

Provider Education



Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease

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Asbestos Related Disease

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Agenda

- Statutory authority to expand Medicare benefits based on exposure to environmental health hazard (EHH)
 - **Part I** – Medicare Based on EHH Exposure
 - Eligibility, Enrollment and Coverage
 - **Part II** – Medicare Pilot Program for Asbestos Related Disease (ARD)
 - Eligibility, Enrollment, Special Enrollment Period, Benefits, Payment, Claim Submission, Appeals
- Resources
- Question/Answer Session

Affordable Care Act: Section 10323

Part I – Medicare Based on EHH Exposure

- Extends Medicare eligibility to individuals based on environmental health hazard exposure
 - Receive Part A
 - Eligibility began as early as April 2010
- Individuals may enroll in Medicare Part B and Part D
- Individuals who have Medicare based on EHH may receive all services that Medicare covers

Affordable Care Act: Section 10323

Part II – Medicare Pilot Program for ARD

- Establishes a Medicare Pilot Program for ARD
- Individuals who participate in the Pilot are eligible to receive medically necessary items and services not normally covered by Medicare
- Enrollment began in June 2011
 - Coverage effective as early as July 1, 2011

PART I MEDICARE BASED ON EHH EXPOSURE

Medicare Based on EHH Exposure

Individuals may be eligible for Medicare based on having been exposed to an EHH

- Eligibility criteria:
 - Diagnosed with one or more of the following:
 - Asbestosis
 - Mesothelioma
 - Other asbestos-related conditions
 - Present in Lincoln County, MT for a total of at least 6 months (need not be consecutive) in the period ending 10 years or more before ARD diagnosis
- Current residence in the emergency declaration area is not required
- Individual must file an application for Medicare Part A
- Individual may enroll in Medicare Part B and Part D

Importance of Enrolling in Medicare

- Current source of healthcare coverage provided to this population will not continue indefinitely
- Enrollment in the Pilot is contingent upon enrollment in Medicare
- Encourage any individuals who meet eligibility requirements, but who have not yet enrolled in Medicare, to do so

PART II

MEDICARE PILOT PROGRAM FOR ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE (MPPARD)

MPPARD

- Pilot enrollees are eligible to receive medically necessary items and services not normally covered by Medicare
 - Special home care services and medical equipment
 - Help with travel to receive care
 - Special counseling, such as quitting smoking
 - Prescription drugs not covered by Medicare drug plans (if you're in a Medicare drug plan)
- Enrollment began in June 2011
 - Coverage effective as early as July 1, 2011

MPPARD: Eligibility

Requirements to enroll in Pilot

- Individuals **MUST**:
 - Have Medicare due to EHH
 - Have Part A and Part B
 - Reside in Lincoln or Flathead County
 - Part D coverage optional
 - Part D required for drug coverage under the pilot

MPPARD: Enrolling in Part B or Part D

- CMS Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for:
 - Part B and Part D
 - SEP is June 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012
 - SEP for individuals who live in the pilot area and intend to enroll in the Pilot
 - Individuals without Part B or Part D can enroll in either or both parts at any time during the SEP and start coverage the following month
 - Once beneficiary is enrolled in Part B, they can enroll in the Pilot

MPPARD: Benefits

- Items and services not usually covered by Medicare including specialized medical treatment and support with activities of daily living necessitated by ARD
 - Will consider all aspects of the patient's medical condition under pilot, not just treatments/items related to ARD
- Benefits will be coordinated by case manager, based on individual need

MPPARD: Payment

- Pilot claims will be processed and paid by NAS
 - A/B MAC and DME MAC for Montana
- Usual coordination of benefit rules apply
 - MSP: Employer group health plan or other insurance companies may be prime to Medicare
- Fees for Pilot services will be based on Medicare fee schedule amounts or reasonable cost
- Beneficiary cost-sharing does not apply to Pilot services
 - Beneficiary is responsible for deductible and co-insurance for non-pilot Medicare claims

MPPARD: Payment

- Liability based on presence or absence of ABN on Medicare claim will apply to pilot claim
 - If ABN obtained and pilot claim denied, beneficiary will be liable
- Assignment from Medicare claim will determine who receives the pilot payment
 - Assigned claims-provider/supplier will receive pilot payment
 - Non-assigned claims or beneficiary submitted claims-beneficiary will receive pilot payment

MPPARD: Payment

Claims Payment Process

- Denied or reduced Medicare claims processed by NAS will cross over to the Pilot for individuals enrolled in the Pilot
- For claims not processed by NAS:
 - Medicare enrolled providers may also submit a paper claim (or remittance advice) along with supporting medical records*
 - Medicare Advantage and Part D claims will not be crossed over
 - Beneficiaries may submit claims along with copies of Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) and supporting medical records
 - Claim form is available at:
<https://www.noridianmedicare.com/ard/docs/1490s.pdf>

*Providers not enrolled in Medicare may not submit claims

Claim Submission Instructions

- Claim cannot be an unprocessable denial or Returned to Provider claim
 - Claim must complete processing by Medicare before being submitted to the Pilot for consideration
- If provider is not enrolled in Medicare, the beneficiary must submit the claim
- Claims must be submitted within one calendar year from the date of service
- Both the provider and beneficiary will be notified in writing of payment or denial decision made under the pilot
- If the claim is not paid in full, the claim can be appealed

Claim Submission

- Mail or fax a copy of the claim, notice of Medicare payment, and corresponding medical records using:
 - Mailing address
 - Noridian Administrative Services
 - PO Box 6761
 - Fargo ND 58108-6761
 - FAX: 1-888-469-9464

Appeals

- Pilot claims can be appealed
- Claim must be appealed within 120 days from date on Pilot Remittance Advice (RA)
- Appeal decision letter will be mailed to provider/supplier, or beneficiary, who submitted the appeal within 60 days after receipt

Appeal Elements

Items Needed for an Appeal:

- MPPARD Appeal Request Form - found on NAS pilot website
- MPPARD Remittance Advice
- Supporting documentation – may include order, operative report, office notes, etc.
- Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN), if applicable
 - Legible signatures are required on all forms and documentation

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Care Coordination

- Key component of Pilot program
- Main responsibility of Roxanne Laughlin, RN, BSN, CPC
 - Dr. William Mangold is Medical Director for this program
 - All NAS staff will help with care coordination activities
 - All activities logged for easy reference by all staff

Care Coordination

- Care coordination will involve discussions with beneficiaries to determine individual medical needs and how to best meet these needs, utilizing local physicians and medical professionals
 - Pilot enrollees will follow current plan of care
- Care coordination also involves the review of claims submitted to the Pilot program to determine if pilot benefits are payable, in addition to providing input on the appropriateness of services or treatment before they occur

CARD Involvement

- NAS will work closely with the Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD)
 - CARD facility is located in Libby
 - Extensive experience in care coordination for those with an asbestos related disease
 - Utilize a multi-disciplinary approach in making recommendations for care required for those with an asbestos related disease
 - NAS will work with the CARD facility to create a list of organizations that provide medical care in the Libby area, to which patients can be referred for medical care and services
 - NAS will develop relationships with the providers rendering care for patients enrolled in this pilot in order to better coordinate care for Medicare beneficiaries

Resources

- Noridian Administrative Services
 - Website: <https://www.noridianmedicare.com/ard>
 - Phone: 1-888-469-9464
 - 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. MT
 - Fax: Same as phone # above
 - Email: ARD@noridian.com