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Attending Provider Field on the Institutional Hospital Claim Format

Impacted Program(s): Medicaid

Time Period: 1/1/2022 - 3/31/2022

Details:

The MDHHS final policy (MSA 21-45), issued Dec. 1, 2021, notified providers that the MDHHS would implement edits that would preclude payment for services where the attending provider was a physician assistant, nurse practitioner or podiatrist, resulting in claims denials for dates of service beginning Jan. 1, 2022. The L-letter modifies policy to mitigate the denial of hospital claims associated with this edit as follows:

Outpatient services – The provider types allowed in the attending field prior to Jan. 1, 2022, will be permitted. Also, additional provider types can be reported in the attending physician field for outpatient hospitals.

Inpatient services – The provider types allowed in the attending field include physicians (MD/DO), dentists, certified nurse midwives and podiatrists.

A fix was identified, tested and moved to production to prevent any further claim denials. Internal teams are currently reviewing a full impact file to reprocess all impacted claims.