

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Part B Billing: Quiz: Test Your Duplicate Billing Knowledge

Avoid the need for appeals with this duplicate billing review.

Duplicate billing ranks amongst the top claims errors, creating problems system-wide that cripple the claims process. Oftentimes, providers do not realize that duplicate submissions have been sent to the MAC because they outsource their claims to a health care billing company, suggests Judy Brown, CPC, of NGS Medicare in an August 24, 2016 webinar.

Whether you are a provider, office manager, or coder, you need to understand the CMS minutiae surrounding duplicate billing in order to avoid an investigation. Here is a refresher quiz to see if you are up to speed.

Question 1:

What duplicate claims error message is most frequently associated with E/M services?

- A. N20
- B. M42
- C. M86
- D. N347

Question 2:

A patient comes into the office for tennis elbow and has an x-ray done. The radiologist sees something unusual in the x-ray and needs a second opinion. What modifier to you append to CPT® code 73070 (Radiologic examination, elbow; 2 views) for the second x-ray and other physician's interpretation?

- A. Modifier 59
- B. Modifier 77
- C. Modifier 76
- D. Modifier 25

Question 3:

About how many days does it take for your MAC to review your duplicate claims through the Medicare Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone system?

- A. 60 days
- B. 14 days
- C. 30 days
- D. 5 days

Question 4:

If a claim is denied because it is considered a duplicate bill, but the reason it was denied was for a minor error, you might consider a _____ of the claim.

- A. Resubmission
- B. Redetermination
- C. Reopening
- D. Revocation

Question 5:

What do MACs not look at when they compare claims for duplicate submissions?

- A. Place of service
- B. Procedure Code
- C. HIC number
- D. Specialty

Question 6:

If you don't hear back from your MAC on a duplicate claim, you should just keep resubmitting it until they respond.

- A. True
- B. False

Stay tuned. Be sure to read next week's issue to check your answers.