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**CLAIMS RELATED INFORMATION**

Hospital claims are to be billed using the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) 837I or most current UB-04 claim form.

This section provides specific billing information for the services outlined below.

**Provider Preventable Conditions**

Louisiana Medicaid is mandated to meet the requirements of 42 CFR Part 447, Subpart A, and sections 1902(a)(4), 1902(a)(6), and 1903 of the Social Security Act with respect to non-payment for Provider Preventable Conditions (PPCs). The guidance below applies to the Legacy Medicaid/Fee-For-Service delivery model. Managed care organizations are required to implement their own procedures for non-payment for the same events when applicable to their enrollees. Providers should contact the plans to obtain additional information.

Provider Preventable Conditions are defined into two separate categories:

- Healthcare Acquired Conditions (HCACs); and
- Other Provider Preventable Conditions (OPPCs).

Healthcare Acquired Conditions include Hospital Acquired Conditions (HACs) as outlined below. Other Provider Preventable Conditions refer to OPPCs (surgery on a wrong body part, wrong surgery on a patient, surgery on a wrong patient).

No reduction in payment for a PPC will be imposed on a provider when the condition defined as a PPC for a particular patient existed prior to the initiation of treatment for the patient by that provider.

Reductions in provider payment may be limited to the extent that the following apply:

- The identified provider preventable conditions would otherwise result in an increase in payment.
- The State can reasonably isolate for nonpayment the portion of the payment directly related to treatment for, and related to, the provider preventable conditions.

Non-payment of provider preventable conditions shall not prevent access to services for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Please see the link below for the current listing of Hospital Acquired Conditions (HACs) and associated diagnoses:

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[https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalAcqCond/icd10\\_hacs.html](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalAcqCond/icd10_hacs.html)

**NOTE:** Louisiana Medicaid considers HACs as identified by Medicare, other than deep vein thrombosis (DVT)/pulmonary embolism (PE) following total knee replacement or hip replacement surgery in pediatric and obstetric patients.

It will be the responsibility of the hospital to determine if the HCAC was the cause for any additional days added to the length of stay.

If there are any days that are attributable to the HCAC, these days are to be reported on the UB-04 as non-covered days utilizing the bill type of 110.

Medicaid will require the Present-on-Admission (POA) indicators as listed below with all reported diagnosis codes. Present on admission is defined as present at the time the order for inpatient admission occurs. Conditions that develop during an outpatient encounter, including emergency department, observation or outpatient surgery, are considered as present on admission.

**Present on Admission Reporting Options**

<u>Code</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Y	Present at the time of inpatient admission
N	Not present at the time of inpatient admission
U	Documentation is insufficient to determine if condition is present on admission
W	Provider is unable to clinically determine whether condition was present on admission or not

**NOTE:** All claims with a POA indicator with a healthcare-acquired condition code will be denied payment.

Please see the link below for the current listing of diagnoses that are exempt from Present on Admission reporting requirements:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalAcqCond/Coding.html>

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**Other Provider Preventable Conditions (OPPC's)**

Louisiana Medicaid also will not reimburse providers for other provider preventable conditions in any setting as follows:

- Wrong surgical or other invasive procedure performed on a patient;
- Surgical or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong body part; or
- Surgical or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong patient

If there are any days that are attributable to the OPPC, these days are to be reported on the UB-04 as non-covered days utilizing the bill type of 110.

When a provider encounters a provider preventable condition listed above, they should use the appropriate ICD-10-CM diagnosis code reported in diagnosis position 2-9.

- Y65.51-Performance of wrong operation (procedure) on correct patient (existing code)
- Y65.52-Performance of operation (procedure) on patient not scheduled for surgery
- Y65.53-Performance of correct operation (procedure) on wrong side/body part

**Note:** The above codes shall not be reported in the External Cause of Injury field.

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Providers are required to append one of the following applicable HCPCS modifiers to all lines related to the erroneous surgery(s)/procedure(s):

- PA: Surgery Wrong Body Part;
- PB: Surgery Wrong Patient; or
- PC: Wrong Surgery on Patient

In summary, it is the responsibility of the provider to identify and report (through the UB-04) any PPC and not seek payment from Medicaid for any additional expenses incurred as a result of the

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PPC. Provider payments may be disallowed or reduced based on a post-payment review of the medical record.

**Blood**

The Medicaid Program will pay for all necessary blood while the recipient is hospitalized if other provisions to obtain blood cannot be made. However, every effort must be made to have the blood replaced. To bill for blood on the UB-04 form locator blocks 39 through 41 must be completed, and the total number of units billed must be entered in the Description of Services block.

**Hospital-Based Ambulance Services**

If a recipient is transported to a hospital that owns the hospital-based ambulance (ground or air) and is admitted, the ambulance charges must be billed on the UB-04 as part of the inpatient services using revenue code 540.

**Mother/Newborn**

Mother and newborn claims must be billed separately. The claim is to include only the mother's room/board and ancillary charges.

When a newborn remains hospitalized after the mother's discharge, the claim must be split billed. The first billing of the newborn claim should be for charges incurred on the dates that the mother was hospitalized. The second billing should be for the days after the mother's discharge. The newborn assumes the mother's discharge date as his/her admit date and the hospital will be required to obtain pre-certification.

**Deliveries with Non-Payable Sterilizations**

Medicaid allows payment of an inpatient claim for a delivery/C-section when a non-payable sterilization is performed during the same hospital stay. When there is no valid sterilization form obtained, the procedure code for the sterilization and the diagnosis code associated with the sterilization should not be reported on the claim form, and charges related to the sterilization process should not be included on the claim form.

Providers will continue to receive their per diem for covered charges for these services. Claims for these services will not require any prior or post authorization and may be billed via Electronic Media Claims (EMC) or on paper.

**Split-Billing**

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Split-billing is permitted/required by the Medicaid Program in the following circumstances:

- Hospitals must split-bill claims at the hospital's fiscal year end;
- Hospitals must split-bill claims when the hospital changes ownership;
- Hospitals must split-bill claims if the charges exceed \$999,999.99; and
- Hospitals must split-bill claims with more than one revenue code that utilizes specialized per diem pricing (PICU, NICU, etc.).

Hospitals have discretion to split bill claims as warranted by other situations that may arise.

**Split-Billing Procedures**

Specific instructions for split-billing on the UB-04 claim form are provided below.

In the *Type of Bill* block (form locator 4), the hospital must enter code 112, 113, or 114 to indicate the specific type of facility, the bill classification, and the frequency for both the first part and the split-billing interim and any subsequent part of the split-billing interim.

In the *Patient Status* block (form locator 17), the hospital must enter a 30 to show that the recipient is "still a patient."

**NOTE:** When split-billing, the hospital should never code the first claim as a discharge.

In the *Remarks* section of the claim form, the hospital must write in the part of stay for which it is split-billing. For example, the hospital should write in "Split-billing for Part 1," if it is billing for Part 1.

Providers submitting a hospital claim which crosses the date for the fiscal year end, should complete the claim in two parts: (1) through the date of the fiscal year end and (2) for the first day of the new fiscal year.

**Claims Filing For Outpatient Rehabilitation Services**

All outpatient hospital claims for therapy must have a prior authorization (PA) number in form locator 63.

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When the revenue code listed at form locator 42 on the UB-04 is 420-424, 430-431, 434, 440-444 or 454, the correct procedure code corresponding to the revenue code must be entered in form locator 44, or the claim will be denied.

Durable medical equipment and medical supplies for the recipient must be prior authorized whether it is provided by the hospital or the DME provider.

**Billing for the Implantation of the Infusion Pump and Catheter**

Implantation of the infusion pump must be prior authorized. The surgeon who implants the pump shall submit a PA-01 Form to the Prior Authorization Unit (PAU) as part of the disciplinary team's packet. The surgeon must use his/her individual, rather than the group's provider number on the PA-01. The provider shall bill for the implantation of the intraspinal catheter by using the appropriate code.

These codes are to be billed on the CMS 1500 with the PA number included in item 23. Additionally, assistant surgeons, anesthesiologists and non-anesthesiologists-directed CRNA's may receive payment for appropriate codes associated with this surgery. All billers must include the PA number issued to the requesting physician in order to be reimbursed for the services.

**Billing for the Cost of the Infusion Pump**

The cost of the pump is a separate billable item. Hospitals will be reimbursed by Medicaid for their purchase of the infusion pump but must request PA for it by submitting a PA-01 to the PAU. The PA-01 should be submitted as part of the multidisciplinary team's packet. Hospitals will not be given a PA number for the pump until a PA request for the surgery has been received from the surgeon who will perform the procedure. If the surgeon's request is approved, the hospital will be given a PA number for the pump. To be reimbursed for the device the hospitals shall use HCPCS code E0783 (implantable programmable infusion pump) on a CMS 1500 claim form with the letters "DME" written in red across the top of the form.

When preparing to bill for any of these services remember these simple steps:

- When completing the PA-01 use the hospital facility number.
- When billing on the CMS-1500 include the hospital facility number in form locator #33.

**Billing For Replacement Pumps and Catheters**

Replacement pumps shall be billed on a CMS 1500 claim form with the letters "DME" in red across the top. A copy of the original authorization letter should be attached for either the pump or the catheter. Use the appropriate covered codes for replacement pumps and catheter.

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**The Crossover Claims Process**

Hospitals must submit claims for Medicare Part A (inpatient) and Medicare Part B (ancillary) charges to their Medicare intermediary for reimbursement. After Medicare makes payment, the claims will crossover to the Medicaid fiscal intermediary for payment of the co-insurance and deductible. Medicare and Medicaid recipient's claims must be filed to Medicare within one year from the date of service.

**Inpatient Part A Crossovers**

The Medicare payment will be compared to the number of days billed times the Medicaid inpatient per diem rate. If the Medicare payment is more than what the Medicaid payment would have been, Medicaid will approve the claim at "zero". If the Medicare payment is less, then Medicaid will pay on the Deductible and Coinsurance, up to what Medicaid would have paid as a Medicaid only claim not to exceed the coinsurance and deductible amounts. These claims will be indicated on the Remittance Advice as "Approved Claims", with an EOB of 996 ("deductible and or coinsurance reduced to max allowable"), and a reduced or zero payment. These are considered paid claims and may not be billed to the recipient.

**Medicare Part A and B Claims**

The hospital should bill the Medicare intermediary for the inpatient portion covered by Part A and the ancillaries covered by Part B. The Medicare intermediary will make payment and cross the claims over to the Medicaid fiscal intermediary for payment up to co-insurance and deductible amounts.

**Medicare Part A Only Claims**

If the recipient only has Medicare Part A coverage, then the hospital should submit an inpatient claim, including the ancillary charges, to its Medicare intermediary for reimbursement. The claim will cross over automatically to Medicaid for payment of the co-insurance and deductible amounts for the inpatient stay.

**Exhausted Medicare Part A Claims**

Occasionally Medicare/Medicaid recipients will exhaust not only their 90 days of inpatient care under Medicare Part A, but also their 60 lifetime reserve days. When this situation occurs, the hospital must submit a claim for the ancillary charges to its Medicare intermediary for reimbursement. Then the hospital must submit a paper claim with documentation of Medicare Part A being exhausted, e.g., a Notice of Medicare Claim Determination or the Medicare Part A EOB, and a copy of the Medicare Part B EOB to the Medicaid fiscal intermediary for processing.

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The following items must be completed for the claim to be paid:

- 121 must be entered in form locator 4 as the type of bill.
- The amount in the Total Charges column of the Medicare EOB (the dollar amount billed to Medicare Part B, not what has been paid by Part B) must be entered in form locator 54 as a third party payment.
- “Medicare Part A Benefits Exhausted” should be written in form locator 80.

The dates of service on the claim must match the dates of service on the Notice of Medicare Claim Determination or the Part A EOB to verify that Part A benefits have been exhausted. The exceptions to this rule are Medically Needy Spend-down claims where the effective date of Medicaid eligibility is after the date of admission and extended care claims from facilities designated as extended care hospitals by Medicaid.

**Medicare Part B Only Claims**

If the recipient only has Medicare Part B coverage, then the hospital should submit a claim for the ancillary charges to its Medicare intermediary for reimbursement. After Medicare has made its payment, the hospital should submit a claim for the inpatient charges (including ancillary charges), with the Medicare Part B EOB attached, to the Medicaid fiscal intermediary. The following items must be completed for the claim to be paid.

- 121 must be entered in form locator 4 as the type of bill.
- The amount in the Total Charges column of the Medicare EOB (the dollar amount billed to Medicare Part B, not what has been paid by Part B) must be entered in form locator 54.
- “Medicare Part B Only” must be written in form locator 80.

The Medicaid fiscal intermediary will process the claim for the allowable days and multiply the number of days by the hospital's per diem rate. The total Part B charges indicated in form locator 54 would then be deducted to calculate the payment for the claim.

**NOTE:** When filing for coinsurance and deductible on the ancillary charges, make sure that total charges filed to Part B equal total charges being filed on the UB04. A copy of the Medicare Part B EOB must be attached to the claim.