" CSC 527: "Certification Condition Indicator"	If 2300.CRC02 is "Y", 2300.CRC03 must not be "NU."

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X222.223.2300.CRC04.020	CRC04	277CA	R	CSCC A7: "Acknowledgement /Rejected for Invalid Information…" CSC 527: "Certification Condition Indicator"	2300.CRC04 must not be "NU."
X222.223.2300.CRC05.020	CRC05	277CA	R	CSCC A7: "Acknowledgement /Rejected for Invalid Information…" CSC 527: "Certification Condition Indicator"	2300.CRC05 must not be "NU."

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