

## Encounter Data Institutional Processing and Pricing System Proposed Skilled Nursing Facility & Home Health Edits

CMS invites Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) and other entities to provide comments on the Encounter Data Institutional Processing and Pricing System (EDIPPS) proposed Skilled Nursing Facility & Home Health (SNF & HH) edits. These are Institutional edits specific only to SNF & HH.

The EDIPPS SNF & HH document contains the following information:

- **EDIPPS EDIT #** - This is the internal EDIPPS edit number.
- **EDIPPS EDIT CATEGORY** – The categories of the proposed EDIPPS edits are Validation, Provider, Reference, Conflict, and Pricing.
- **EDIPPS EDIT DISPOSITION** – The two (2) possible edit dispositions are “Reject” and “Informational”. The edits identified as “Reject” will cause the encounter to fail and will require the MAO or other entity to resubmit in order to pass EDIPPS edits. The edits identified as “Informational” will cause an informational edit flag to be placed on the encounter; however, the encounter will not reject and MAOs and other entities will not be required to resubmit the encounter.
- **EDIPPS EDIT ERROR MESSAGE** – This provides the error message associated with the EDIPPS edit number.

MAOs and other entities should communicate their recommended change using the EDIPPS SNF & HH Comments Tool. Please populate each column of the tool for any edit that requires a change. An example is provided on the tool for each of the following columns:

- **EDIPPS EDIT #** - This should be copied directly from the EDIPPS Proposed SNF & HH Edits spreadsheet and must reference the edit number that the MAO or other entity wishes to change.
- **EDIPPS EDIT DISPOSITION CHANGE** – This should be a different disposition than is currently proposed by CMS. For example, if the CMS proposed edit disposition is “Reject”, as indicated in the EDIPPS Edit Disposition column, and the MAO or other entity wishes for the edit to be Informational, then “Informational” should be populated in the EDIPPS Disposition Change column.
- **EDIPPS EDIT COMMENT** – MAOs and other entities should provide a brief explanation for the EDIPPS Edit Disposition Change.

MAOs and other entities must complete all columns of the “EDIPPS SNF & HH Edits Comments Tool” spreadsheet in order for the EDIPPS Edit Disposition to be considered. CMS will compile comments from all MAOs and other entities and determine if the current proposed edit dispositions require modification. The final EDIPPS SNF & HH edits will be communicated to MAOs and other entities through the next EDS 837-Institutional Companion Guide release and through a User Group call.

MAOs and other entities must provide comments on the EDIPPS Proposed SNF & HH Edits using the spreadsheet provided to [eds@ardx.net](mailto:eds@ardx.net) by **October 25, 2012 no later than 5:00PM, EST**. For assurance of edit disposition change consideration, please ensure that comments are provided using the “EDIPPS Proposed SNF & HH Edits” and “EDIPPS SNF & HH Edits Comments” tools.