

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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What's New

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12/28/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1323-N, entitled "Semi-Annual Winter Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups--March 5, 6, and 7, 2008," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-1490-N, entitled "Town Hall Meeting on the Fiscal Year 2009 Applications for New Medical Services and Technologies Add-on Payments Under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System, February 21, 2008," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-1556-N, entitled "Notice of Supplemental Election Period for Participation in the Calendar Year (CY) 2008 Competitive Acquisition Program for Part B Drugs," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

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CMS-2269-N, entitled "Fiscal Year Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments and Disproportionate Share Hospital Institutions for Mental Disease Limits," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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CMS-2287-F, entitled "Elimination of Reimbursement Under Medicaid for School Administration Expenditures and Costs Related to Transportation of School-Age Children Between Home and School," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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CMS-3187-N, entitled "Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Contracts: Solicitation of Proposals From In-State QIOs--Alaska, Idaho, Maine, South Carolina, Vermont, and Wyoming," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses.

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CMS-7007-N, entitled "Request for Nominations for the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

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CMS-9042-N, entitled "Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--July Through September 2007," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses.

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INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 1404 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "2008 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area Bonus Payment," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1404 \[PDF, 134 KB\]](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1403 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2008 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor Specification Version 9.0," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Medicare Advantage, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Hospitals..

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1043 \[PDF, 735 KB\]](#)

12/27/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-4134-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Appeals; Adjustment to the Amount in Controversy Threshold Amounts for Calendar Year 2008," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

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12/21/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- NEW INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED

Transmittal 1401 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Shared Systems Modifications Necessary to Accept and Crossover to Medicaid National Drug Codes," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1401 \[PDF, 881 KB\]](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 50 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revision to Certification for Hospital Services Covered by the Supplementary Medical Insurance Program as it pertains to Ambulance Services," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 50 \[PDF, 128 KB\]](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 79 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Nebulized Beta Adrenergic Agonist Therapy for Lung Diseases," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 79](#) [PDF, 118 KB]

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 434 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual, Part 1, entitled "SECTION 2231, REGIONAL MEDICARE SWING-BED-RATES," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Surgical Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 434](#) [PDF, 16 KB]

Transmittal 1400 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "2008 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1400](#) [PDF, 227 KB]

12/19/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-2273-N, entitled "State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); Additional Allotments To Eliminate FY 2007 Funding Shortfalls," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 1399 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Handling Personal Identifiable Information on the MSN," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1399](#) [PDF, 242 KB]

12/18/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-2278-IFC2, entitled "Revisit User Fee Program for Medicare Survey and Certification Activities," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 1397 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reporting of Additional Data to Describe Services on Hospice Claims," was released. This instruction affects Hospice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1397](#) [PDF, 346 KB]

12/14/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 49 of the Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual, entitled "Update to Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance and Premium Rates for 2008," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 49](#) [PDF, 218 KB]

Transmittal 1392 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) General Information Section Message Regarding Medicare Records for New Retirees, and Modification to Update the MSN Messages," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Home Health Agencies, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1392](#) [PDF, 87 KB]

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 1393 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes are being made to the Form CMS-1500 submission requirements related to boxes 32a and 32b," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners and Ambulance.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1393](#) [PDF, 267 KB]

Transmittal 1394 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Manual Updates to Chapter 6, Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Inpatient Part A Billing, for No Payment and Medicare Advantage (MA) Claims," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1394](#) [PDF, 188 KB]

Transmittal 1396 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1396](#) [PDF, 158 KB]

12/13/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1390 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Part B Drug Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) Quarterly Drug Updates and Annual Price Updates," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1390](#) [PDF, 174 KB]

12/07/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- NEW INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED

Transmittal 1387 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Mammography: Change Certification-Based Action from Return to Provider (RTP)/Return as Unprocessable to Denial," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified

Health Centers, Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Rural Health Clinics and Physicians.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 1387](#) [PDF, 393 KB]

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MIDQUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1388 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Fee Schedule Update for 2008 for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1388](#)** [PDF, 260 KB]

Transmittal 1389 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Implementation of Changes in ESRD Payment for Calendar Year 2008," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1389](#)** [PDF, 95 KB]

12/05/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-4124-FC, entitled "Revisions to the Medicare Advantage and Part D Prescription Drug Contract Determinations, Appeals, and Intermediate Sanctions Processes," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-4124-FC](#) [PDF]

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12/04/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1810-CN2, entitled "Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships (Phase III), Correction," was released. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View CMS-1810-CN2](#) [PDF]

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CMS-2237-IFC, entitled "Optional State Plan Case Management Services," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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[View CMS-2237-IFC](#) [TXT]

11/30/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1541-CN2, entitled "Home Health Prospective Payment System Refinement and Rate Update for Calendar Year 2008; Corrections," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View CMS-1541-CN2](#) [PDF]

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CMS-1545-CN2, entitled "Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Corrections," was released. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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CMS-2264-F, entitled "Limitation on Contractor Liability," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 1384 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Remittance Remark Code (RARC) and Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1384 \[PDF, 63 KB\]](#)

Transmittal 1386 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative Edits, Version 14.0, Effective January 1, 2008," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1386 \[PDF, 154 KB\]](#)

11/27/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1385-FC, entitled "Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, and Other Part B Payment Policies for CY 2008; Revisions to the Payment Policies of Ambulance Services Under the Ambulance Fee Schedule for CY 2008; and the Amendment of the E-Prescribing Exemption for Computer Generated Facsimile Transmissions," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-1385-FC \[PDF\]](#)

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CMS-1392-FC, entitled "Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and CY 2008 Payment Rates, the Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System and CY 2008 Payment Rates, the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System and FY 2008 Payment Rates; and Payments for Graduate Medical Education for Affiliated Teaching Hospitals in Certain Emergency Situations Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospital Conditions of Participation; Necessary Provider Designations of Critical Access Hospitals," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1392-FC \[PDF\]](#)

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11/23/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-2271-P, entitled "Eligible Entity and Contracting Requirements for the Medicaid Integrity Audit Program," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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CMS-2266-P, entitled "Waiver of Disapproval of Nurse Aide Training Program in Certain Cases and Nurse Aide Petition for Removal of Information for Single Finding of Neglect," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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CMS-2272-FN, entitled "Approval of the American Osteopathic Association's Deeming Authority for Critical Access Hospitals," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses.

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CMS-1377-N, entitled "Listening Session on Hospital-Acquired Conditions and Present on Admission Indicator Reporting, December 17, 2007," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 1377 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "2008 Annual Update to the Therapy Code List," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Hospitals, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, and Skilled Nursing Facilities. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1377](#) [PDF, 215 KB]

11/21/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-5045-N2, entitled "Medicare Clinical Laboratory Services Competitive Bidding Demonstration Project," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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11/16/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-0016-P, entitled "Proposed Standards for E-Prescribing Under Medicare Part D," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

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11/15/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1810-F2, entitled "Delay of the Date of Applicability for Certain Provisions of Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships (Phase III)," was released. This regulation affects Physicians.

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11/13/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 1111 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification on Billing for Cryosurgery of the Prostate Gland," was released. This instruction affects Hospital. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1111](#) [PDF, 1.7 MB]

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1375 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Ambulance Inflation Factor for CY 2008," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1375](#) [PDF, 125 KB]

11/06/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1533-CN3 correction, entitled "Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2008 Rates; Correction," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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11/02/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- NEW INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED

Transmittal 1361 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Patient Status Discharge Code 70 to Define Discharges or Transfers to Other Types of Health Care Institutions not Defined Elsewhere in the UB-04 (CMS-1450) Manual Code List," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1361](#) [PDF, 363 KB]

Transmittal 1362 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to Calculation of Coinsurance for Indian Health Service Critical Access Hospitals (IHS CAHs)," was released. This instruction affects Hospital. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1362](#) [PDF, 109 KB]

Transmittal 1364 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Common Working File (CWF) Informational Unsolicited Responses for RDF Claims Overlapping Inpatient Hospital Stays," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Renal Dialysis Facilities. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1364](#) [PDF, 183 KB]

Transmittal 1365 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Additional Common Working File (CWF) Editing for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) - Part II," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1365](#) [PDF, 197 KB]

Transmittal 1366 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to Place of Service (POS) Code Set: New Code for Temporary Lodging," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1366](#) [PDF, 266 KB]

Transmittal 1368 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reporting an NPI and the 'EY' Modifier on Claims for DMEPOS Items Dispensed Without a Physician's Order to Obtain a Medicare Denial for Coordination of Benefits (COB)," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1368](#) [PDF, 147 KB]

Transmittal 1369 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Crossover of Assignment of Benefits Indicator (CLM08) From Paper Claim Input," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1369](#) [PDF, 66 KB]

Transmittal 1371 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Validation of Non-Routine Supply Reporting on Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) Claims," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1371](#) [PDF, 272 KB]

Transmittal 226 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Items and Services Having Special DME Review Considerations," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [View the complete text of Transmittal 226](#) [PDF, 182 KB]

Transmittal 298 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Update Multi-Carrier System (MCS) to Deactivate Billing Numbers for Non-Frequent Billers (Note, this instruction supersedes CR 5296 dated 9/29/2006)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 298](#) [PDF, 165 KB]

Transmittal 299 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "NCPDP Inbound Claim and COB Companion Documents Updated for NPI Reporting," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 299](#) [PDF, 1.4 MB]

Transmittal 302 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Rejection of X12 276 Claim Status Requests That Lack National Provider Identifiers (NPIs)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 302](#) [PDF, 176 KB]

Transmittal 54 of the Demonstrations Manual, entitled "Revisions to Change Request (CR) 4294 - Low Vision Rehabilitation Demonstration," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 54](#) [PDF, 107 KB]

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CORRECTIONS

Transmittal 1372 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reporting of Additional Data to Describe Services on Hospice Claims," was released. This instruction affects Hospice. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1372](#) [PDF, 316 KB]

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 227 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Update to Requirement to Submit National Provider Identifier (NPI) Notification," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 227](#) [PDF, 208 KB]

10/31/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-2278-IFC, entitled "Revisit User Fee Program for Medicare Survey and Certification Activities," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.
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10/26/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1389-N, entitled "Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, December 3, 2007," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-2276-PN, entitled "Application by the Community Health Accreditation Program for Continued Deeming Authority for Home Health Agencies," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses.

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CMS-2277-PN, entitled "Application by The Joint Commission for Continued Deeming Authority for Home Health Agencies," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses.

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CMS-3181-FN, entitled "Approval of Application by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) for Continued Recognition as a National Accreditation Organization That Accredits Entities To Furnish Outpatient Diabetes Self-Management Training," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses.

[View CMS-3181-FN](#) [PDF]

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CMS-3835-F2, entitled "Hospital Conditions of Participation: Requirements for Approval and Re-Approval of Transplant Centers To Perform Organ Transplants," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-7006-N, entitled "Announcement of Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education, December 4, 2007," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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10/26/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 225 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "How to Handle the NPI and Secondary Providers," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 225](#) [PDF, 202 KB]

Transmittal 1357 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment: Allowances for the Influenza Virus Vaccine (CPT 90655, 90656 and 90658) and the Pneumococcal Vaccine (CPT 90669 and 90732) When Payment", was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Hospitals and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1357](#) [PDF, 164KB]

10/19/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 23 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 2, entitled "General Cost Report," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 23**](#) [PDF, 145 KB]

Transmittal 79 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Modification to the Manual regarding Requirements for Ordering and Following Orders for Diagnostic Tests," was released. This instruction affects Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 79**](#) [PDF, 158 KB]

Transmittal 296 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "New Numbers for All MAC Jurisdictions," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 296**](#) [PDF, 722 KB]

Transmittal 1355 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "NATIONAL UNIFORM BILLING COMMITTEE UPDATE ON REVENUE CODES AND CORRECTED SKILLED NURSING FACILITY SPELL OF ILLNESS CHART," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1355**](#) [PDF, 131 KB]

10/17/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-5045-N, entitled "Medicare Clinical Laboratory Services Competitive Bidding Demonstration Project," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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10/15/2007

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 295 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "DME MACs Discontinuance/Cancellation of the Use of a "WL" Modifier on Claims for the DeWall Postrure Protector Orthotic Body Jacket (L0430)," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 295**](#) [PDF, 39 KB]

Transmittal 1352 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Billing Instructions Regarding Payment for Hospice Care Based on Location Where Care Is Furnished," was released. This instruction affects Hospice. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1352**](#) [PDF, 100 KB]

Transmittal 1353 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Application of ASCA Enforcement Review Decisions by Medicare Contractors to Providers When Billing Railroad Medicare Carrier," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1353**](#) [PDF, 213 KB]

10/12/2007

Transmittal 133 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Recurring Update Notification for the Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and

Underpayments--1st Notification for FY 2008," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 133](#) [PDF, 124 KB]

10/10/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1533-CN2 correction, entitled "Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2008 Rates; Correction," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1533-CN3](#) [PDF]

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10/05/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-8031-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Part A Premium for Calendar Year 2008 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-8031-N](#) [PDF]

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CMS-8032-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for Calendar Year 2008," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-8032-N](#) [PDF]

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CMS-8033-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2008," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

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INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 1348 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Billing Instructions for the Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) Case Mix Refinement," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1348](#) [PDF, 1.6 MB]

Transmittal 1349 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Fee for Service (FFS) National Provider Identifier (NPI) Final Implementation," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1349](#) [PDF, 130 KB]

Transmittal 1350 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revised HCPCS Codes Relating to Immune Globulin," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1350](#) [PDF, 149 KB]

Transmittal 1351 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to CR 5645 - July 2007 Quarterly Update to the HCPCS Codes for Albuterol, Levalbuterol and Reclast," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Hospitals. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1351](#) [PDF, 129 KB]

10/01/2007

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1539-CN correction, entitled "Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2008," was released. This regulation affects Hospice.

[View CMS-1539-CN](#) [PDF]

[View CMS-1539-CN](#) [TXT]

CMS-1399-GNC, entitled "Criteria and Standards for Evaluating Intermediary and Carrier Performance During Fiscal Year 2008," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses.

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