# MEDICAL EXPENDITURE PANEL SURVEY

# **MEDICAL PROVIDER COMPONENT**

# **EVENT FORM**

# FOR

# **HOME CARE - HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

# FOR

#### **REFERENCE YEAR 2013**

#### OMB

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DCS: READ THIS ALOUD ONLY IF REQUESTED BY RESPONDENT.

PRESS NEXT TO CONTINUE IN THIS EVENT FORM

PRESS BREAKOFF TO DISCONTINUE

#### BILLING

Did you bill for the services provided in (PATIENT NAME)'s home during 2013 by month, or by 60-day period? Was it:

BY MONTH ...... = 1 BY 60-DAY PERIOD ...... = 2 BY SOME OTHER PERIOD? (USE THIS RESPONSE ONLY IF PROVIDER ABSOLUTELY CANNOT CALCULATE COSTS BY MONTH)...... = 3

(IF SOME OTHER PERIOD: What was that?)

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#### VISIT DATE

**E1.** During calendar year 2013, what (was the (first/next) month/were the begin and end dates of the (first/next) 60-day period/were the begin and end dates of the (first/next) OTHER PERIOD/were the begin and end dates of the (first/next) weekly period) during which your records show that services were provided in (PATIENT NAME)'s home?

**REFERENCE PERIOD – CALENDAR YEAR 2013** 

MONTH:

Month:\_\_\_\_\_ Day:\_\_\_\_\_ Year:\_\_\_\_\_

#### OR

BEGIN DATE: Month:\_\_\_\_\_ Day:\_\_\_\_\_ Year:\_\_\_\_\_ END DATE: Month:\_\_\_\_\_ Day:\_\_\_\_\_

Year:

DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE – CONTINUE TO E2

#### DIAGNOSES

**E2.** I need the diagnoses for (this visit/these visits). I would prefer the ICD-9 codes, or the DSM-4 codes, if they are available.

IF CODES ARE NOT USED, RECORD DESCRIPTIONS. RECORD UP TO FIVE ICD-9 CODES OR DESCRIPTIONS.

ICD-9 CODE\_\_\_\_\_ DESCRIPTION:\_\_\_\_\_

#### CHECK HERE IF THIS IS AN ICD-10 CODE

#### [SYSTEM WILL ALLOW FOR A MAXIMUM OF 5 ICD-9 CODES TO BE COLLECTED]

Any more Diagnoses? 1. YES 2. NO

DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE - CONTINUE TO E3

#### **SERVICES/CHARGES**

**E3.** I need to know which types of home care personnel provided care to (PATIENT NAME) (during (MONTH)/from (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE)) and either the number of hours or the number of visits for each type.

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

EXPLAIN IF NECESSARY: By type of person I mean a housekeeper, therapist, nurse aide, yard worker, and so forth.

1. HOME HEALTH AIDE

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_

2. HOMEMAKER

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_\_

3. I.V./INFUSION THERAPIST

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_\_

4. NURSE/ NURSE PRACTIONER

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_\_

5. NURSE'S AIDE

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_\_

6. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_\_

7. PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_\_OR VISITS\_\_\_\_\_

8. PHYSICAL THERAPIST

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_\_

#### 9. RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_

10. SOCIAL WORKER

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_\_

11. SPEECH THERAPIST

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_\_

12. YARD WORKER

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_\_

13. DRIVER

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_

14. BABYYSITTER

HOURS/MINUTES\_\_\_\_ OR VISITS\_\_\_\_\_

15. Any other home care personnel?

YES ..... 1 NO ..... 2

16. DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT?

YES ..... 1 NO ..... 2

\_\_\_\_\_ CHECK HERE IF CURRENT BILLING PERIOD PROVIDED JUST DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

#### E3 - DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE - CONTINUE TO E4

**E4.** I need the services provided (during (MONTH)/from (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE)). I would prefer either the CPT-4 codes or the revenue codes, if they are available.

RECORD CPT-4 CODE OR REVENUE CODE. IF CODES ARE NOT USED, RECORD DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND PROCEDURES PROVIDED.

IF ENTERING A CPT-4 CODE, ENTER UP TO 8 CHARACTERS. IF CPT-4 CODE BEGINS WITH W, X, Y OR Z, ENTER A DESCRIPTION INSTEAD.

CPT-4 CODE:	REVENUE CODE:	DESCRIPTION:
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Any more Services? 1. YES 2. NO

#### DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE – CONTINUE TO C1a

**C1a.** Could you tell me the **full established charges** -- before any adjustments or discounts -- for all services provided by home care personnel (during (MONTH)/from (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE)).

EXPLAIN IF NECESSARY: This would be the charges for the (READ TYPES OF PERSONNEL FROM E3 ABOVE) who provided services (during (MONTH)/from (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE)).

EXPLAIN IF NECESSARY: The **full established charge** is the charge maintained in the organization's billing system for billing insurance carriers and Medicare or Medicaid. It is the "list price" for the service, before consideration of any discounts or adjustments resulting from contractual arrangements or agreements with insurance plans.

**IF NO CHARGE**: Some organizations that don't charge on the basis of services provided do associate dollar amounts with services for purposes of budgeting or cost analysis. This is sometimes called a "**charge equivalent**". Could you give me the charge equivalents for these procedures?

NOTE: WE NEVER ENTER \$0 FOR A CHARGE

FULL ESTABLISHED CHARGES FOR: PERSONNEL SERVICES: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**C1b.** And could you tell me the **full established charges** for everything **other** than personnel services (during (MONTH)/from (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE)), including durable medical equipment, drugs, supplies, and so forth?

EXPLAIN IF NECESSARY: This would include charges for anything **other** than the services of the home care personnel you just told me about.

IF NO CHARGE: Some facilities that don't charge for each individual service do associate dollar amounts with services for purposes of budgeting or cost analysis. This is sometimes called a "charge equivalent". Could you give me the total of the charge equivalents for everything other than personnel services, including durable medical equipment, drugs, supplies, and so forth?

IF THOSE COSTS WERE INCLUDED IN PERSONNEL CHARGES, RECORD 0.00 AND CHECK THE BOX.

ALL OTHER CHARGES: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ CHECK HERE IF INCLUDED WITH PERSONNEL CHARGES

**C2.** I show the total of all of the full, established charges for (PATIENT NAME) (during (MONTH)/from (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE)) as [SYSTEM WILL COMPUTE AND DISPLAY TOTAL]. Is that correct?

YES ..... 1 NO ..... 2

[C1a - DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE – CONTINUE TO C1b C1b - DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE – CONTINUE TO C2

### **REIMBURSEMENT TYPE**

**C3.** Was your organization reimbursed for the charges (during (MONTH)/from (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE)) on a fee-for-service basis or a capitated basis?

EXPLAIN IF NECESSARY:

Fee-for-service means that the practice was reimbursed on the basis of the services provided.

**Capitated basis** means that the patient was enrolled in a prepaid managed care plan where reimbursement is not tied to specific visits; this is also called Per Member Per Month.

IF IN DOUBT, CODE FEE-FOR-SERVICE

### SOURCES OF PAYMENT

**C4.** From which of the following sources did your organization receive payment for the charges (for (MONTH)/from (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE)) and how much was paid by each source? Please include all payments that have taken place between (MONTH/BEGIN DATE) and now for this care.

[DCS ONLY] IF NAME OF INSURER, PUBLIC, OR HMO, PROBE: And is that Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance?

[DCS ONLY] IF PROVIDER VOLUNTEERS THAT PATIENT PAYS A SET DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR ALL CHARGES (DURING (MONTH)/FROM (BEGIN DATE) THROUGH (END DATE)), VERIFY: So, you receive a set dollar amount for all charges (for (MONTH)/from (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE)) rather than payment for the specific service? IF YES: GO BACK TO C3 AND CODE AS CAPITATED BASIS.

IF THE ONLY PAYMENT FOR THIS EVENT WAS A LUMP SUM, ANSWER "NO" BELOW.

2. NO

**C5.** I show the total of all payments received for (MONTH) / (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE)) as [SYSTEM WILL COMPUTE AND DISPLAY TOTAL]. Is that correct?

#### IF NO, CORRECT ENTRIES ABOVE AS NEEDED.

YES=1, NO=2

#### [If C4 is DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE – CONTINUE TO C5. If C5 is DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE – CONTINUE TO BOX 1.]

#### BOX 1

#### DO TOTAL PAYMENTS EQUAL TOTAL CHARGES?

YES, AND ALL PAID BY PATIENT OR PATIENT'S FAMILY.	– 1 (GO TO LSPCHECK)
YES, OTHER PAYERS	2 (GO TO C5a)
NO, PAYMENTS < CHARGES	3 (GO TO PLC1)
NO, PAYMENTS > CHARGES	3 (GO TO Q6_EXCEEDED)

#### **VERIFICATION OF PAYMENT**

**C5a.** I recorded that the payment(s) you received equal the charge(s). I would like to make sure that I have this recorded correctly. I recorded that the total payment is [SYSTEM WILL DISPLAY TOTAL PAYMENT FROM C5]. Does this total payment include any other amounts such as adjustments or discounts, or is this the final payment?

IF NECESSARY, READ BACK AMOUNT(S) RECORDED IN C4.

#### **PAYMENTS LESS THAN CHARGES**

PLC1. It appears that the total payments were less than the total charge. Is that because...

IF THE ONLY PAYMENT FOR THIS EVENT WAS A LUMP SUM, ANSWER "NO" TO ALL OPTIONS.

a. There were adjustments or discounts ..... YES=1 NO=2  $\,$ 

b. You are expecting additional payment .... YES=1 NO=2

c. This was charity care or sliding scale ..... YES=1 NO=2

d. This was bad debt ..... YES=1 NO=2

[If a=1 then show C6\_adjustments.

If b=1 then show C6\_additional.

If [a=1 and b=1] or [a=2 and b=2 and c=2 and d=2] then show both C6\_adjustments and C6\_additional. If both c=1 and d=1 with no other selection, show neither C6\_adjustments or C6\_additional. If both c=1 or d=1 with no other selection, show neither C6\_adjustments or C6\_additional.]

#### DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PAYMENTS AND CHARGES

**C6.** It appears that the total payments were (less than/more than) the total charges. What is the reason for that difference? Please include all adjustment activity that has taken place between (MONTH/BEGIN DATE) and now for this care.

ENTER YES FOR ALL REASONS MENTIONED.

#### C6\_adjustments PAYMENTS LESS THAN CHARGES: Adjustment or discount

- a. Medicare limit or adjustment? ...... YES=1 NO=2
- b. Medicaid limit or adjustment? ...... YES=1 NO=2
- c. Private insurance adjustment? ...... YES=1 NO=2
- d. Courtesy discount? ...... YES=1 NO=2
- e. Insurance write-off? ...... YES=1 NO=2
- f. Worker's Comp limit or adjustment? ...... YES=1 NO=2

Are you expecting additional payment from: IF THE ONLY PAYMENT FOR THIS EVENT WAS A LUMP SUM, ANSWER "NO" TO ALL OPTIONS

#### C6\_additional

#### Expecting additional payment

i.	Patient or Patient's	Family?	
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- j. Medicare? ...... YES=1 NO=2
- k. Medicaid? ...... YES=1 NO=2
- 1. Private Insurance? ...... YES=1 NO=2
- m. VA/Champva? ..... YES=1 NO=2
- n. Tricare? ...... YES=1 NO=2
- o. Worker's Comp? ...... YES=1 NO=2

# Q6\_exceeded

- q. Charity care or sliding scale?..... YES=1 NO=2
- r. Bad debt?..... YES=1 NO=2

It appears that the total payments were more than the total charges. What is the reason for that difference? Please include all adjustment activity that has taken place between [DATE] and today Was it (a)

IF THE ONLY PAYMENT FOR THIS VISIT WAS A LUMP SUM, ANSWER "NO" TO ALL OPTIONS

# *Q6\_extra* **PAYMENTS MORE THAN CHARGES:**

- s. Medicare adjustment?..... YES=1 NO=2
- t. Medicaid adjustment?..... YES=1 NO=2

[After C6 - GO TO LUMP SUM PAYMENT QUESTION]

DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE - GO TO LUMP SUM PAYMENT QUESTION

# LUMP SUM PAYMENTS

# LSPCHECK WAS THIS EVENT COVERED BY A LUMP SUM?

YES ..... 1 NO ..... 2

# DK/REF/RET ALLOWABLE and SKIP TO END OF EVENT FORM

# **CAPITATED BASIS**

**C7a.** What kind of insurance plan covered the patient (for (MONTH)/from (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE))? Was it:

[DCS ONLY] IF NAME OF INSURER, PUBLIC, OR HMO, PROBE: And is that Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance?

**OTHER SPECIFY:** PROBE FOR SOURCE OF FUNDS AND TYPE OF PLAN.

- a. Medicare? ...... YES=1 NO=2
- b. Medicaid? .....YES=1 NO=2
- c. Private Insurance? ...... YES=1 NO=2

**C7b.** Was there a co-payment for any of the services provided (for (MONTH)/from (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE))?

[C7b - [IF ANYCOPAY=2 GO TO C7e C7a - DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE – CONTINUE TO C7b C7b - DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE – GO TO C7e]

**C7c.** What was the total of all co-payments (for (MONTH) /from(BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE))?

\$\_\_\_\_\_.

C7d. Who paid the co-payment? Was it:

[DCS ONLY] IF NAME OF INSURER, PUBLIC, OR HMO, PROBE: And is that Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance?

- a. Patient or Patient's Family? ...... YES=1 NO=2
- b. Medicare? ...... YES=1 NO=2

If C7c is DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE – CONTINUE TO C7d. If C7d is DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE – CONTINUE TO C7e.]

**C7e.** Do your records show any other payments for any of the services provided (for (MONTH)/from (BEGIN DATE) through (END DATE))?

YES ..... 1 NO ..... 2

[If DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE – GO TO FINISH.]

**C7f.** From which of the following other sources has the practice received payment for (this visit/these visits) and how much was paid by each source? Please include all payments that have taken place between (MONTH/BEGIN DATE) and now for this care. Was it:

RECORD PAYMENTS FROM APPLICABLE PAYERS.

[DCS ONLY] IF NAME OF INSURER, PUBLIC, OR HMO, PROBE: And is that Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance?

- a. Patient or Patient's Family ...... \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Medicare ......

Any more sources?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO

#### [If DK/REF/RETRIEVABLE – CONTINUE TO FINISH.]

#### FINISH SCREEN

#### PRESS VALIDATE TO COMPLETE THIS EVENT FORM.