

POINT OF ORIGIN FOR ADMISSION OR VISIT CODE CHANGES

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FROM: MSBCBS OFFICE OF PROVIDER CONTRACTING AND REIMBURSEMENT

SUBJECT: SOURCE OF ADMISSION/POINT OF ORIGIN CODING

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide billing guidance for coding changes related to Source of Admission Codes, now called Point of Origin for Admission or Visit Code changes effective with the April 11, 2008 MSBCBS system release.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Point of Origin Codes *E* and *F* and “Special Source of Admission” Codes 5 and 6 Will Be Accepted on Claims Submitted to MSBCBS and HHIC Effective April 11, 2008.

This message announces that MSBCBS and HHIC will begin to accept Point of Origin Codes E and F and Special Source of Admission newborn codes 4 and 5 effective with the corporate system upgrade of April 11, 2008. In addition, as of that date, MSBCBS and HHIC will begin to reject claims submitted with Point of Origin Codes 3 and A, and Special Source of Admission newborn codes 1, 2, 3, or 4.

- The National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) added Point of Origin codes E (transfer from Ambulatory surgery center) and F (transfer from hospice).

- **Code 3 (HMO referral) and Code A (Transfer from a Critical Access Hospital) have been discontinued.**

- **Newborn Codes - It should be noted that there are a special set of Source of Admission (Point of Origin) codes used for newborn when the Priority (Type of Visit (Type of Admission) is reported as a 4 - newborn. The NUBC agreed to simplify the newborn coding by eliminating codes 1 - 4 (Normal Delivery, Premature Delivery, Sick Baby, Extramural Birth respectively) and define 2 new codes. Code 5 will be born in hospital and Code 6 will be born outside the hospital.**

BILLING INSTRUCTIONS

Source of Admission/Point of Origin codes are to be billed on a UB-04 form in form locator 15.

ASSISTANCE

This Bulletin

Questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to the Office of Provider Relations, at **1-304-424-7795 or 1-800-798-7768**, or your External Provider Relations Representative.

Inquiries About Eligibility, Benefits, Claim Status or Authorizations

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