



MEDICARE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTOR,
PALMETTO GBA PRESENTS

REVIEW CHOICE DEMONSTRATION

(Formerly Pre-Claim Review)

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Palmetto & Review Choice Demonstration





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- This presentation is a general summary that explains certain aspects of the Medicare program, but is not a legal document. The official Medicare Program provisions are contained in the relevant laws, regulations, and rulings.

BACKGROUND

Pre-Claim Review (PCR):

- On April 1, 2017, CMS paused the PCR Demonstration for Home Health Services that began in 2016 while CMS considered a number of changes
- CMS revised the demonstration to incorporate more flexibility and choices for providers, as well as risk-based changes to reward providers who show compliance with Medicare home health policies

WHY RCD AND WHY THESE STATES?

- Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General Reports, Government Accountability Office Reports, and Medicare Payment Advisory Commission findings
- Extensive evidence of fraud and abuse in the Medicare
 Home Health program in the chosen states

- This Review Choice program is for home health services in the states of Illinois, Ohio, North Carolina, Florida and Texas
- During this 5-year intervention period, CMS will test the use of review options for home health services covered under Part A of the Medicare Fee-for-Service program

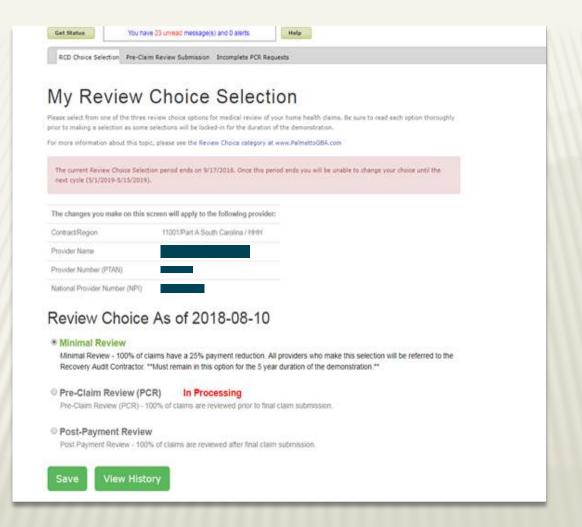
- The Demonstration furthers CMS's efforts to protect the Medicare Trust Funds from improper payments and to reduce Medicare appeals
- The demonstration would help make sure that payments for home health services are appropriate through either **pre-claim**, **prepayment** or **postpayment review**; thereby working towards the prevention and identification of potential fraud, waste, and abuse, the protection of Medicare Trust Funds from improper payments, and the reduction of Medicare appeals
- CMS expects that creating a review choice process will ensure that Medicare coverage and documentation requirements are likely met

- RCD does not create new documentation requirements
- Home Health Agencies (HHAs) will submit the same information they are currently required to maintain for payment
- Medicare Beneficiary eligibility and benefits remain the same with this demonstration

- Each home health 60-day benefit period episode of care will be reviewed under the review option chosen by the HHA
- Home health services for less than 60-days will still require review under the demonstration with the exception of a Low Utilization Payment Adjustment (LUPA)
- Each claim for a 60-day episode where the PCR option was chosen but a PCR request was not submitted, is subject to prepayment medical review and if payable, a 25% payment reduction

REVIEW CHOICE SELECTION METHOD

- You will make your selection through the eServices online provider portal: <u>www.palmettogba.com/eservices</u>
- You will be asked to select from one of the three initial review choice options for medical review of your home health claims
- Be sure to read each option thoroughly prior to making a selection as some review choice selections require you to remain in that choice for the duration of the 5 year demonstration



REVIEW CHOICE DEMONSTRATION

- Providers will choose their initial review choice selection prior to implementation in each state
- HHAs who do not actively choose one of the initial three review options will be automatically assigned to participate in the option for postpayment review of all their claims

SELECTION & IMPLEMENTATION DATES PER STATE

State	Choice Selection Dates	Implementation Date
Illinois	TBD	12/10/2018
Ohio	TBD	TBD
North Carolina	TBD	TBD
Texas	TBD	TBD
Florida	TBD	TBD

THREE INITIAL REVIEW CHOICE OPTIONS

Pre-Claim Review (PCR)

Postpayment Review of
ALL Claims

Payment Reduction on
ALL Payable Claims

THREE SUBSEQUENT REVIEW CHOICE OPTIONS

Pre-Claim Review	Selective Postpayment Review	Spot Check of 5% of Their Claims to Ensure Continued Compliance

THRESHOLD AND AFFIRMATION RATE

- If the HHA's full affirmation rate or claim approval rate is 90 percent or greater for a minimum of 10 claims or requests for the 6-month period, they may choose one of the subsequent review options:
 - Start or continue participating in PCR for another 6-month period
 - Selective postpayment review of a statistically valid random sample (SVRS) of claims every 6-months, for the remainder of the demonstration; or
 - No review, other than a spot check of 5% of their claims every 6months to ensure continued compliance

INITIAL REVIEW OPTION: PRE-CLAIM REVIEW

PCR PROCESS APPLIES TO TOBS:

- **327**
- **329**
- 32F
- 32G
- 32H
- 321

- **32**J
- 32K
- 32M
- 32P
- 32Q

PCR PROCESS APPLIES TO HCPCS CODES:

- G0151
- G0152
- G0153
- G0155
- G0156
- G0157

- G0158
- G0159
- G0160
- G0161
- G0162
- G0299

- G0300
- G0493
- G0494
- G0495
- G0496

REQUEST FOR ANTICIPATED PAYMENT (RAP)

- RAPs are NOT included in this demonstration
- No changes in the RAP submission process
- RAP can be submitted as usual
- No changes in the processing and payment of a RAP
- Note: The auto cancellation of a RAP when the final has not been submitted timely will also not change under the PCR process
 - Providers are given the greater of 120 days after the start of the episode or 60 days after the paid date of the RAP to submit the final claim

EPISODES OF CARE

- Under the PCR option, a request may be submitted for more than one 60-day episode for a beneficiary
- The PCR decision will indicate the number, if any, of provisionally affirmed episodes
- A provisional affirmative PCR decision, justified by the beneficiary's condition, may apply to some or all of the number of episodes requested
- For any additional episodes that are requested, a Plan of Care must be submitted with the request

EPISODES OF CARE

- Only one HHA is allowed to request PCR per beneficiary per episode of care
- In a situation where a patient is discharged and readmitted to the same HHA during the 60-day episode, a new PCR request is not needed unless a separate claim will be filed

SUBMITTING PCR REQUESTS TO PALMETTO GBA

eServices

- IMPORTANT: This is our preferred method of submission
- View the eServices User Manual for more information
- eService User Guide for the Decision Tree and Checklist

Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation (esMD)

Go to <u>www.cms.gov/esMD</u> for more information

Mail

- Palmetto GBA JM HH Pre-Claim Review
- PO Box 100131
- Columbia, SC 29202-3131

Fax

803-419-3263

PALMETTO GBA'S ESERVICES

- A free Internet-based, provider self-service secure application – www.palmettogba.com/eservices
 - It is the easiest way to submit a PCR request!
 - It is the surest way to know it has been received!
 - It is the fastest way to receive the decision!
 - 97% of PCR requests in the PCR demonstration were submitted using eServices

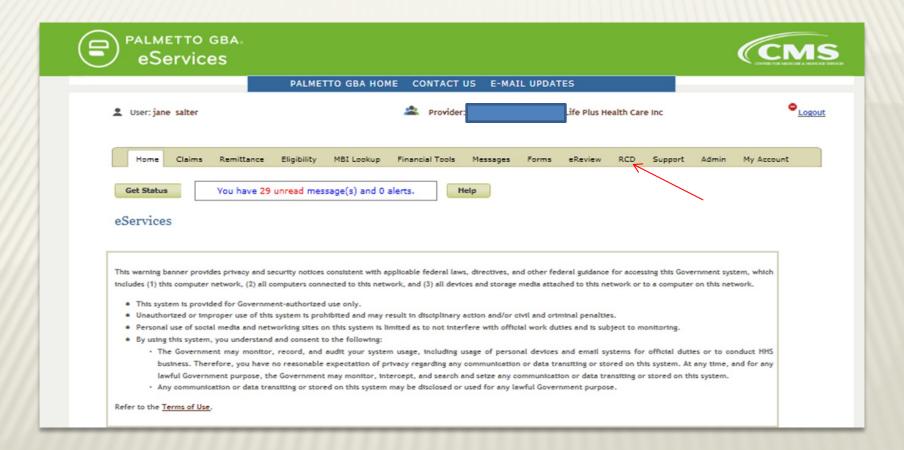
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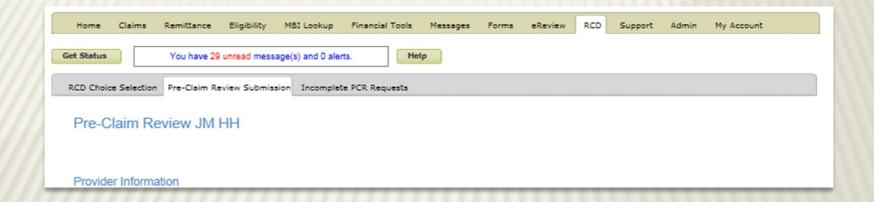
- HHAs complete an online submittal request, which prepopulates some provider information to help reduce errors and save time
- HHAs scan supporting documentation and attach it to the request (attachments must be in ".pdf" format)
- Once a request has been accepted into our system, the received date will be assigned and an additional user message will be generated with the Document Control Number (DCN) letting you know it is in process

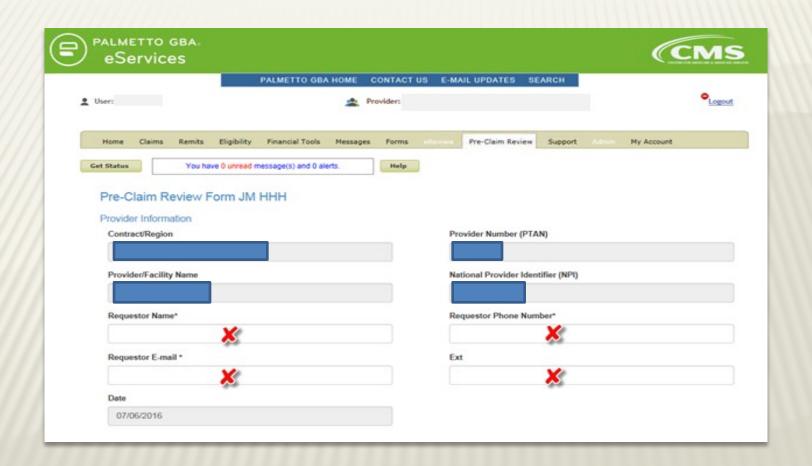
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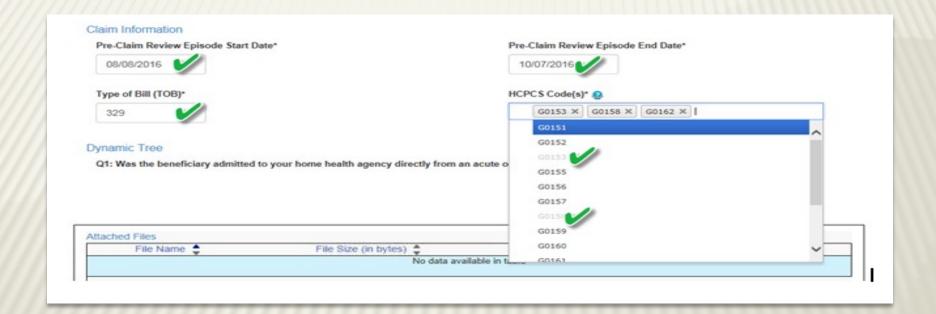
- You may attach individual attachments for each Task or you may attach one document with all attachments and refer to that attachment for each subsequent task
- eServices will give an error message if an attachment with the same name is attached to a different Task



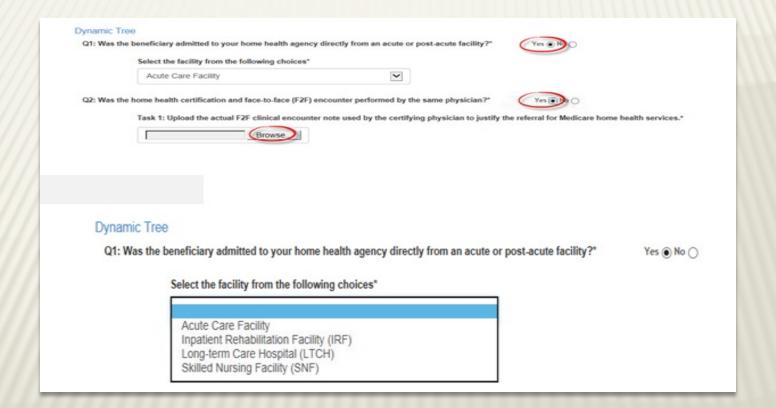




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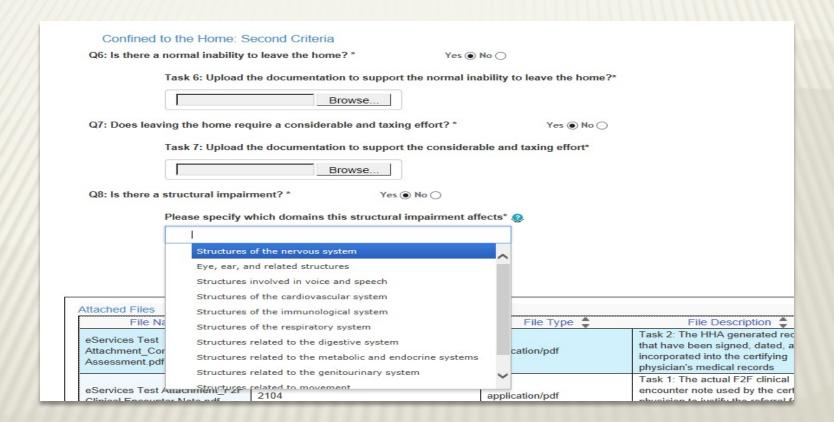


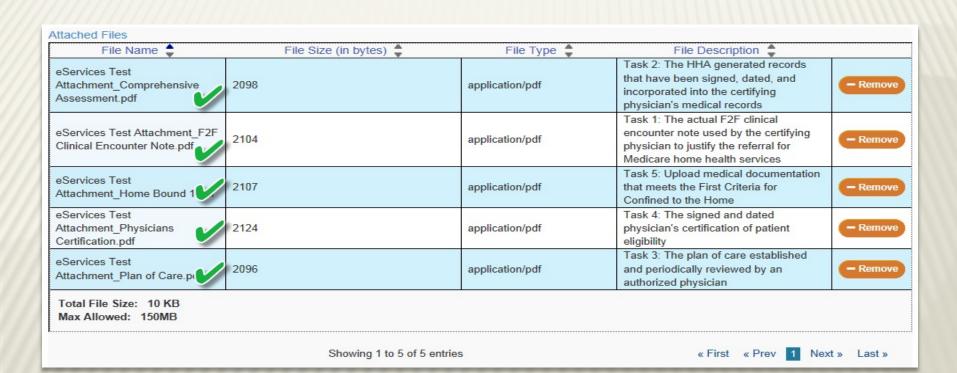




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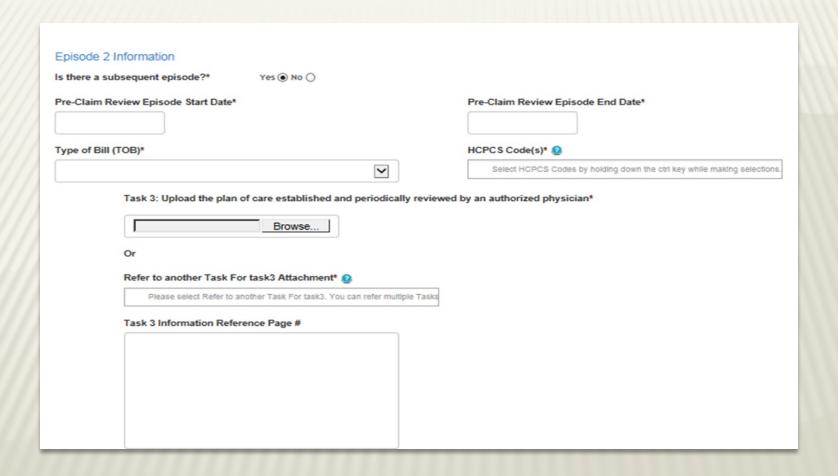


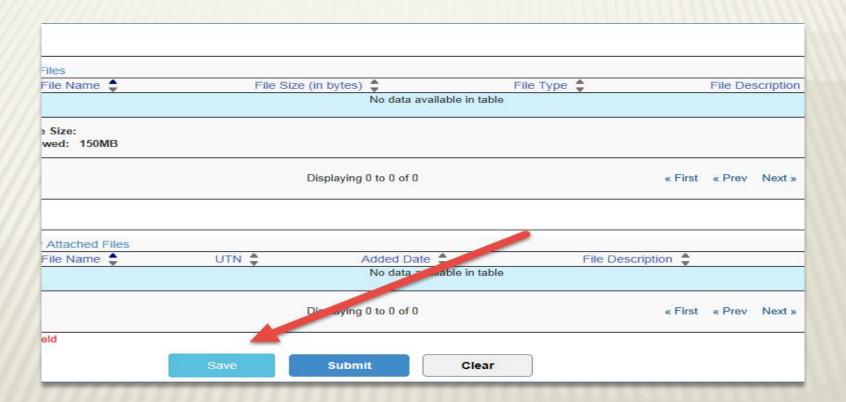
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Episode 2 Information

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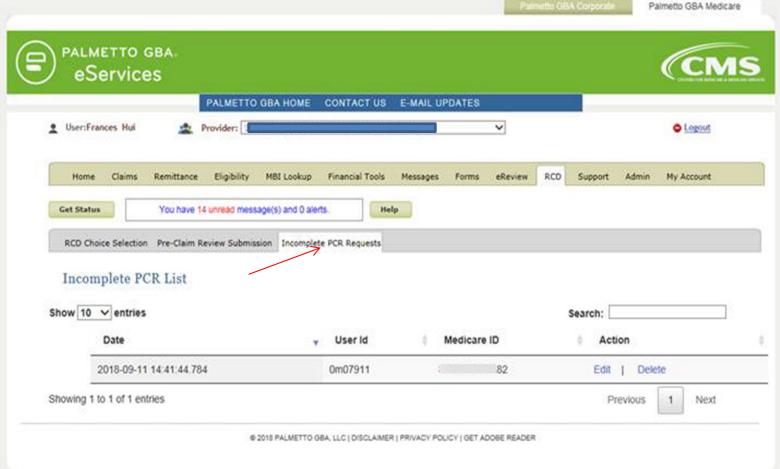
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Your information contains 11 errors

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- · Beneficiary DOB is a required field
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- HIC Number is a required field.
- Requestor Name is a required field.
- Pre-Claim Review Episode End Date is a required field
- Pre-Claim Review Episode Start Date is a required field
- Requestor E-mail is a required field.
- Requestor Phone Number is a required field.
- · Type of Bill (TOB) is a required field



Subject: HH Pre-Claim Review Received Message: Hello, Your Home Health Pre-Claim Review request was submitted successfully. You will receive a second message containing the Document Control Number (DCN) once processing to the workflow management system is complete 36745 Message ID: Beneficiary Name: JANE DOE 01/01/1930 Beneficiary DOB: Beneficiary HIC Number: 000000000A 08/30/2016 Episode Start Date: 08/31/2016 Episode End Date: Thank you for using Palmetto GBA's eServices Portal. Close

PALMETTO GBA SUBMITTAL REQUEST

PLEASE DO NOT USE STAPLES FOR	R ANY DOCUMENTATION
PALMETTO GBA	
JM HH PRE-CLAIM REVIEW SU	2
All fields are REQUIRED unless otherwise noted. Incomp	lete or handwritten requests will be returned.
Check the appropriate box below:	
Initial Submission	
Resubmission Enter UTN of most recent sul	
If this is a resubmission, do you have a copy of the most recent Non-A Choose an item:	ffirmation decision letter for this episode?
Note: Use of this request document will require submission via fax, ho Documentation (esMD). To save time, use our eServices web portal to electronically, track the status of your request, and receive a quicker n	submit your request, upload your documentation
Provider Information	
Contract/Region	Provider Number (PTAN)
11001	
Provider/Facility Name	National Provider Identifier (NPI)
Provider/Facility Address Line 1	Requestor Name
Provider/Facility Address Line 2 (if applicable)	Requestor Phone Number Ext. (if applicable)
Provider/Facility City	Fax (if applicable)
Provider/Facility State Provider/Facility ZIP	Requestor E-mail
A decision letter will be mailed to the address provided above. which the decision letter will be mailed to the address provided above.	If desired, the provider may enter a fax number to will be sent.
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REVIEW TIME REQUIREMENTS

- For the initial submission of the PCR request, MACs are required to make the decision and notify each submitter within ten (10) business days (excluding Federal holidays) of receipt of the request
- The submitter will be notified if the decision is incomplete, provisionally affirmative or non-affirmed
- The Decision notification will contain a Unique Tracking Number (UTN)
- The decision notification will be sent to the submitter based on how it was received
 - Note: To protect PII/PHI, we will only fax back the response if you have clearly identified in the fax field on the submittal request the fax number you want us to use

PROVISIONAL AFFIRMATIVE DECISION

- A provisional affirmation decision is a preliminary finding that a future claim submitted to Medicare for the service likely meets Medicare's coverage, coding, and payment requirements
- The decision applies only to the episode for which the PCR was submitted
 - The notification will include:
 - UTN
 - Which HCPCS were affirmed

PROVISIONAL AFFIRMATIVE DECISION

- A provisionally affirmative decision is not transferable and does not follow the beneficiary
- If a beneficiary with an provisionally affirmed decision transfers to another HHA during that 60day episode of care, the receiving HHA must submit their own HH PCR request

NON-AFFIRMATION DECISION

- A non-affirmation decision is rendered when:
 - The documentation submitted does not meet one or more Medicare requirements
 - The notification will include:
 - Non-affirmed UTN
 - Which HCPCS were non-affirmed
 - A detailed explanation of which requirements have not been met to affirm the HCPCS

RESUBMITTING PCR REQUEST TO PALMETTO GBA

- Resubmission of a PCR request can be done for non-affirmation decisions
- The submission process is the same as for initial requests except it will be identified as a resubmission
- There is no limit to the number of times the PCR can be resubmitted
- The submitter should select "Resubmission" on the submission request
- The submitter should also provide the UTN of the most recent nonaffirmation decision letter

RESUBMISSION REVIEW TIME REQUIREMENT

- MACs have 20 business days (excluding Federal holidays) from the date received to conduct the medical review, make the decision(s), and notify the requester(s) of the decision(s)
- A notification will be sent to the submitter for each request received that provides a provisional affirmative or a nonaffirmation decision
- A notification will also be sent to the beneficiary for each request received that provides a provisional affirmative or a non-affirmation decision

SUBMITTING THE FINAL CLAIM

- Normal data submitted on the claim is required
- The services on the claim should represent the actual services provided
- TOB is 329 for HH Final Claim
- Enter the 14 byte UTN provided in the PCR notification
 - Electronic claim:
 - In Positions 19 through 32 of loop 2300 REF02 (REF01=G1)
 - It will follow the OASIS assessment data which will remain in positions 1 through 18

UB04 Claim Form:

Positions 19 through 32 of field locator 63

IMPACT OF THE PCR DECISION

- Claims are subject to all processing edits
- If all requirements are met, and a provisionally affirmative decision was issued, payment will be made on the claim
- If a non-affirmed decision was made, Medicare will deny payment on the claim
- A denied claim based on a non-affirmation decision will constitute an initial payment decision and the standard claims appeals process will apply

PCR AND THE APPEALS PROCESS

- The standard appeals process applies to the final claim
- There is no appeal process for a non-affirmation PCR decision
- In order to access appeal rights, the final claim should be submitted with the non-affirmed UTN which will result in a denial of the claim with the ability to appeal
- Note: If the final claim is submitted after the PCR without the UTN it will RTP advising that the UTN is needed on the claim

Postpayment Review

INITIAL REVIEW CHOICE:

POSTPAYMENT REVIEW OPTION

- 100% of claims are reviewed upon submission of the final claim
- Once the claim is received, an ADR will be sent
- The HHA will have 45 days to respond to the ADR
- The MAC will then have 60 days to review the documentation and make a decision
- If no response is received, an overpayment will be initiated

Minimal Review

INITIAL REVIEW OPTION

MINIMAL REVIEW OPTION

- 25% payment reduction on all payable claims
- Claims are excluded from MAC targeted Probe and Educate reviews (TPE)
- Providers who make this selection may be subject to Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) review
- NOTE: Must remain in this option for the 5 year duration of the demonstration

SUBSEQUENT REVIEW OPTION

PCR OPTION

- The HHA may begin or continue participating in PCR for a 6-month period
- If provisional full affirmation rate remains at or above 90% for at least 10 requests
 - HHA may choose to continue to participate in PCR or may choose another subsequent review option
- If the HHA falls below the 90% threshold or 10 requests
 - HHA must select from one of the initial review options

Selective Postpayment Review

SUBSEQUENT REVIEW OPTION

SELECTIVE POSTPAYMENT REVIEW OPTION

- Under this option a selective postpayment review of a statistically valid random sample of at least 30 claims will be pulled every 6-months
- Once chosen the HHA will remain here for duration of the demonstration

Spot Check

SUBSEQUENT REVIEW OPTION

SPOT CHECK OPTION

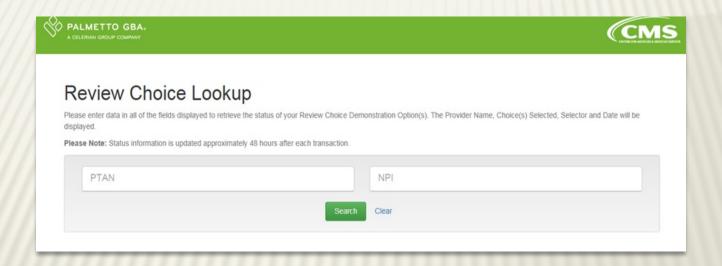
- No reviews conducted other than a spot check of 5% of a HHA's claims during a 6-month period to ensure continued compliance
- Continued compliance will be monitored through the selection of those 5% of claims for prepayment review
- The HHA can continue to select this option each 6-month period unless the spot check indicates the HHA is not compliant with Medicare coverage rules and policy, in which case the HHA must again choose one of the initial three review options

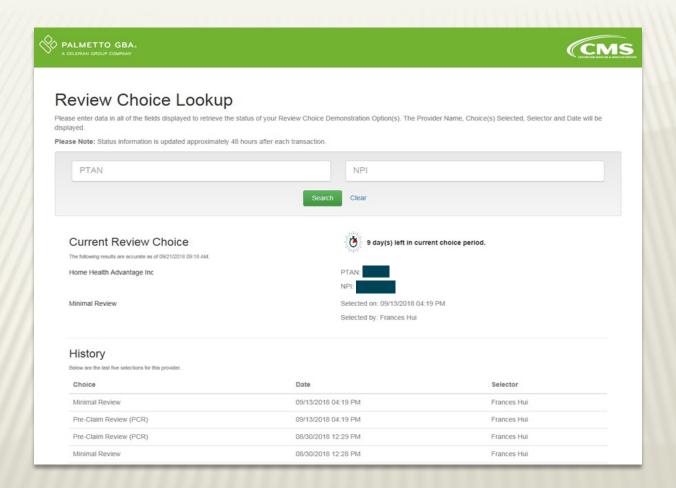
SIX MONTH REVIEW PERIOD OVERVIEW

- For those options that are evaluated every six months, the claims or PCR requests reviewed during the six month period will determine the providers results
- Providers will continue in their selected option during the evaluation and selection period
- The evaluation period occurs during month seven
- At the end of month seven, providers will be able to select their option during a two week window

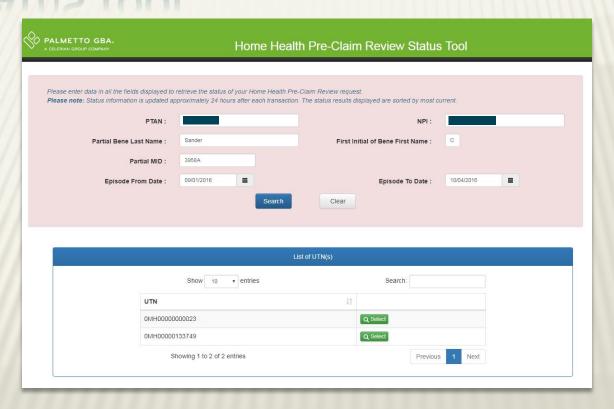
SELF SERVICE TOOLS AND RESOURCES

RCD STATUS TOOL





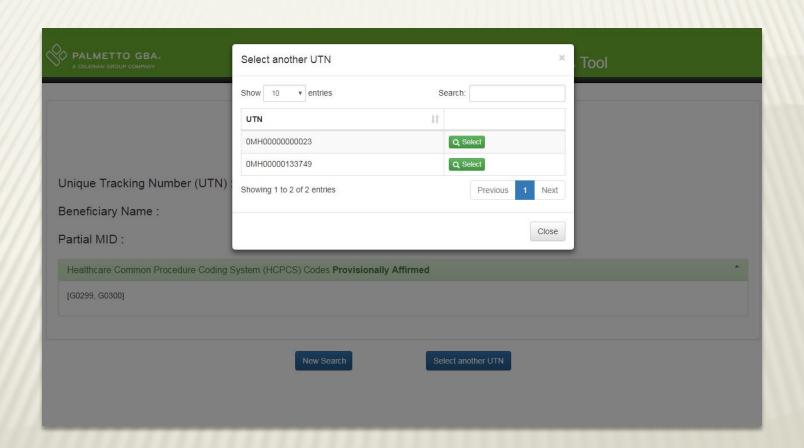
PCR STATUS TOOL





Home Health Pre-Claim Review Status Tool

Pre-Claim Review Determination Unique Tracking Number (UTN): OMH00000133749 Beneficiary Name: Partial MID: 3958A Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Provisionally Affirmed [G0299, G0300] Select another UTN New Search



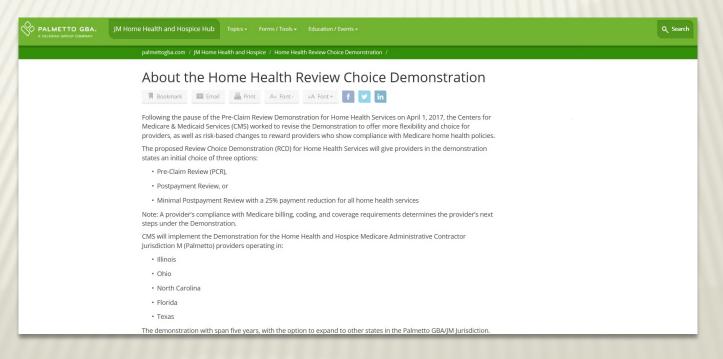
Pre-Claim Review Determination Unique Tracking Number (UTN): 0MH00000000023 Beneficiary Name: Partial MID: 3958A Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Non-Affirmed [G0300, G0299] Pre-Claim Review Determination Education Documentation submitted does not support a normal inability to leave the home. Refer to CMS IOM Publication 100-02, Chapter (7), Section (30.1.1). Documentation submitted does not support skilled nursing services are reasonable and necessary. Refer to CMS IOM Publication 100-02, Chapter 7, Section (40.1). • The initial plan of care was not submitted or was invalid, therefore services on the subsequent episode may not be allowed. Refer to CMS IOM Publication 100-02, Chapter 7, . The physician certification for a subsequent episode was invalid since the required face-to-face encounter was missing/incomplete/untimely. Refer to CMS IOM Publication 100-08, Chapter 6.2.1. The physician certification was invalid since the required face-to-face encounter was not related to the primary reason for home health services. Refer to CMS IOM Publication 100-02, Chapter 7, Section 30.5.1.2. . The physician certification was invalid since the required face-to-face encounter was untimely and/or the certifying physician did not document the date of the encounter. Refer to CMS IOM Publication 100-02, Chapter 7, Section 30.5.1. . The physician certification was not valid as the certification documentation submitted does not support homebound status. Refer to CMS IOM Publication 100-02, Chapter 7, Section • The physician certification was not valid as the certification/recertification documentation submitted does not support skilled need. Refer to CMS IOM Publication 100-02. Chapter 7. Section (30.5). The physician recertification estimate of how much longer skilled services are required is missing/incomplete/invalid. Refer to CMS IOM Publication 100-02, Chapter 7, Section There was no valid initial physician's certification of patient eligibility, therefore services on the subsequent episode may not be allowed. Refer to CMS IOM Publication 100-08, Chapter 6.2.1. **New Search** Select another UTN

CMS RCD RESOURCES

- https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Choice-Demonstration/Review-Choice-Demonstration-for-Home-Health-Services.html
- https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA -Listing-Items/CMS-10599.html?DLPage=1&DLEntries=100&DLSort=1&DLSort Dir=descending

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