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INSURANCE INFORMATION NOTICE 2010-1
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SECTION 111 of the MEDICARE, MEDICAID and SCHIP EXTENSION ACT of 2007

In order for Medicare to properly coordinate Medicare payments with other insurance and/or workers’ compensation benefits with the State under Section 111, all injury claims filed with the Office of Risk Management must include the injured parties’ full name, SSN, gender and date of birth.

Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (PL 110-173) amends the Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) provisions of the Social Security Act (Section 1862 (b) of the Social Security Act; 42. U.S.C. 1395 (b)) to provide for mandatory reporting of insurance coverage for group health plans, liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, and workers’ compensation. The new law has a reporting duty for carriers to report the identity of Medicare beneficiaries and coverage information to CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) for all those that are covered by plans like health insurance, or have active claims under workers’ compensation or liability plans. Additional information can be found at the CMS/OFM web site at www.cms.hhs.gov.

The new Mandatory Insurer Reporting Law (Section 111 of Public Law 110-173) requires group health plan insurers, third party administrators, and plan administrators or fiduciaries of self-insured/self administered group health plans to report, as directed by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, information that the Secretary requires for purposes of coordination of benefits. The law also imposes this same requirement on liability insurers (including self-insurers), no-fault insurers and workers’ compensation laws or plans. Two key elements that will be required to be reported are SSNs (or HICNs) and EINs (employer identifier).

Individuals who receive ongoing reimbursement for medical care through no-fault insurance or workers’ compensation or who receive a settlement, judgment or award from liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, or workers’ compensation will be asked to furnish their information concerning their SSN and/or HICN and whether or not they (or the injured party, if settlement, judgment or award is based upon an injury to someone else are Medicare beneficiaries.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (225) 219-0168.