



REMINDER

Medicare Part D Unique BIN/PCN

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Dear Pharmacy,

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has indicated that, effective January 1, 2012, a unique Medicare Part D BIN/PCN combination needs to be utilized in network pharmacy electronic claim transactions. This will help to ensure that:

1. Pharmacies can routinely identify situations in which they are billing a Part D claim.
2. Payers secondary to Part D can properly coordinate benefits on Part D claims.

What has changed on the Aetna Payer Sheet?

The payer sheet has been updated to indicate the correct BIN and PCN for Aetna's Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans (MAPD), Stand-alone Prescription Drug Plans (PDP), and Stand-alone Medicare Advantage (MA) plans. Aetna plans to use an enterprise-wide BIN with unique PCNs for the following:

- MA only plans PCN: PARTBAET
- PDP and MAPD plans PCN: MEDDAET

Will Aetna require the Medicare unique PCN prior to January 1, 2012?

While this change will be implemented as of January 1, 2012, and the new BIN/PCN combination will be accepted at that time, claims will not reject until April 1, 2012. This is per the latest CMS guidance, allowing a transition period. The Unique Medicare PCN will not be required on transactions until April 1, 2012. Pharmacies are encouraged to begin using the BIN/PCN combination after January 1, 2012.

Will Aetna reject claims that have been submitted with the Medicare Unique BIN/PCN prior to January 1, 2012?

No.

What message will be returned if a claim transaction is denied due to the transmission of a claim without the unique BIN/PCN?

Beginning April 1, 2012, any claim submitted with an incorrect PCN will reject with NCPDP reject code 04: Missing/Invalid Processor Control Number. Depending upon the plan the member is enrolled in, additional messaging may include:

- PDP and MAPD Plans: "Resubmit with Mdcr Part D PCN: MEDDAET"
- MA only plans: "Resubmit with Mdcr Part B PCN: PARTBAET"

NOTE: All Aetna Medicare members will receive 2012 identification cards that will include the BIN and PCN.

What will happen to non-Medicare claims submitted with the Medicare unique PCN?

Beginning April 1, 2012, for non-Medicare plans (i.e., Commercial Group plans), if the Medicare-unique PCN is submitted on the claim transaction, they will reject with NCPDP error code 04: Missing/Invalid Processor Control Number.

Questions?

If you have questions, please call the Aetna Pharmacy Management Provider HelpLine at 1-800-AETNA RX (1-800-238-6279). Customer service representatives are available to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.