

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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What's New

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03/30/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-3835-F, entitled "Hospital Conditions of Participation: Requirements for Approval and Re-Approval of Transplant Centers To Perform Organ Transplants," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-3835-F](#)**, (PDF, 467 KB)

CMS-9039-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances, October Through December 2006," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-9039-N](#)**, (PDF, 536 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 68 of the Medicare Benefits Policy Manual, entitled "", was released. This instruction affects Ambulance. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 68](#)** (PDF - 101 KB)

Transmittal 1212 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Requirement for Providing Route of Administration Codes for ESA," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1212](#)** (PDF - 97 KB)

Transmittal 1215 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "", was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physician and Ambulance, DMEPOS. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1215](#)** (PDF - 152 KB)

Transmittal 1216 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "", was released. This instruction affects Physician, Hospital, Surgical Nursing Facilities and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1216](#)** (PDF - 82 KB)

03/23/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1810-RCN, entitled "Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relations (Phase II); Continuation of Effectiveness and Extension of Timeline for Publication of Final Rule," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1810-RCN](#)**, (PDF, 52 KB)

CMS-2275-P, entitled "Medicaid Program; Health Care-Related Taxes," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. [View CMS-2275-P](#), (PDF, 83 KB)

CMS-1305-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses. [View CMS -1305-N2](#), (PDF, 54 KB)

CMS-7004-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Announcement of Rechartering and Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education, April 17, 2007," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [View CMS-7004-N](#), (PDF, 54 KB)

CMS-1488-CN3 Correction, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2007 Rates; Final Fiscal Year 2007 Wage Indices and Payment Rates After Application of Revised Occupational Mix Adjustment to the Wage Index; Corrections. This document corrects wage index values and a relative weighting factor error that appeared in the correction notice published in the Federal Register on January 5, 2007 entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-1488-CN3 Correction](#), (PDF, 51 KB)

CMS-1384-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Extension of Certain Hospital Wage Index Reclassifications," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-1384-N](#), (PDF 51, KB)

CMS-4083-NR, entitled "Medicare Program; Applicability of Part 405 Medicare Appeals Council Own Motion Review Provisions to the Part 423 Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) Appeals Process," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. [View CMS-4083-NR](#), (PDF, 56 KB)

CMS-1398-NC, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of an Application From a Hospital Requesting Waiver for Organ Procurement Service Area," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [View CMS-1398-NC](#), (PDF, 51 KB)

CMS-1481-N3, entitled "Medicare Program; Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting--May 3-4, 2007," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [View CMS-1481-N3](#), (PDF 57, KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 191 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Provider/Supplier Enrollment Approval," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 191](#) (PDF - 85 KB)

Transmittal 266 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Extracorporeal Photopheresis," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [View the complete text of Transmittal 266](#) (PDF - 205 KB)

Transmittal 1208 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Extension for Acceptance of Form CMS-1500 (12-90)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Hospitals, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1208](#) (PDF - 113 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 1209 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "04/07 Update of the Hosp Outpatient Prospective Payment System: Summary of Payment Policy Changes," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Ambulance and Clinical Diagnostic Facilities. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1209](#) (PDF - 52 KB)

03/16/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 66 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Extreacorporeal Photopheresis," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Hospitals. [View the complete text of Transmittal 66](#) (PDF - 33 KB)

Transmittal 1206 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Extreacorporeal Photopheresis," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Hospitals. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1206](#) (PDF - 136 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 1204 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April 2007 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective April 1, 2007, and Revisions to January 2006, April 2006, July 2006, etc," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Hospitals, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1204](#) (PDF - 52 KB)

03/09/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 265 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Program Overview: 2007 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. [View the complete text of Transmittal 265](#) (PDF - 100 KB)

Transmittal 1194 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Temporary Addition to the ASCA Exception List for MSP Claims," was released. This instruction affects Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Ambulance, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1194](#) (PDF - 93 KB)

Transmittal 1197 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Test," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1197](#) (PDF - 200 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 1195 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1195](#) (PDF - 224 KB)

Transmittal 1198 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "04/2007 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Outpatient Code Edition Specifications Version 8.1," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Hospice and Hospitals. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1198](#) (PDF - 75 KB)

Transmittal 1199 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "04/2007 Non-Outpatient Prosp Payment Sys Outpatient Code Editor Specifications Version 22.2," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1199](#) (PDF - 318 KB)

Transmittal 1200 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory NCD Edit Software April 2007," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1200](#) (PDF - 74 KB)

Transmittal 1201 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative Edits, Version 13.1, Effective April 1, 2007," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1201](#) (PDF – 98 KB)

Transmittal 1202 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to MUEs," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1202](#) (PDF – 107 KB)

Transmittal 67 of the Medicare Benefits Policy Manual, entitled "2007 Update to the ESRD Composite Payment Rates," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities. [View the complete text of Transmittal 67](#) (PDF - 498 KB)

03/02/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-6003-P2, entitled "Appeals of CMS or Contractor Determinations When a Provider or Supplier Fails To Meet the Requirements for Medicare Billing Privileges," was released. This regulation affects Suppliers. [View CMS-6003-P2](#), (PDF, 103 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 1192 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment and Billing for Islet Isolation Add-On in National Institutes of Health (NIH)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1192](#) (PDF - 78 KB)

02/26/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1188 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April Update to the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1188](#) (PDF- 50 KB)

02/23/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1383-N2, entitled "Listening Session on the Draft Plan for Medicare Hospital Value-Based Purchasing--April 12, 2007," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [View CMS-1383-N2](#), (PDF - 52 KB)

CMS-1391-NC, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of an Application From a Hospital Requesting Waiver for Organ Procurement Service Area," was released. This regulation affects Organ Procurement Organizations. [View CMS-1391-NC](#), (PDF - 57 KB)

CMS-1544-N, entitled "Public Meetings in Calendar Year 2007 for All New Public Requests for Revisions to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System HCPCS) Coding and Payment Determinations," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [View CMS-1544-N](#), (PDF – 58 KB)

CMS-1542-N, entitled "Announcement of New Members to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [View CMS-1542-N](#), (PDF - 59 KB)

CMS-1553-N, entitled "Notice of Supplemental Election Period for Provider Participation in the Calendar Year (CY) 2007 Competitive Acquisition Plan for Part B Drugs," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [View CMS-1553-N](#), (PDF - 53 KB)

CMS-2218-N, entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and CLIA Programs; Approval of the Joint Commission (Formerly the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) as a CLIA Accreditation Organization," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [View CMS-2218-N](#), (PDF - 52 KB)

CMS-2221-N, entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and CLIA Programs; Approval of COLA (Formerly the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation) as a CLIA Accreditation Organization," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [View CMS-2221-N](#), (PDF - 52 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 65 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "INDEPENDENCE iBOT 4000 Mobility System," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 65](#) (PDF - 106 KB)

Transmittal 66 of the Medicare Benefits Policy Manual, entitled "Services Not Provided Within United States," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Ambulance, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 66](#) (PDF - 38 KB)

Transmittal 1185 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Ambulance Fee Schedule-Medical Conditions List - Manualization Revisions," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1185](#) (PDF - 115 KB)

Transmittal 1186 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update Chapter 30 Language: New QIC Process and New Amount in Controversy (AIC)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1186](#) (PDF - 145 KB)

Transmittal 1187 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revisions to Incomplete or Invalid Claims Instructions Necessary to Implement Revised Health Insurance Form CMS-1500," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1187](#) (PDF - 87 KB)

02/09/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 1183 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Infrared Therapy Devices," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Home Health Agencies, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1183](#) (PDF - 129 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1182 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April Quarterly Update to 2007 Annual Update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement" was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1182](#) (PDF - 77 KB)

02/06/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1529-P Correction, entitled "Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals RY 2008: Proposed Annual Payment Rate Updates, and Policy Changes; and Proposed Hospital Direct and Indirect Graduate Medical Education Policy Changes," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1529-P correction](#), (PDF - 23 KB)

02/01/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1529-P, entitled "Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals RY 2008: Proposed Annual Payment Rate Updates, and Policy Changes; and Proposed Hospital Direct and Indirect Graduate Medical Education Policy Changes; Proposed Rule," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1529-P](#), (PDF - 630 KB)

01/26/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-4126-FN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reapproval of Deeming Authority of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. for Medicare Advantage Health Maintenance Organizations and Local Preferred Provider Organizations," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses.

[View CMS-4126-FN](#), (PDF – 57 KB)

CMS-4105-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Notification of Hospital Discharge Appeal Rights," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-4105-CN](#), (PDF - 44 KB)

CMS-3169-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Renewal and Renaming of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC) to Medicare Evidence Development Coverage Advisory Committee (MedCAC) and a Request for Nominations for Members for the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-3169-N](#)**, (PDF – 53 KB)

CMS-1535-CN2 Correction, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2007; Correction," was released. This regulation affects Hospice.

[View CMS-1535-CN2](#), (PDF – 53 KB)

CMS-1386-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, March 5, 2007," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-1386-N](#), (PDF – 53 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 1161 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Additional Changes to the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Scheduled Database," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1161](#) (PDF - 105 KB)

Transmittal 1164 Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Coding Change for Lumbar Artificial Disc Replacement (LADR)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1164](#)** (PDF - 52 KB)

Transmittal 1166 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System (1PF PPS) Pricer," was released. This instruction affects Hospital.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1166](#) (PDF - 91 KB)

Transmittal 1168 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual Manual, entitled "Direct Billing and Payment for NPP Services in Hospitals," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1168](#) (PDF - 105 KB)

Transmittal 187 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Implementation of New Compliance Standards for Independent DTFs," was released. This instruction affects Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 187](#) (PDF - 230 KB)

Transmittal 24 of the Medicare State Operations Manual, entitled "Sunset of Policies for Provider Nominations for an Intermediary and the Provider Requests for a Change of Intermediary," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 24](#) (PDF - 99 KB)

Transmittal 65 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Inpatient Hospital Therapeutic Services," was released. This instruction affects Hospital.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 65](#) (PDF - 71 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1163 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC) and Claim Adjustment Reason Code CARC) Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1163](#) (PDF - 151 KB)

Transmittal 1165 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Subject to and Excluded from CLIA Edits," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1165](#) (PDF - 292 KB)

01/19/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 23 of the Medicare State Operations Manual, entitled "Revisions to Chapter 4," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 23](#) (PDF - 79KB)

01/18/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-2258-P, entitled "Cost Limit for Providers Operated by Units of Government and Provisions To Ensure the Integrity of Federal-State Financial Partnership," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.

[View CMS-2258-P](#)

01/12/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1153 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Claim Status Category Code and Claim Status Code Update," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1153](#) (PDF - 67 KB)

Transmittal 1154 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTC) Update," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1154](#) (PDF - 74 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED – CLARIFICATIONS/CORRECTIONS/MANUALIZATIONS

Transmittal 1155 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2007 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 8.0," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical

Equipment, Prosthetics, and Supplies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1155](#) (PDF - 1.29 MB)

Transmittal 1156 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revised Medicare Zip Code File to Download," was released. This instruction affects Ambulances, Hospices, Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1156](#) (PDF - 121 KB)

01/11/2007

INSTRUCTION RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 113 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments—2nd Qtr., FY 2007," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 113](#) (PDF - 86 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 1151 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Common Working File (CWF) Edit Bypass Instructions for Hospital Emergency Room Services Spanning Multiple Service Dates," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1151](#) (PDF - 106 KB)

Transmittal 1152 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Emergency Update to the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1152](#) (PDF - 175 KB)

01/10/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 52 of the Demonstrations Manual, entitled "Chiropractic Demonstration 2007 Rate Change," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 52](#) (PDF – 97 KB)

Transmittal 1150 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2007 Non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Non-OPPS) Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 22.1," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1150](#)** (PDF - 908 KB)

01/05/2007

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1488-CN2 Correction, entitled "Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2007 Rates; Final Fiscal Year 2007 Wage Indices and Payment Rates After Application of Revised Occupational Mix Adjustment to the Wage Index; Corrections," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1488-CN2 Correction.](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 64 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Intracranial Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA) with Stenting," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 64](#) (PDF - 125KB)

Transmittal 259 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Additional Codes for Physician Voluntary Reporting Program (PVRP)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 259](#) (PDF – 288 KB)

Transmittal 1147 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Intracranial Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA) with Stenting," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1147](#) (PDF - 320 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 1148 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 Changes to Independent Laboratory Billing for the Technical Component (TC) of Physician Pathology Services," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1148](#) (PDF - 139 KB)