

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update  
April 2005**

## Mid-Quarter Instructions

Listed below are instructions for the April Quarter that will not be released by April 1, 2005. Due to the nature of these routine or recurring items, a full 90-day advance notice could not be given. Unless noted below, these instructions have an implementation date of July 1, 2005.

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SUBJECT	DATE RELEASED
<a href="#"><u>Cochlear Implantation</u></a> Transmittal 39, Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual (PDF - 51 KB)	Released: 06/24/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<a href="#"><u>Cochlear Implantation</u></a> Transmittal 589, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 185 KB)	Released: 06/24/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<a href="#"><u>Pub. 100-02, Chapter 15, Sections 220 and 230 Therapy Services - Correction</u></a> Transmittal 36, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (PDF - 206 KB)	Released: 06/24/2005 Impl. Date: 06/06/2005
<a href="#"><u>July 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)</u></a> Transmittal 585, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 185 KB)	Released: 06/17/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<a href="#"><u>Update of HCPCS Codes and File Names, Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2005 ASC HCPCS Additions, Deletions and Master Listing</u></a> Transmittal 584, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 125 KB)	Released: 06/17/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<a href="#"><u>Update-Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) Rate Year 2006</u></a> Transmittal 578, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 150 KB)	Released: 06/10/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<a href="#"><u>New Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug Codes</u></a> Transmittal 580, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 111 KB)	Released: 06/10/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<a href="#"><u>Automated Multi-Channel Chemistry (AMCC) for Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) and Non-CAPD Patients</u></a> Transmittal 35, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (PDF - 161 KB)	Released: 06/07/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<a href="#"><u>July 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 6.2</u></a> Transmittal 572, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 1 MB)	Released: 06/01/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<a href="#"><u>July Quarterly Update to 2005 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement</u></a> Transmittal 568, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 82 KB)	Released: 05/27/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<a href="#"><u>July 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code</u></a>	Released: 05/27/2005

<u>Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 6.2</u> <b>Transmittal 569, Medicare Claims Processing Manual</b> (PDF - 612 KB)	Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<u>Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 11.2, Effective July 1, 2005</u> <b>Transmittal 563, Medicare Claims Processing Manual</b> (PDF - 102 KB)	Released: 05/20/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<u>July Update to the Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 20.3 for Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under The Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Non-OPPS)</u> <b>Transmittal 564, Medicare Claims Processing Manual</b> (PDF - 108 KB)	Released: 05/20/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<u>Payment to Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) for New CPT Code 66711</u> <b>Transmittal 155, One-Time Notification Manual</b> (PDF - 54 KB)	Released: 05/09/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<u>Correction 2005 Clinical Laboratory Travel Fee (P9603 P9604)</u> <b>Transmittal 154, One-Time Notification Manual</b> (PDF - 75 KB)	Released: 05/06/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<u>Pub. 100-02, Chapter 15, Sections 220 and 230 Therapy Services</u> <b>Transmittal 34, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual</b> (PDF - 366 KB)	Released: 05/06/2005 Impl. Date: 06/06/2005
<u>Payment to Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) for New CPT Code 66711</u> <b>Transmittal 153, One-Time Notification Manual</b> (PDF - 68 KB)	Released: 05/06/2005 Impl. Date: 06/06/2005
<u>July Update to the 2005 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database</u> <b>Transmittal 558, Medicare Claims Processing Manual</b> (PDF - 196 KB)	Released: 05/06/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<u>Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for July 2005</u> <b>Transmittal 534, Medicare Claims Processing Manual</b> (PDF - 85 KB)	Released: 04/29/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<u>July Quarterly Update for 2005 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule</u> <b>Transmittal 536, Medicare Claims Processing Manual</b> (PDF - 154 KB)	Released: 04/29/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<u>New Waived Tests</u> <b>Transmittal 538, Medicare Claims Processing Manual</b> (PDF - 642 KB)	Released: 04/29/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<u>Addition to Chapter 6 of the Claims Processing Manual - Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Inpatient Part A Billing: SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Software</u> <b>Transmittal 540, Medicare Claims Processing Manual</b> (PDF - 154 KB)	Released: 04/29/2005 Impl. Date: 08/01/2005
<u>Update to Current National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) Codes</u> <b>Transmittal 529, Medicare Claims Processing Manual</b> (PDF - 2 MB)	Released: 04/22/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<u>July 2005 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective July 1, 2005</u> <b>Transmittal 528, Medicare Claims Processing Manual</b> (PDF - 101 KB)	Released: 04/22/2005 Impl. Date: 07/05/2005
<u>Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments</u> <b>Transmittal 67, Medicare Financial Management Manual</b> (PDF - 94 KB)	Released: 04/19/2005 Impl. Date: 04/25/2005
<u>Implementation of the Physician Scarcity Areas and Revision to the Health Professional Shortage (HPSA)</u> <b>Transmittal 523, Medicare Claims Processing Manual</b> (PDF - 369 KB)	Released: 04/15/2005 Impl. Date: 07/15/2005

Hemophilia Blood Clotting Factors. Transmittal 521, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 82 KB)	Released: 04/08/2005 Impl. Date: 04/08/2005
List of Medicare Telehealth Services Transmittal 517, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 104 KB)	Released: 04/01/2005 Impl. Date: 05/02/2005
List of Medicare Telehealth Services Transmittal 31, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (PDF - 118 KB)	Released: 04/01/2005 Impl. Date: 05/02/2005
Managed Care Manual Updates	Not yet released
Interest Rate CR	Not yet released
Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTC PPS)	Not yet released
July Update for SNF No Pay File & SNF Abstract of the MPFS	Not yet released
Physician Fee Schedule Database Quarterly Update	Not yet released
July Quarterly Update for 2004 DME, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule	Not yet released
Hospital Outpatient PPS—Quarterly Update: Outpatient PPS OCE and PRICER Instructions	Not yet released
Addition/Deletion of HCPCS Codes; includes Quarterly K Codes Update	Not yet released
Medicare ZIP Code File –Quarterly Update	Not yet released
Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, V10.2, Effective July 1, 2004	Not yet released
PECOS Quarterly Update Changes	Not yet released
Claims Status Codes Update	Not yet released
Claim Adjustment Reason and Remark Codes Update	Not yet released
Update to List of Waived Tests	Not yet released
File Names, Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2005 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) HCPCS Additions, Deletions, and Master List	Not yet released
Medicare Part B ASP Drug Pricing Files	Not yet released
NCD Lab Edit	Not yet released
Contingency Plans for Fee for Service Payments in the Event of a Disaster	Not yet released
Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 30 Edits	Not yet released
Updating the J Codes used for Billing Non-Recombinant and Recombinant Blood Clotting Factors	Not yet released
Requirements for Voided, Canceled, and Deleted Claims	Not yet released
Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, Therapy Services	Not yet released
Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 6, SNF Inpatient Part A Billing: SNF PPS Pricer Software	Not yet released
Update to FY 2005 Pricer for IPPS Hospitals	Not yet released

Implementation of the Physician Scarcity Area and Revisions to the HPSA	Not yet released
Medicare Claims Processing Manual Update, Chapter 17, Section 80.4, Billing for Hemophilia Clotting Factors	Not yet released