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#### HAVE YOU REPORTED YOUR LIABILITY INSURANCE, NO-FAULT INSURANCE, OR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE?

The first step in the Medicare Secondary Payer recovery process is reporting your case to the Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC). If you have not reported your case, please <u>click here</u> for COBC reporting instructions and contact information.



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Once you establish your case with the COBC, you will receive a "Rights and Responsibilities" (RAR) letter from the MSPRC. The MSPRC will then automatically generate a "Conditional Payment Letter" (CPL) within 65 days from the date on your RAR letter. You do **NOT** need to request the CPL separately.

#### **Get Your Conditional Payment Amount Sooner!**

You can now get your Conditional Payment amount even sooner on the Self-Service Information Line! When you call MSPRC and select the Self-Service option, you can automatically get Demand and Conditional Payment amounts as well as the dates those letters were issued without having to speak with a

Customer Service Representative. You will also be able to request updated Conditional Payment amounts and copies of Conditional Payment letters without ever having to speak to a customer service representative! When calling the Self-Service Information Line, all you will need is the Case ID, Medicare number, date of birth, and last name of the beneficiary. All of this information can be found on your **<u>Rights and Responsibilities</u>** <u>**Letter.**</u>

#### **Announcements**

## December 20, 2013 - Coordination of Benefits and Non-Group Health Plan Recovery Transition

# The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is completing its restructuring of the Coordination of Benefits (COB) and Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) recovery activities.

COB activities for both Group Health Plans and Non-Group Health Plans (that is, liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, and workers' compensation laws or plans) and Recovery activities for Non-Group Health Plans will be transitioned from the COB contractor and the Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor effective February 1, 2014. The new Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC) will assume these activities. As previously announced, this action will provide:

- Improved customer service for stakeholders
- Consolidated and streamlined data collection and recovery operations
- Value-added efficiencies and enhanced resource utilization

Please continue to visit this website regularly for updated information related to the transition activities.

## **Electronic Conditional Payment Letter for Beneficiaries**

A new feature has been added to the Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Portal (MSPRP). Beneficiaries are now able to generate an electronic Conditional Payment Letter (CPL) and to print or save it in .PDF format. The electronic CPL will display the current Conditional Payment Amount and associated case and claims information. For further details regarding this new feature, please refer to Chapter 1 of the MSPRP User Manual available under the Reference Material link on the Welcome page of the MSPRP. Enter the following URL to access the MSPRP, <u>https://www.cob.cms.hhs.gov/MSPRP/login</u>. Read and accept the Login Warning to view the MSPRP Welcome page.

## **Interest Calculation Estimator Tool Updated**

The Interest Calculation Estimator Tool found in the Attorney, Beneficiary and Insurer Tool Kits has been updated. Please remember, the Tool is to be used for informational purposes only, and may generate an estimate that differs slightly from the actual interest accrued.

## Website Consolidation Update

Information and resources found on MSPRC.info have been transferred to the Coordination of Benefits & Recovery section on the Medicare tab of the CMS.Gov Web Site. The new Coordination of Benefits & Recovery section contains all of the information that currently resides on MSPRC.info as well as information on many other related topics. Please visit the Coordination of Benefits & Recovery section of CMS.gov to see the new web pages. To access the Web Site, go to <u>www.cms.gov</u> and click on the Medicare tab near the top of the page. Once the Medicare page loads, scroll down to the Coordination of Benefits & Recovery section and select any of the links available.

To access the Group Health Plan Recovery Toolkit go to the Coordination of Benefits & Recovery Overview page at this URL: <u>http://go.cms.gov/cobro</u> and select the Group Health Plan Recovery tab on the left pane.

To access the Liability Insurance, No-Fault Insurance, and Workers' Compensation Recovery Toolkit go to the Coordination of Benefits & Recovery Overview page at this URL: <u>http://go.cms.gov/cobro</u> and select the Non-Group Health Plan Recovery tab on the left pane.

### Website Consolidation

The next step in the restructuring of Medicare's Coordination of Benefits (COB) and Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) recovery activities is the consolidation of all COB and MSP recovery information and resources into a single comprehensive website. Information and resources found on MSPRC.info will be transferred to the <u>CMS.gov</u> website. It is anticipated that the new consolidated website will be available on or about June 1, 2013. Please continue to monitor this website for further updates.



## **Commercial Repayment Center (CRC) Contact** Information

*Effective May 13, 2013, all Group Health Plan (GHP) recovery related refund checks, correspondence, and telephone inquiries should be directed to Medicare's Commercial Repayment Center (CRC).* 

#### By Mail:

Medicare Commercial Repayment Center PO BOX 93945 2400 Orange Ave. Cleveland, OH 44101-9003

#### By Telephone:

1-855-798-2627 (Toll Free) 1-855-797-2627 (TTY) By Fax: 1-216-781-5516

## **Group Health Plan Recovery Transition**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is restructuring its Coordination of Benefits (COB) and Medicare Secondary Payer recovery activities.

#### This action will provide:

- Improved customer service for stakeholders
- Consolidated and streamlined data collection and recovery operations
- · Value-added efficiencies and enhanced resource utilization

First CMS transitioned all Group Health Plan (GHP) recovery activity to a Commercial Repayment Center (CRC). The CRC assumed responsibility for GHP case work on May 13, 2013. The Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor continues to perform liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, and workers' compensation (Non-Group Health Plan) recovery case work. At a later date, CMS will transition all COB and Non-Group Health Plan recovery activities to a Business Process Operations Center.

## Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Portal (MSPRP) Enhancements

#### The following enhancements have been made to the MSPRP:

- Proof of Representation and Consent to Release examples and blank templates are available on the Authorization Documentation page
- The number of Account Designees permitted on a Corporate Account has been increased to 100
- New Reason Codes have been added to explain why an Authorization submitted via the MSPRP was determined to be invalid
- The Case Listing page has been revised to provide the ability for Account Designees and Account

Managers to filter, sort, and remove case information. Please refer to Chapter 11 of the User Manual.

- The requirements for uploading a file to the MSPRP have been clarified. You can find the specific requirements in Chapter 12 of the User Manual.
- The User Manual has been re-organized and in many places, rewritten, for clarity, ease of use, and understanding.

For further details regarding these enhancements, please refer to the MSPRP User Manual available under the Reference Materials link on the Welcome page of the MSPRP.

## The Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Portal is Live!

#### A new online Self-Service Tool to help manage your Medicare recovery case.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has implemented a new web-based tool designed to assist in the resolution of Liability Insurance, No-Fault Insurance, and Workers' Compensation Medicare recovery cases. *The new tool is called, The Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Portal (MSPRP).* 

The MSPRP gives users (attorneys, insurers, beneficiaries, and TPAs) the ability to access and update certain case specific information online. Activities that currently require written communication or telephone calls to the Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor will soon be able to be done through the portal.

The MSPRP will allow users the ability to electronically perform the following activities:

- Submit Proof of Representation or Consent to Release documentation Instead of mailing in an authorization, users will be able to upload authorizations through the portal.
- **Request conditional payment information** *Requesting an updated conditional payment amount or a copy of a current conditional payment letter will be as simple as clicking a few buttons.*
- **Dispute claims included in a conditional payment letter** Users will be able to view the claims listed on the conditional payment letter and dispute unrelated claims online.
- **Submit case settlement information** Users will be able to input settlement information online and upload a copy of the settlement documentation through the portal.

<u>Click here</u> to learn how to register and access the portal. All information on the new portal is located in the Tool Kits section above.

New Option to Self-Calculate Your Conditional Payment Amount

New Fixed Percentage Option For Medicare's Recovery Claim

**Beneficiary Alert: \$300 Threshold on Liability Settlements**