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## MedAllocators Alert Regarding

### New Error Code for Medicare Compliance

Another error code has been added in the 3.1 Version of the NGHP User's Guide. It is FP 31. This happens only in a rather complicated situation, and hopefully will not happen often, but we do need to notify you of it because we have actually seen this condition on a recently submitted production file. So, a little bit of background information about this situation.

The COBC usually receives entitlement information for people in advance of their entitlement date. Usually, 90 days in advance,. So suppose an individual is to become entitled to Medicare on July 1st, 2010, now suppose a query record is processed today on June 10th, 2010, for that individual, it will most likely return an O1 disposition code since the record will be matched to a Medicare beneficiary, albeit a future one. So if you then send a claim record for this person and it is processed prior to July 1, 2010, the system will actually reject it with an FP disposition code and a FP 31 error. This is an error that, again, has just been documented in the 3.1 version of the user guide.

Now this issue is not with the COBC system. CMS is constrained by other systems that they need to interface with and update within the family of Medicare systems. So, another one of these systems that they have such an interface with won't accept this scenario. . And yes, technically this could have possibly a better resolution in the future, but this is how it's working now and how it will work for an indefinite time period. So, now the good news is, though, that all you the RRE will need to do is resubmit this record that received an FP 31 again on your quarterly file.

So, again, if you receive a record with an FP 31, you will only need to resubmit the same record unless there are other errors on it. Obviously, if there are other errors on the record, those should be addressed as appropriate, but this FP 31, the RRE does not need to take any action other than to resend that record the next – on the next quarterly file. CMS is looking at the compliance flag logic to make sure that that doesn't get set in this situation and you aren't flagged for a late submission of that record.

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