Sequestration Rate Reinstatement

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Overview

As of December 2021, the 2% sequestration payment adjustment for all Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) claims has been suspended until 3/31/2022, at which point a 1% adjustment would be active through 6/30/2022. The full 2% amount would then be applied starting 7/1/2022.

This document details how to update the Medicare Insurance Rate tab to reflect the 2022 Sequester adjustments.

https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-educationoutreachffsprovpartprogprovider-partnership-email-archive/2021-12-16-mlnc#_Toc90391082

Sequester Charge Code

In version 1.2.8.84 a new SEQUESTER charge code replaces the Initial PPS Claim Charge in the Insurance Rates tab for Medicare PPS payers.

The Sequester charge eliminates the need for separate Level of Care rates to handle sequestration for Medicare Hospice payers.

Medicare & Advantage Home Health Rates

Go to **File > File Maintenance > Entity**, press **Change Type** and set the radio button to **Insurance**. Press **Find** to search for and select the Medicare insurance. Go to the **Ins-Rate** Tab.

Select the appropriate row and press **Delete** to remove all Sequester lines EXCEPT for the record with the 98.00 Rate and an End-Date of 4/30/2020.

Then click the **Add** button to add the 1% Sequester rate:

Charge-Description: Sequester

Start-Date: 4/1/2022 End-Date: 6/302022

Type: P

Rate: 99.00 (indicates 99% covered)

Allow: checked

Click the **Add** button again to add the 2% Sequester rate:

Charge-Description: Sequester

Start-Date: 7/1/2022 End-Date: 12/31/2099

Type: P

Rate: 98.00 (indicates 98% covered)

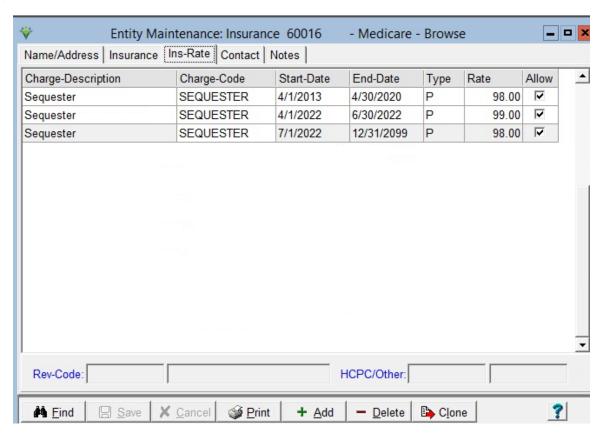
Allow: checked



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Save your changes and repeat the steps for Medicare Advantage PPS/PDGM payers.

Example:



Medicare Hospice Rates

Go to File > File Maintenance > Entity, press Change Type and set the radio button to Insurance. Press Find to search for and select the Medicare Hospice insurance. Go to the Ins-Rate Tab.

Select the appropriate row and press **Delete** to remove all the Level of Care lines EXCEPT for the 100% Rate records. Remove the End-Date for the 100% record. The Start-Date for the 100% record must be on or prior to the date claims were first billed in this software. Do the same for the HOSPICESIA charge rates.

Note: Do not change the dates or rates for the Blanket Rate or Room & Board charges.

Click the **Add** button to add the pre-Covid Sequester rate if not already present:

Charge-Description: Sequester

Start-Date: 1/1/2014 End-Date: 4/30/2020

Type: P

Rate: 98.00 (indicates 98% covered)

Allow: checked



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Then click the **Add** button to add the 1% Sequester rate:

Charge-Description: Sequester

Start-Date: 4/1/2022 End-Date: 6/302022

Type: P

Rate: 99.00 (indicates 99% covered)

Allow: checked

Click the **Add** button again to add the 2% Sequester rate:

Charge-Description: Sequester

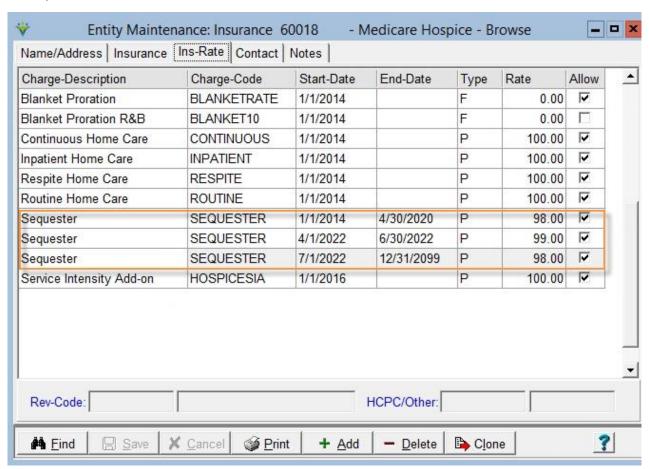
Start-Date: 7/1/2022 End-Date: 12/31/2099

Type: P

Rate: 98.00 (indicates 98% covered)

Allow: checked

Example:



Review the Hospice LOC Report and Billing Audits to confirm the expected rates are present prior to posting.

Contact Support for assistance if needed.



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