

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ADJUSTMENT REQUEST FORM (ARF)

1. **Provider Name** - Enter the name of the provider who actually received the Medicaid payment.

Provider Number - Enter the nine (9) digit State Medicaid Provider number assigned to the individual provider who received the Medicaid payment.

Provider Address - Enter the complete mailing address: including city, state, and ZIP code of the provider who received the Medicaid payment.

2. **Check One** - All adjustment requests on each DHMH 4518 must be an initial request, follow-up request.

Initial Request - Check "initial request" if a DHMH 4518 has not previously been submitted for the payment(s) in question.

Follow-up Request - If a request has been previously submitted check the "follow-up request" block in red on a photostatic copy of the original DHMH 4518. Do not complete a second DHMH 4518.

3. **If One Check Enclosed** - Complete this block when reimbursing DHMH if only one check is submitted. One check may be used to cover more than one adjustment, provided all of them are included in the same submission. If the check covers paid services for more than one patient, complete items affected showing the amounts refunded for each recipient.

Check Number - Enter the number of the check enclosed

Check Amount - Enter the total dollar amount of the check enclosed.

More Than One Check Enclosed - Complete this block if separate checks are enclosed for each recipient. Enter the check amounts for each recipient in Claim I.D. Fields 7 and 8. Do not enter any check numbers.

4. **Claim Type** - Indicate the type of claim originally submitted. If adjustments are to be requested for more than one type of claim, separate request forms must be submitted.

5. **Total Number of Claims** - Enter the number of claims submitted on this form. If the total number of claims exceeds (2), additional request forms must be submitted with the total number of claims involved entered on each form. Example: A request for 18 claims adjustments would require (9) forms and the number 18 would be entered in the total number of claims line on each form.

NOTE: If more than one ARF is used, complete Page of in the upper right corner of the form.

6. **Check One** - Check the appropriate block to indicate whether the request involves either Medicaid or Medicare Crossover Claims. Do not include both types on the same submission.

INDIVIDUAL CLAIM INFORMATION

For HCFA 1500, Vision, Home Health, and Dental Claims - each individual line item on the form is considered a claim. If, for example, a document has three line items for payment, and line one was paid correctly but lines two and three were not, then line two and three should be reported on the Adjustment Request Form.

For UB92 and Nursing Home Claims, the whole document is considered a claim.

7. **Invoice Control** - Enter the Invoice Control Number in question as it appears on the remittance advice.

B. Date of Service - Enter the six (6) digit date of service (MMDDYY) in chronological order (first to last) Enter all six characters consecutively without dashes, slashes or spaces, example: 020698= February 6, 1998.

C. Check One - Underpaid - If the claim in question results in the provider being underpaid (less than what the Program allows;

Overpaid - If the claim in question results in overpayment by either incorrect billing by the Provider, other insurance has paid for the claim, or the Provider received payment for the duplicate claim, etc. and reimbursement is due the State.

D Adjust Reason Code - Mark the reason for the underpayment or overpayment. A listing for the most prevalent reasons are found on the front lower left corner of the DHMH 4518.

E. Enter the total \$ amount due either the Provider (if underpaid) or State (if overpaid).

F. If the original code, units, modifier, or \$ amount charged was incorrect, enter the correct information.

G. Recipient Name - Enter the name of the Recipient (last name first) who actually received the service.

H. Recipient I.D.# - Enter the eleven (11) digit Recipient I.D. #

I. Prior Authorization - Complete only if prior authorization was required for the services billed. Enter the prior authorization number assigned for the service.

J. Check Amount - If more than one check is enclosed, enter the total amount applicable to the specific Recipient

K Check Number - if more than one check is enclosed, enter the check number applicable to the specific Recipient

Adjustment Reason Codes

This is the list of the most prevalent reasons for which an adjustment can be made. If uncertain as to the reason for the payment error, leave Section D blank.

NOTE: Before assigning an Adjustment Reason for a claim, review the remittance advice to ensure the procedure code, modifier, units of service and dollar amount charge is reported accurately.

Additional documentation required for the following Reason Codes:

"07" Explanation of Benefits from Third Party

"79" Explanation of Benefits from Third Party

"87" Copy 206N/C

"BN" Adjustment Transaction Summary

REMARKS

Complete this section to further explain "other" reasons for an adjustment, such as: Refund if appropriate, requests for the additional payments, or further clarification of the error to be corrected may also be included in this section.

Name of Provider Representative, Telephone Number, Date

Print the name of the Provider Representative responsible for completing the form. Enter telephone number and the date the form was completed.

Billing Time Limitation for Adjustment Requests

The same billing time limitation applies to Adjustment Requests as in initial submission of claims.

REMITTANCE ADVICE MUST BE ATTACHED