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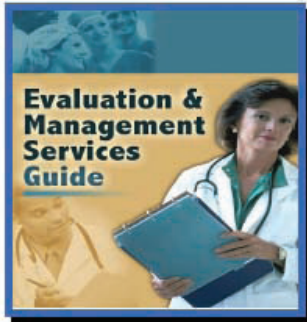
This guide offers evaluation and management services information about medical record documentation, International Classification of Diseases and Current Procedural Terminology codes, and key elements of service. (July 2007)
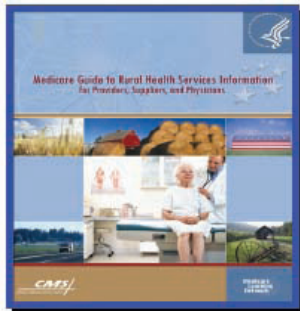
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The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services for Physicians, Providers, Suppliers, and Other Health Care Professionals
2nd Edition

This guide provides information on Medicare's preventive benefits including coverage, frequency, risk factors, billing and reimbursement. (August 2007)

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Medicare Guide to Rural Health Services Information for Providers, Suppliers, and Physicians

This guide contains rural information pertaining to rural health facility types, coverage and payment policies, and rural provisions under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 and the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. (April 2008)

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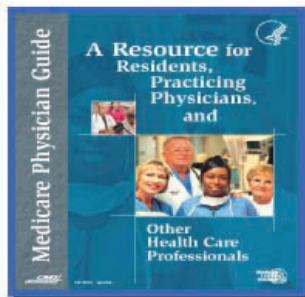
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Medicare Physician Guide: A Resource for Residents, Practicing Physicians, and Other Health Care Professionals

This guide offers general information about the Medicare Program, becoming a Medicare provider or supplier, Medicare payment policies, Medicare reimbursement, evaluation and management documentation, protecting the Medicare Trust Fund, inquiries, overpayments, and appeals. (July 2007)

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Companion Facilitator's Guide – To the Medicare Physician Guide: A Resource for Residents, Practicing Physicians, and Other Health Care Professionals
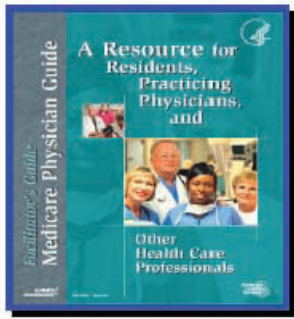
This guide includes all the information and instructions necessary to prepare for and present a Medicare Resident, Practicing Physician, and Other Health Care Professional Training Program including instructions for facilitators, customization guide, two PowerPoint presentations with speaker notes, pre- and post-assessments, master assessment answer keys, and evaluation tools. (July 2007)

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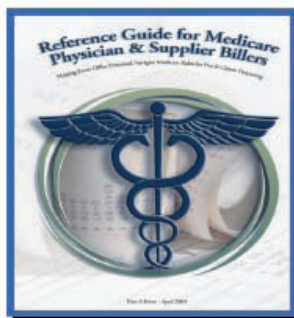
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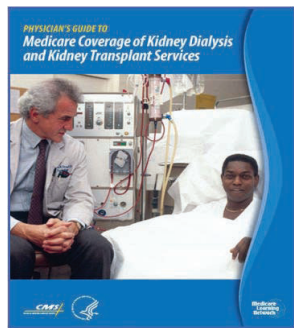
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Physicians' Guide to Medicare Coverage of Kidney Dialysis and Kidney Transplant Services

This guide explains how Medicare helps pay for kidney dialysis and kidney transplant services under the fee-for-service program. (July 2008)

Formats Available:

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Reference Guide for Medicare Physician and Supplier Billers "Helping Front Office Personnel Navigate Medicare Rules for Part B Claims Processing"

This guide contains a variety of information to help Medicare billing staff submit accurate and timely Medicare claims. While providing historical background information on Medicare Part A and Medicare Advantage, this guide is focused on providing information for fee-for-service physicians and suppliers who submit Medicare Part B claims. (October 2006)

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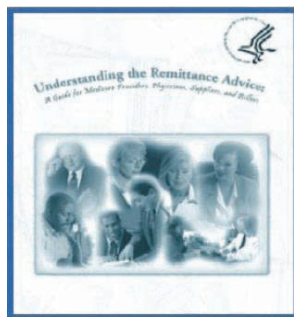
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Understanding the Remittance Advice: A Guide for Medicare Providers, Physicians, Suppliers, and Billers

This guide serves as a resource on how to read a Remittance Advice. Inside you will find useful information on topics such as types of RAs, the purpose of the RA, and types of codes that appear on the RA. (March 2006)

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Articles

MLN Matters is the place where Medicare fee-for-service health care professionals can find nationally consistent articles on new and revised Medicare policies. The site is updated frequently. Please bookmark http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles so you may visit often. *Downloadable only.*

Educational Tools

CMS Website Wheel

This website wheel is an informational resource tool that provides a variety of CMS Medicare-related websites. The web addresses are listed by topic. (ICN# 006212)

Formats Available:

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Medicare Billing Information for Rural Providers, Suppliers, Physicians, Home Health Agencies, and Critical Access Hospitals

This publication consists of charts that provide billing information for the following rural provider types: Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Critical Access Hospitals. (October 2007) (ICN# 006762)

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Medicare Learning Network Guidance Tool

The Medicare Learning Network Guidance Tool is now available in CD ROM format and can be ordered through the Medicare Learning Network, product ordering page. This playable CD will streamline your search to find the most relevant and up-to-date links or URLs for national provider educational materials. A tutorial will show you how to use the Guidance Tool to locate a new link (URL), refine your search; as well as view, download and order educational articles, brochures, fact sheets, web-based training courses, worksheets and videos. Additionally, the MLN Guidance Tool will demonstrate by example how to navigate through sections of CMS' Medicare Learning Network. (January 2008) (ICN# 006843)

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Medicare Learning Network (MLN) Bookmark

The MLN Bookmark lists: the topics covered by the educational products and services of the MLN, the various product types available to the learner, as well as the web address for the MLN. This product is appropriate for distribution at health care professional conferences, provider outreach and education activities and other appropriate types of provider/supplier events. (February 2008) (ICN# 006960)

Formats Available:

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The MLN Bookmark for Indian Health Care Professionals

The MLN Bookmark for Indian Health Care Professionals lists: the topics covered by the educational products and services of the MLN, the various product types available for Indian Health providers and their staffs, as well as the web address for the MLN. This product is appropriate for distribution at health care professional conferences, provider outreach and education activities and other appropriate types of provider/supplier events where Indian health care professionals will meet. (February 2008) (ICN# 006954)

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Medicare Preventive Services Bookmark

The bookmark lists the preventive services and screenings covered by Medicare and provides a message that encourages health care professionals to talk with their Medicare patients about these preventive services and encourage them to take advantage of these potentially life saving benefits. This product is appropriate for distribution at health care professional conferences, provider outreach and education activities, and other appropriate types of provider/supplier events. (January 2007) (ICN# 006766)

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Medicare Resident, Practicing Physician, and Other Health Care Professional Training Program Bookmark

This bookmark provides information about the Medicare Resident, Practicing Physician, and Other Health Care Professional Training Program. (October 2007) (ICN# 006916)

Formats Available:

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Rural Health Bookmark

This bookmark offers Medicare providers, suppliers, and physicians information about rural educational resources. (October 2007) (ICN# 006917)

Formats Available:

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Facilitator's Kit for Medicare Resident, Practicing Physician, and Other Health Care Professional Training

This kit includes everything needed to prepare for and present a Medicare Resident, Practicing Physician, and Other Health Care Professional Training Program including instructions for facilitators, customization guide in both hard copy and CD-Rom format, two PowerPoint presentations with speaker notes, pre-and post-assessments, master assessment answer keys, evaluation tools and a short video in both VHS and DVD formats. (July 2007) (ICN# 006351)

Note: this product is restricted to facilitators, trainers, educators, and physicians only.

Formats Available:

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Quick Reference Information: Medicare Preventive Services

Two-sided laminated reference chart gives Medicare fee-for-service physicians, providers, suppliers, and other health care professionals a quick reference to Medicare's preventive services. (February 2008) (ICN# 006559)

Formats Available:

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Quick Reference Information: Medicare Part B Immunization Billing

This two sided laminated reference chart gives Medicare fee-for-service physicians, providers, suppliers, and other health care professionals quick information to assist with filing claims for influenza vaccine, Pneumococcal Polysaccharide vaccine (PPV), and Hepatitis B (HBV) vaccine and their administration. (February 2008) (ICN# 006799)

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Quick Reference Information: The ABCs of Providing the Initial Preventive Physical Examination
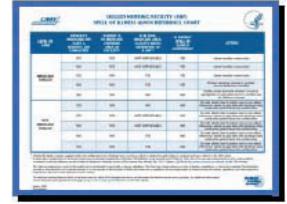

This two-sided laminated chart can be used by Medicare fee-for-service physicians and qualified non-physician practitioners as a guide when providing the initial preventive physical examination (IPPE) (also known as the "Welcome to Medicare" Physical Exam or the "Welcome to Medicare" Visit). This chart identifies the components and elements of the IPPE, and provides eligibility requirements, procedure codes to use when filing claims, FAQs, suggestions for preparing patients for the IPPE, and lists references for additional information. (September 2007) (ICN# 006904)

Formats Available:

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Educational Tools

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Spell of Illness Quick Reference Chart

This reference chart Provides Medicare claims processing information related to SNF spells of illness. (January 2008) (ICN# 006846)

Formats Available:

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Steps to Accessing CMS Enterprise Applications for Provider Organizations

A fact sheet/chart for provider organizations that outlines how to access CMS Enterprise Applications. CMS enterprise applications are those hosted and managed by CMS and do not include Fiscal Intermediary (FI)/Carrier/Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) internet applications. (December 2007) (ICN# 006959)

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Booklets
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Comparison of the Rural Health Clinic and Federally Qualified Health Center Programs

This booklet was developed by the Health Resources and Services Administration and includes a brief history of the Rural Health Clinic and Federally Qualified Health Center Programs, an overview of the theory of cost-based reimbursement, and a description of the differences in eligibility criteria, programmatic requirements, and covered services. (June 2006) Downloadable only

Determining a Medicare Beneficiary's Eligibility for Medicare Preventive Services

This booklet provides information on interpreting the Medicare beneficiary preventive services next eligible date data and is intended to supplement the educational materials already available for the HIQA, HIQH, HUQA, ELGA, ELGB and ELGH eligibility inquiry screens used to access Common Working File (CWF) records. (December 2007) (ICN# 006766) Downloadable only

Medicare Claim Review Programs: MUE, CCI, CERT, RAC

This booklet explains the different CMS claim review programs and assists providers in reducing payment errors; in particular, coverage and coding errors. (March 2008) (ICN# 006973)

Brochures

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Adult Immunizations

This tri-fold brochure provides a basic overview of Medicare's Influenza Vaccine, Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPV), and Hepatitis B Vaccine benefits. (August 2007) (ICN# 006435)

Bone Mass Measurements

This tri-fold brochure provides a basic overview of Medicare's bone mass measurements (bone density studies) benefit. (August 2007) (ICN# 006437)

Cancer Screenings

This tri-fold brochure provides a basic overview of Medicare's mammography screening, screening Pap test, pelvic screening examination, colorectal cancer screening, and prostate cancer screening benefit. (August 2007) (ICN# 006434)

Changes in Medicare Coverage of Power Mobility Devices (PMDs): Power Wheelchairs and Power Operated Vehicles (POVs)

This brochure describes CMS' multi-faceted plan to ensure the appropriate prescription of PMDs to beneficiaries who need them. (May 2007) (ICN# 006265)

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)

This brochure includes an overview of CLIA, test methods categorized, enrollment in the CLIA program, types of certificates, certificate compliance, performance measures, and certificate of accreditation. (January 2008) (ICN# 006270)

The CMS Online Manual System

This brochure explains how to navigate the CMS Online Manual System Website. (February 2008) (ICN# 006267)

Diabetes – Related Services

This tri-fold brochure provides health care professionals with an overview of Medicare's coverage of diabetes screening tests, diabetes self-management training, medical nutrition therapy, and supplies and other services for Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes. (August 2007) (ICN# 006840)

Expanded Benefits

This tri-fold brochure provides health care professionals with an overview of Medicare's coverage of three preventive services: the initial preventive physical examination (IPPE), also known as the Welcome to "Medicare Physical" Exam or the "Welcome to Medicare" visit, ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysms, and cardiovascular screening blood tests. (August 2007) (ICN# 006433)

Glaucoma Screening

This tri-fold brochure provides a basic overview of Medicare's glaucoma screening benefit. (August 2007) (ICN# 006436)

Medicaid At-A-Glance

This brochure covers topics such as: the Medicaid Program, key eligibility groups, categorically needy, medically needy, special groups, State Children's Health Insurance program, mandatory state plan services, and State and Federal poverty level charts. (November 2005) (ICN# 005987)

The Medicare Appeals Process: Five Levels to Protect Providers, Physicians and Other Suppliers

This brochure provides an overview of the Medicare Part A and Part B administrative appeals process available to providers, physicians and other suppliers who provide services and supplies to Medicare beneficiaries, as well as details on where to obtain more information about this appeals process. (January 2008) (ICN# 006562)

Medicare Enrollment for Institutional Providers – Information about Enrolling in the Medicare Program

This brochure provides information about software enrollment for Institutional Providers, including an overview of the enrollment process and how to report changes. (May 2006) Downloadable only

Medicare Enrollment for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Suppliers-Information about Enrolling in the Medicare Program

This brochure provides information about enrollment for DMEPOS suppliers including an overview of the enrollment process and how to report changes. (May 2006) Downloadable only

Medicare Enrollment for Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners and other Health Care Suppliers - Information about Enrolling in the Medicare Program

This brochure provides information about enrollment for physician and non-physician practitioners, including an overview of the enrollment process and how to report changes. (May 2006) Downloadable only

Medicare Remit Easy Print

This brochure provides information about software enabling physicians and suppliers to view and print remittance information. (February 2008) (ICN# 006740)

The Medicare-Medicaid Relationship

This brochure describes situations in which Medicare beneficiaries who have low incomes and limited resources may also receive help from the Medicaid Program. For such persons who are eligible for full Medicaid coverage, the Medicare health care coverage is supplemented by services that are available under their State's Medicaid program. (September 2006) (ICN# 006378)

The Medicare Medical Review Program

This brochure provides a general overview of the Medical Review (MR) program to help Medicare Part B providers gain a better understanding of their role in the MR process. Topics covered include: What is MR?, The objectives of the MR program, What are National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs), the MR process corrective action, and provider rights. (June 2007) (ICN# 006346)

Protecting Your Practice

This brochure highlights some of the steps Medicare physicians and other health care professionals take to protect their practices from inappropriate Medicare business interactions. (July 2007) (ICN# 006386)

Smoking and Tobacco-Use Cessation Counseling Services

This tri-fold brochure provides an overview of Medicare's smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling service benefit. (August 2007) (ICN# 006767)

What Physicians and Other Suppliers Should Know About Medicare Overpayments

This brochure provides a general overview of the overpayment process for Medicare Part B providers, (July 2007) (ICN# 006379)

Fact Sheets

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Acute Inpatient Prospective Payment System Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides general information about the acute Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and how IPPS payment rates are set. (November 2007) (ICN# 006815)

Addressing Misinformation Regarding Chiropractic Services and Medicare

This fact sheet is being provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to correct misinformation in the chiropractic community relating to Medicare and its regulations as they relate to chiropractic services. This fact sheet is informational only and represents no changes to existing Medicare policy. (April 2008) (ICN# 006953)

Ambulance Fee Schedule

This fact sheet provides general information about the Ambulance Fee Schedule. (January 2008) (ICN# 006835)

Ambulatory Surgical Center Fee Schedule Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides general information about the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Fee Schedule, ASC payments, and how ASC payment amounts are determined. (December 2007) (ICN# 006819)

Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides general information about the Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule, coverage of clinical laboratory services, and how payment rates are set. (March 2008) (ICN# 006818)

Critical Access Hospital Program

This fact sheet provides information about eligible Critical Access Hospital (CAH) providers; CAH designation; CAH payments; reasonable cost payment principles that do not apply to CAHs; election of Standard Method or Optional (Elective) Payment Method; Medicare Rural Pass-Through funding for certain anesthesia services; Health Professional Shortage Area Incentive payments; Physician Scarcity Area Bonus payments; Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003; and grants to states under the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program. (April 2008) (ICN# 006400)

Federally Qualified Health Center Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides information about Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) designation; covered FQHC services; FQHC preventive primary services that are not covered; FQHC payments; and the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003. (April 2008) (ICN# 006397)

Form CMS 1500 At a Glance

This fact sheet explains the CMS Form 1500 which is the standard paper claim form used by health care professionals to bill for Medicare Part B services. It includes background information and a descriptive crosswalk of fields in the paper versus the electronic form. (April 2008) (ICN# 006976)

Guidelines for Teaching Physicians, Interns, and Residents

This fact sheet provides information about payment for physician services in teaching settings and general documentation guidelines. (July 2007) (ICN# 006347)

Home Health Prospective Payment System

This fact sheet provides information about coverage of home health services and elements of the Home Health Prospective Payment System. (November 2007) (ICN# 006816)

Hospice Payment System Fact Sheet

This fact sheet offers providers information about the Medicare hospice benefit. (December 2007) (ICN# 006817)

Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System

This fact sheet provides general information about the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System, ambulatory payment classifications, and how payment rates are set. (January 2008) (ICN# 006820)

Implementation of the UB-04

This fact sheet reviews the new UB-04 paper claim form which is only accepted from institutional providers excluded from the mandatory electronic claims submission. It includes background information, the transition period and a crosswalk. (May 2007) (ICN# 006926) Downloadable only

Information and Education Resources for Medicare Fee-for-Service Health Care Professionals

This fact sheet is intended to notify Medicare FFS physicians and other health care professionals about the information and educational resources that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have developed to help meet their Medicare business needs. (June 2006) (ICN# 006489)

Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides general information about the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS), how payment rates are set, and the Rate Year 2009 update to the IPF PPS. (May 2008) (ICN# 006839)

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides information about Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System rates and classification criterion. (March 2007) (ICN# 006847)

Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Updated Final Rule

This fact sheet helps Medicare Part A providers better understand the various aspects of the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System. (January 2008) (ICN# 006393) Downloadable only

Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) PPS High Cost Outlier

This fact sheet helps Medicare Part A providers better understand the various aspects of the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System. (January 2008) (ICN# 006396) Downloadable only

Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) PPS Interrupted Stay

This fact sheet helps Medicare Part A providers better understand the various aspects of the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System. (January 2008) (ICN# 006395) Downloadable only

Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) PPS Short-Stay Outliers

This fact sheet helps Medicare Part A providers better understand the various aspects of the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System. (January 2008) (ICN# 006394) Downloadable only

Medical Privacy of Protected Health Information

This fact sheet contains resources and information regarding the HIPAA Privacy Rule and how this applies to customary health care practices and other information on the HHS HIPAA web page. (November 2007) (ICN# 006942)

Medicare Certified Swing Bed Hospital Services

This fact sheet reminds providers of the criteria for, and regulations regarding, classification as a Medicare certified swing bed hospital. (June 2008) (ICN# 006951)

Medicare Coverage of Power Mobility Devices (PMDs): Power Wheelchairs and Power Operated Vehicles (POVs)

This fact sheet describes CMS' multi-faceted plan to ensure the appropriate prescription of PMDs to beneficiaries who need them. (May 2007) (ICN# 006308)

Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides information about methods to qualify for the Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) adjustment; Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 and Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; number of beds in hospital determination; and Medicare DSH payment adjustment formulas. (April 2008) (ICN# 006741)

Medicare Fraud & Abuse

This fact sheet directs you to a number of sources of information pertaining to Medicare fraud and abuse and helps you understand what to do if you suspect or become aware of incidents of potential Medicare fraud or abuse. (October 2007) (ICN# 006827)

Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides general information about the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. (January 2008) (ICN# 006814)

Medicare Podiatry Services Fact Sheet

This fact sheet is intended for use as an educational tool for Medicare as it relates to Podiatry coverage and billing guidelines. (March 2008) (ICN# 006948)

Medicare Secondary Payer Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides a general overview of the Medicare Secondary Payer provision for individuals involved in the admission and billing procedures at provider, physician and other supplier settings. (December 2007) (ICN# 006903)

Outpatient Maintenance Dialysis End-Stage Renal Disease

This fact sheet provides general information about outpatient maintenance dialysis for End-Stage Renal Disease, the composite payment rate system, and separately billable items and services. (March 2008) (ICN# 006469)

Payment Adjustment Policy

This fact sheet helps Medicare Part A providers better understand the vairous aspects of the Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System. (January 2008) (ICN# 006956)

Rehabilitation Therapy Information Resource for Medicare

This fact sheet serves as a guide to direct professionals to additional resources regarding rehabilitation therapy services, coverage requirements, payment systems, and points of contact for further information. (June 2008) (ICN# 006773) Downloadable only

Rural Health Clinic Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides information about Rural Health Clinic (RHC) services, Medicare certification as a RHC, RHC visits, RHC payments, cost reports, and annual reconciliation. (June 2007) (ICN# 006398)

Rural Referral Center Fact Sheet

This fact sheet covers the basics of the Rural Referral Center (RRC) Program. (April 2008) (ICN# 006742)

Section 1011: Federal Reimbursement of Emergency Health Services Furnished to Undocumented Aliens

This Fact Sheet describes available funding, eligibility and enrollment services to undocumented aliens as detailed in Section 1011 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA). (June 2008) (ICN# 900863)

Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System

This fact sheet provides the elements of the Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System. (October 2007) (ICN# 006821)

Sole Community Hospital Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides information about Sole Community Hospital classification and payments. (April 2008) (ICN# 006399)

Steps to Accessing CMS Enterprise Applications for Provider

A factsheet / chart for provider organizations that outlines how to access CMS Enterprise Applications. CMS enterprise applications are those hosted and managed by MVS and do not include Fiscal Intermediary (FI)/Carrier/Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) internet applications. (December 2007) (ICN# 006959) Downloadable only

Understanding the Medicare Learning Network (MLN)

This fact sheet explains the Medicare Learning Network (MLN) web pages within the CMS website. It provides an overview of the MLN and where to access information and education resources that are available through the MLN. (January 2008) (ICN# 006844)

Training Presentations/Courses

Creating AV Fistulas in All Eligible Hemodialysis Patients

The Medicare Learning Network is making this training module available which was developed by the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Office of Continuing Education in conjunction with the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Tulsa, Department of Surgery. This training module consists of several presentations related to AV fistulas. (Link to on-line course can be found on the http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts webpage under MLN Publications)

Note: Health Care Providers that treat hemodialysis patients may order a training module on DVD/CDRom. (November 2005) (ICN# 006709)

Web-based Training Courses

Access at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts

Acute Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)

This web-based training course provides an overview of the Acute Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS). It includes a basic explanation of inpatient hospital coverage, billing and payment under the prospective payment system. (July 2008)

CMS Form 1500

This web-based training course provides information that will allow you to file Medicare Part B claims accurately and reduce your chances of receiving unprocessable rejections. (May 2007)

Certificate of Medical Necessity

This web-based training course contains information about the Certificate of Medical Necessity, commonly known as CMN. This course will be helpful to physicians, health care professionals, and medical administrative staff in completion, submission, and maintenance of the documentation required to verify the CMN. (July 2007)

Diagnosis Coding: Using the ICD-9-CM

This web-based training course teaches you how to select accurate diagnosis codes from the ICD-9-CM volumes and how to use diagnosis codes correctly on Medicare claim forms. (October 2007)

Front Office Medicare

This web-based training course provides essential knowledge needed for "checking in" Medicare patients. (January 2008)

HIPAA

This web-based training course provides the learner with a general understanding of the history and purpose of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. (March 2004)

Medicare Fraud and Abuse

This web-based training course will teach you to identify Medicare fraud and abuse. You will also learn what safeguards to use to protect yourself against fraud and abuse and what liability and penalties you could face if you commit fraud or abuse. (April 2007)

Medicare Preventive Services: Part 1 Adult Immunizations

This web-based training course provides information about Medicare's coverage for influenza, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B vaccines. (September 2007)

Medicare Preventive Services: Part 2 Women's Health

This web-based training course provides information about Medicare's coverage for mammography services, pap tests, pelvic exams, colorectal cancer screenings, and bone mass measurements. (October 2007)

Medicare Preventive Services: Part 3 Expanded Benefits

This web-based training course provides information about Medicare's coverage for the three new services added to the Medicare program in 2005, as a result of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003; initial preventive physical exam (a.k.a. "Welcome to Medicare" physical exam), diabetes and cardiovascular disease screenings. The course also includes information on diabetes self management training, medical nutrition therapy and other diabetes supplies, colorectal, prostate, and glaucoma screenings and bone mass measurements. (November 2007)

Outpatient Code Editor (OCE)

This web-based training is useful for physicians and other health care professionals. This course addresses the OCE in the Fiscal Intermediary Standard System. (April 2008)

Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing

This web-based training course contains information about Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing "under arrangement" agreements between Skilled Nursing Facilities and other providers or suppliers. (October 2007)

Understanding the Remittance Advice for Institutional Providers

This web-based training course is designed to provide institutional provides and their billing staff with general remittance advice (RA) information. This course provides instructions to help you interpret the RA received from Medicare and reconcile it against submitted claims. It will give guidance on how to read Electronic Remittance Advices (ERAs) and Standard Paper Remittance Advices (SPRs), as well as information regarding balancing and RA. The course also provides and overview of software that Medicare provides free to providers for viewing ERAs. (August 2006)

Understanding the Remittance Advice for Professional Providers

This web-based training course is designed to provide professional providers and their billing staff with general remittance advice (RA) information. This course provides instructions to help you interpret the RA received from Medicare and reconcile it against submitted claims. It will give guidance on how to read Electronic Remittance Advices (ERAs) and Standard Paper Remittance Advices (SPRs). The course also provides an overview of software that Medicare provides free to providers for viewing ERAs. (December 2006)

Uniform Billing (UB)-04

This web-based training course addresses hard copy and electronic billing requirements for Medicare institutional provider (i.e., hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, end stage renal disease providers, home health agencies, hospices, and outpatient rehabilitation clinics, etc). (July 2008)

World of Medicare

This web-based training course will introduce you to the Medicare Program. You will learn about its purpose and history, the types of Medicare coverage, the roles agencies and contractors play, and the claims handling process. You will also learn about beneficiary related topics such as eligibility and benefit options. (September 2007)

Special Initiatives
Downloadable only!

National Provider Identifier Fact Sheets

The National Provider Identifier General Information

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 requires the adoption of a standard unique identifier for health care providers. The NPI Final Rule issued January 23, 2004 adopted the NPI as this standard. Read more about NPI in this fact sheet. (January 2006)

Health Care Providers Who Are Individuals

Are you drowning in a sea of provider numbers? Do you have to keep track of many different identifiers, provider numbers, and provider identification numbers? Do you forget which number to use with which payer? If so, help is on the way! Read more about Healthcare Providers Who are Individuals in this fact sheet. (January 2006)

Electronic File Interchange

The EFI process allows CMS-approved organizations to submit NPI application information on behalf of health care providers who are associated with them and who have agreed to have these organizations submit this information for them. Read more about NPI EFI in this fact sheet. (March 2006)

Guidance on Subpart Determination for Medicare Organization Providers Who are Covered Entities under HIPPA

Covered organization health care providers are responsible for determining if they have subparts that need NPIs. If there are subparts that need NPIs, the covered health care providers must ensure that the subparts obtain their own NPIs, or must obtain them for the subparts. Read more about Subparts in this fact sheet. (March 2006)

Health Care Providers Who Are Sole Proprietors

A sole proprietor/sole proprietorship is an individual and, as such, is eligible for a single NPI. Read more about Sole Proprietors and the NPI. (July 2007)

Health Care Providers Who Are Organizations

Organizations health care providers apply for NPIs as Organizations (Entity Type 2). Read more about Organization Providers and the NPI. (July 2007)

National Provider Identifier Tip Sheets

What the "Guidance on Compliance with the HIPAA National Provider Identifier (NPI) Rule" Means for Health Care Providers: interprets the recently released contingency guidance into helpful steps for providers. (May 2007)

Guidance for Organizations Health Care Providers Who Apply for National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) for Their Health Care Provider Employees: contains information for organization health care providers who wish to apply for NPIs or submit updates using the NPPES web-based process, on behalf of their employed health care providers. (April 2006)

Tips for Health Care Professionals – Preparing Your Office Staff for NPI: provides basic steps to prepare your office staff, and your business, for NPI implementation. (April 2006)

National Provider Identifier Training Package

CMS has developed a Training package for NPI that will assist providers with self-education, as well as education of staff. This package is also useful to national and local medical societies for group presentations and training. The entire package will consist of five modules: General Information, Electronic File Interchange (EFI), Subparts, Data Dissemination and Medicare Implementation. Each Module consists of a PowerPoint presentation (with speaker's notes) and is designed to stand alone or can be combined with other Modules for a training session tailored to the particular audience.

Module 1: General Information
Audience - All Health Care Providers
Description - Provides a basic overview of the National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Module 2: Electronic File Interchange (EFI)
Audience - All Health Care Providers and organizations interested in becoming EFI Organizations
Description - Provides details on the EFI process and information for EFIOs

Module 3: Subparts
Audience - All Health Care Providers
Description - Provides details on the EFI process and information for EFIOs

Module 4: Data Dissemination
Audience - All Health Care Providers
Description - describes the policy by which CMS will make certain NPPES data available as well as the data CMS will be disclosing

Module 5: Medicare Implementation
Audience - All Medicare providers
Description - Provides the NPI requirements specific to Medicare providers. This module will be updated as new requirements are announced or changes are made.

Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Tool Kit

CMS has developed a "PQRI Tool Kit - Steps for Success" that will assist eligible professionals with successful reporting, as well as education of staff. This Tool Kit is also useful for group presentations and training programs.

Currently, the Tool Kit consists of 7 educational resources (listed below). Each resource in the Tool Kit is designed to stand alone or can be combined with other resource for a training session tailored to the particular audience.

2008 PQRI Participation Decision Tree
Audience – All eligible professionals.
Description – A decision tree that assist in selecting the reporting option best suited for the practice.

2008 PQRI Claims-Based Measures Group Handbook
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – A handbook that provides detailed information about the selected measures group and related reporting instructions.

2008 Patient-Level Measures Reference List
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – A reference list that details the many PQRI measures that require one-time reporting per patient per reporting period per eligible professional.

2008 PQRI Single Source Code Master
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – A numerical listing of all codes included in PQRI for incorporation into billing software.

2008 PQRI Coding for Quality Handbook
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – A handbook that delineates coding and reporting principles and provides implementation guidelines for how to successfully report measures.

2008 PQRI Data Collection Worksheets
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – Measure-specific worksheets that walk the user step-by-step through reporting for each measure. These worksheets may be used by the practice on a concurrent basis to collect PQRI data.

2008 PQRI Measure Finder Tool and User Guide
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – The measure finder tool (version 1.2) is designed to help eligible professionals and their coding/billing staff to quickly search for applicable measures and their detailed specifications.

Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) PowerPoint Presentations

CMS has developed a PowerPoint presentation that will assist eligible professionals with successful reporting, as well as education of staff. This PowerPoint presentation is useful for group presentations and training programs.

2008 PQRI Module IV
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – Provides a basic overview of the 2008 PQRI.

Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Fact Sheets

2008 PQRI Fact Sheet – Program Overview
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – A fact sheet that provides a program overview of the 2008 PQRI. (ICN# 006597)

2008 PQRI Fact Sheet – New Reporting Options
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – A fact sheet that provides an overview of reporting options for the 2008 PQRI including ernative reporting periods and alternative criteria for satisfactorily reporting. (ICN# 007018)

Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Tip Sheets

2008 PQRI Tip Sheet – Successful Participation
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – A tip sheet that provides tips on successful participation in 2008 PQRI. (ICN# 006958)

2008 PQRI Tip Sheet – Getting Started with Claims-Based Reporting of Measures Groups
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – A tip sheet that assists eligible professionals on how to implement claims-based reporting of measures groups and includes sample clinical scenarios for each of the four measures groups available in the 2008 PQRI. (ICN# 900943)

2008 PQRI Tip Sheet – PQRI Made Simple. Reporting the Preventive Care Measures Group
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – A tip sheet that provides quick, easy to understand instructions on how to successfully participate in the 2008 PQRI. (ICN# 900963)

Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Quick Reference Chart

2008 PQRI New Reporting Options Quick Reference Chart
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – This two sided laminated reference chart summarizes the new reporting options available for the 2008 PQRI with their corresponding alternative reporting periods. (ICN# 900843)

Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Reference List

2008 PQRI Patient-Level Measures Reference List
Audience – All eligible professionals and practice staff.
Description – A reference list that details the many PQRI measures that require one-time reporting per patient per reporting period per eligible professional. (ICN# 006958)

Web Resources

The web pages listed below will provide 'one-stop shopping' for information on the following CMS initiatives; the National Provider Identifier and Physician Quality Reporting Initiative. You will also find links for specialty providers such as Advanced Practice Nurses and Physician Assistants or Ophthalmologists who provide services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Advanced Practice Nursing/Physician Assistant (APN/PA):
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/70_APNPA.asp

Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies:
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/dme.asp

National Provider Indentifier:
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/nationalprovidentstand/

Ophthalmology Resource Information:
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/65_ophthalmology.asp

Physician Quality Reporting Initiative:
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/