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SUBJECT: New CMS-1500 Paper Claim Form (effective April 1, 2014)

Dear PayDC Customer,

In preparation for ICD-10 later this year, the health care industry is in the process of transitioning to a revised version of the CMS-1500 paper claim form. This new form version (02/12) replaces the current claim form version (08/05), and must be used for all paper claims submitted on or after April 1, 2014. You can find the form version in the lower right corner of pre-printed claims forms.

The most notable differences in the new form version include: (1) the number of diagnosis fields increased to twelve; (2) the format of the diagnosis pointers changed from numeric to alpha; and (3) an indicator was added to differentiate ICD-9 and ICD-10 diagnosis codes. The Medicare Learning Network provides an overview and links to additional resources if you want to learn more about these changes:

<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM8509.pdf>.

During the week of March 17, PayDC will be releasing a new version of the software to support these changes. With the new release, you will be able to choose whether to print to either the old version (08/05) or the new version (02/12). This will allow offices to transition at their own pace and use up existing stock of the old form. Medicare and other payers will accept paper claims on both the old form version (08/05) and the new form version (02/12) until March 31, 2014.

Effective April 1, 2014, payers will no longer accept any paper claims on the old form and you will be required to submit all paper claims using the new form version (02/12). As of April 1, the software will only allow you to print to the new form version. If you have not already done so, we recommend that you order pre-printed stock of the new form version (02/12) to be available before April 1st.

Please note that this change does not affect claims that are submitted electronically, it affects only paper claims that you print directly from the application. Note also that, while all paper forms submitted on or after April 1 must be in the new format, many payers will not accommodate more than four diagnoses until ICD-10 is implemented on October 1, 2014. Accordingly, while PayDC software supports entry of as many diagnosis codes as appropriate, we do not recommend using diagnosis pointers on either paper or electronic claims for any diagnosis beyond the first four until payers begin accepting more than four diagnoses.

Sincerely,

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