

Bulletin



Bulletin Number 4491	Date February 6, 2009	Direct inquiries to Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care OHIP Claims Offices (see addresses below)
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SUBJECT: Mandatory Hospital Master Number on OHIP Claims

Effective April 1, 2009 a valid hospital Master Number (MN) will be mandatory on all OHIP claims and shadow billings submitted for services rendered in a hospital setting with service dates of April 1, 2009 or later. Claims with service dates April 1, 2009 and later that are submitted with an invalid MN will reject to your error report, unpaid, with the following error code "HM" (Invalid Master Number on Date of Service). Claims with service dates prior to April 1, 2009 that are submitted with an invalid MN and assessed April 1, 2009 and after will be paid on your remittance advice, but will be identified with the code "HM" as a warning.

The requirement for a valid hospital MN was included in the 2007 Physicians Services Re-Assessment Agreement with the Ontario Medical Association and is in accordance with Section 38.4(1)12.1 of Regulation 552 under the *Health Insurance Act*. As an interim measure since April 1, 2006, the explanatory code "HM" has been reported on the Remittance Advice for claims submitted with an invalid MN as a warning, but the claims have still been paid. The requirement of a valid hospital MN will help to ensure the integrity of data on the OHIP data base for health care analysis and planning purposes.

A list of the valid Master Numbers is published on the ministry's website and can be accessed via the following shortcut:

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/masternumbers>

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