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06/27/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3014-F, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Hospital Conditions of Participation: Laboratory Services," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.
[View CMS-3014-F](#)

CMS-6003-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Appeals of CMS or CMS 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-F](#)

CMS-4129-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Special Enrollment Period and Medicare Premium Changes," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.
[View CMS-4129-F](#)

CMS-6032-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Use of Repayment Plans," was released. This regulation affects Suppliers.
[View CMS-6032-F](#)

CMS-1910-P2, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes in Conditions of Participation Requirements and Payment Provisions for Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers," was released. This regulation affects Rural Health Clinics.
[View CMS-1910-P2](#)

CMS-9046-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--January Through March 2008," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses.
[View CMS-9046-N](#)

CMS-2898-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; The Joint Commission for Continued Deeming Authority for Ambulatory Surgical Centers," was released. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.
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CMS-2897-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care for Continued Deeming Authority for Ambulatory Surgical Centers," was released. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.
[View CMS-2897-PN](#)

CMS-1400-GNC, entitled "Medicare Program; Criteria and Standards for Evaluating Intermediary and Carrier Performance During Fiscal Year 2009," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses.

[View CMS-1400-GNC](#)

CMS-1394-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Second Semi-Annual Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups--August 27-29, 2008," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-1394-N](#)

CMS-3201-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee--August 20, 2008," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-3201-N](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 85 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Cardiac CTA," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 85 \(PDF, 131 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 92 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Private Contracting/Opting out of Medicare /2nd POC," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 92 \(PDF, 172 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1544 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Manual Revisions to Reflect Special Billing Instructions for DMEPOS Items as a Result of the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1544 \(PDF, 173 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1543 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "UPDATE-IMPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM (IPF PPS) RATE YEAR 2009," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1543 \(PDF, 356 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 58 of the Medicare Demonstrations Manual, entitled "Medicare Acute Care Episodes Demonstration - Rescinds and Fully Replaces CR 5767," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Hospitals and Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 58 \(PDF, 1.15 MB\)](#)

06/20/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1812-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 Hospitals and Organ Procurement Organizations.

[View CMS-1812-NC](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CORRECTION

Transmittal 1542 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "NCB for DMEPOS MSN and RA Messages," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1542 \(PDF, 264 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 356 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "NCB for DMEPOS - Phase VII B of the Implementation," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 356 \(PDF, 144 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1541 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to Internet-Only-Manual (IOM) Publication 100-04, Chapter 18, Section 40," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1541 \(PDF, 133 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MIDQUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1538 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1538 \(PDF, 1 MB\)](#)

Transmittal 1540 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July 2008 Update to the ASC Payment System; Summary of Payment Policy Changes," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1540 \(PDF, 240 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 1537 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October Quarterly Update to 2008 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement," was released. This instruction affects Physician and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1537 \(PDF, 93 KB\)](#)

06/13/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1402-N, entitled "Public Meeting in Calendar Year 2008 for New Clinical Laboratory Tests Payment Determinations," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-1402-N](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 355 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "2008 PQRI Establishment of Alternative Reporting Periods and Reporting Criteria," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 355 \(PDF, 355 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1534 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New K Code for Replacement Interface Material," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1534 \(PDF, 100 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 351 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "508 Compliancy for Medicare Remit Easy Print Software," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 351 \(PDF, 95 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 354 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Hospitals Exempt from Present on Admission (POA) Reporting (i.e. non Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems or IPPS Hospitals) & the Affects on Grouper," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 354 \(PDF, 113 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1533 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Claim Status Category Code and Claim Status Code Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1533 \(PDF, 112 KB\)](#)

06/06/2008

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1530 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Critical Care Visits and Neonatal Intensive Care (Codes 99291-9992)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1530 \(PDF, 501 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1531 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software Changes for July 2008," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1531 \(PDF, 208 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MIDQUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1529 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July 2008 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Non Physician Practitioners, Physician, and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1529 \(PDF, 470 KB\)](#)

06/05/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3844-F, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospice Conditions of Participation," was released. This regulation affects Hospice.

[View CMS-3844-F](#)

05/30/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1550-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-1550-NC](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1519 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Instructions for Institutional Providers and Suppliers Billing Self-Referred Mammography Claims Regarding the Attending/Referring Physician NPI," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1519 \(PDF, 156 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1520 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Part B Drug Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) Quarterly Drug List Update," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1520 \(PDF, 142 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1522 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Charges to Hold A Bed During SNF Absence," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1522 \(PDF, 119 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MIDQUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1524 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule--Medicare Travel Allowance Fees for Collection of Specimens," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1524 \(PDF, 158 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1527 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clinical laboratory Fee Schedule-New Waived Tests," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1527 \(PDF, 127 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1528 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July Update to the 2008 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects and Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1528 \(PDF, 87 KB\)](#)

05/28/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4119-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part D Claims Data," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

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05/27/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3844-RCN, entitled "Hospice Conditions of Participation Extension of Timeline for Publication of Final Rule," was released. This regulation affects Hospice, Medicaid, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Non-Physician Practitioner. .

[View CMS-3844-RCN](#)

05/23/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1727-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Provider Reimbursement Determinations and Appeals," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-1727-F](#)

CMS-2224-N, entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and CLIA Programs; Continuing Approval of AABB (Formerly the American Association of Blood Banks as a CLIA Accreditation Organization," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[View CMS-2224-N](#)

CMS-2273-N2 and CMS-2265-N, entitled "State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); Retrospective Adjustment for Additional Allotments To Eliminate Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Funding Shortfalls; Final SCHIP Allotments for FYs 2008 and 2009; Redistribution of Unused SCHIP FY 2005 Allotments To Eliminate FY 2008 Funding Shortfalls; Additional Allotments To Eliminate FY 2008 Funding Shortfalls; and Provisions for Continued Authority for Qualifying States To Use a Portion of Certain SCHIP Funds for Medicaid Expenditures," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.

[View CMS-2273-N2 and CMS-2265-N](#)

CMS-2896-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; The Joint Commission for Continued Deeming Authority for Critical Access Hospitals," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[View CMS-2896-PN](#)

CMS-7009-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Announcement of Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education, June 26, 2008," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-7009-N](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 343 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "New Contractor Numbers for the States of Connecticut and New York in Jurisdiction 13 Part A/B MAC Workload," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physician, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Hospitals, Ambulance and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 343 \(PDF, 444 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1511 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Indian Health Service (HIS) Hospital Payment Rates for Calendar Year 2008," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1511 \(PDF, 112 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MIDQUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1516 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July Quarterly Update for 2008 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies Fee Schedule," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1516 \(PDF, 138 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1517 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative Edits, Version 14.2, Effective July 1, 2008," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1517 \(PDF, 132 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 1515 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Date of Service(DOC) for Clinical Laboratory and Pathology Specimens," was released. This instruction affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1515 \(PDF, 137 KB\)](#)

05/22/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1493-IFC2, entitled "Changes for Long-Term Care Hospitals Required by Certain Provisions of the Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP Extension Act of 2007: 3-Year Moratorium on the Establishment of New Long-Term Care Hospitals and Long-Term Care Hospital Satellite Facilities and Increases in Beds in Existing Long-Term Care Hospitals and Long-Term Care Hospital Satellite Facilities; and 3-Year Delay in the Application of Certain Payment Adjustments," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1493-IFC2](#)

05/16/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4131-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to the Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Benefit Programs.," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-4131-P](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 89 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Medical and Other Health Services Furnished to SNF Patients," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 89 \(PDF, 86 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1504 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Chapter for Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities (IDTF)," was released. This instruction affects Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1504 \(PDF, 116 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 340 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "NCB for DMEPOS Phase VII Correction of CWF Category for Portable Oxygen," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 340 \(PDF, 78 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 342 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Medicare Fraud Edit Module Phase 2," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 342 \(PDF, 187 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1503 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification on the Billing of ESRD-EPO and Aranesp Administration Provided During Unscheduled or Emergency Dialysis Treatments in the Outpatient Hospital Setting," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1503 \(PDF, 92 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1505 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to Determinations of Early vs. Later Episodes Under the Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS)," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1505 \(PDF, 625 KB\)](#)

05/09/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1393-F and CMS-1199-F, entitled "Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals RY 2009: Annual Payment Rate Updates, Policy Changes, and Clarifications; and Electronic Submission of Cost Reports: Revision to Effective Date of Cost Reporting Period," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1393-F and CMS-1199-F](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1502 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual Manual, entitled "Manual Revisions for Chapter 36, DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1502 \(PDF, 366 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MIDQUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1501 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual Manual, entitled "July Quarterly Update to 2008 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for SNF Consolidated Billing Enforcement," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1501 \(PDF, 84 KB\)](#)

05/07/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1401-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System Payment Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2008 (RY 2009)," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1401-N](#)

CMS-1534-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2009," was released. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View CMS-1534-P](#)

05/06/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1493-IFC, entitled "Changes for Long-Term Care Hospitals Required by Certain Provisions of the Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP Extension Act of 2007: 3-Year Delay in the Application of Payment Adjustments for Short Stay Outliers and Changes to the Standard Federal Rate," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1493-IFC](#)

05/02/2008

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 18 of the Medicare Program Reimbursement Manual, Part 2, entitled "CMS-2552-96," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 18 \(PDF, 405 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 83 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Blood-Derived Products for Chronic, Non-healing Wounds," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Medical Advantage, Outpatient

Physical Therapy, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 83 \(PDF, 112 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 87 of the Medicare Benefits Policy Manual, entitled "Cardiac Rehabilitation and Incident to Policy Update," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 87 \(PDF, 244 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 334 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "New Contractor Numbers for the States of Delaware, District of Columbia, MD, NJ, PA in Jurisdiction 12 Part A/B MAC Workload," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Hospital, Ambulance and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 334 \(PDF, 390 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 337 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Processing Federally Qualified Health Care Center (FQHC) Claims for the Telehealth Originating Site Facility Fee," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 337 \(PDF, 76 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1495 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Billing blood and blood procedures," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1495 \(PDF, 185 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1496 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Shared Systems Modifications Necessary to Capture and Crossover Medicaid Drug Rebate Data Submitted on Form UB-04 Paper Claims and DDE," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1496 \(PDF, 184 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1498 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Adjusting Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Reimbursement for Replaced Devices Offered Without Cost or With A Credit," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1498 \(PDF, 154 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1499 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "AMBULANCE FEE SCHEDULE - CONVERSION FACTOR FILE FOR CY 2009 AMBULANCE INFLATION FACTOR," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1499 \(PDF, 113 KB\)](#)

05/01/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1548-P, entitled "Proposed Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2009," was released. This instruction affects Hospices.

[View CMS-1548-P](#)

04/30/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1390-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2009 Rates; Proposed Changes to Disclosure of Physician Ownership in Hospitals and Physician Self-Referral Rules; Proposed Collection of Information Regarding Financial Relationships Between Hospitals and Physicians," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.
[View CMS-1390-P](#)

04/25/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2260-F, entitled "Grants to States for Operation of Qualified High Risk Pools," was released. This instruction affects Medicaid.
[View CMS-2260-F](#)

CMS-1554-P, entitled "Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2009," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.
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CMS-2895-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; The Det Norske Veritas Healthcare, Inc (DNV) for Deeming Authority for Hospitals," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals .
[View CMS-2895-PN](#)

CMS-1557-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, May 19, 2008," was released. This instruction affects Meeting Notice.
[View CMS-1557-N](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 253 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "LCDs Responsibility Transition From DME," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 253 \(PDF, 136 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 437 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual, entitled "COMPENSATION OF OWNERS," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Home Health Agencies, Federally Qualified Health Centers and Skilled Nursing Facilities.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 437 \(PDF, 46 KB\)](#)

04/18/2008

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MIDQUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1492 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New HCPCS Codes for April 2008 Update," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Home Health Agencies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 1492 \(PDF, 196 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CORRECTION

Transmittal 1493 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Establish Pre-Payment Autodenial Edits in Applicable States for DMEPOS Suppliers of Oxygen and

Oxygen Equipment (DME MACs only)," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1493 \(PDF, 411 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 333 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Assignment of Providers to MACs," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 333 \(PDF, 142 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 35 of the Medicare State Operations Manual, entitled "Revising Chapter 6/this instruction has been in their Director's office for almost a year," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 35 \(PDF, 936 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 82 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Removal of VIPS and CWF," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 82 \(PDF, 143 KB\)](#)

04/17/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4133-CN Correction, entitled "Modification to the Weighting Methodology Used To Calculate the Low-Income Benchmark Amount; Correction," was released. This instruction affects Other CMS Businesses.

[View CMS-4133-CN](#)

04/15/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3818-F, entitled "Conditions for Coverage for End-Stage Renal Disease Facilities," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View CMS-3818-F](#)

CMS-4130-F, entitled "Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

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04/11/2008

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1489 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Nursing Facility Services (Codes 99304 - 99318)," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1489 \(PDF, 154 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1490 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Prolonged Services (Codes 99345-99359)," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1490 \(PDF, 278 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CORRECTION

Transmittal 252 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Flagging HICN in the MCS for Pre-Payment Review/Audit," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 252 \(PDF, 341 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MIDQUARTER LIST

Transmittal 138 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Recurring Update Notification for the Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments--3rd Notification for FY 2008," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 138 \(PDF, 125 KB\)](#)

04/09/2008

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MIDQUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1488 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April 2008 Update to the ASC Payment System: Summary of Payment Policy Changes," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1488 \(PDF, 54 KB\)](#)

04/04/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2249-P, entitled "Home and Community-Based State Plan Services," was released. This instruction affects Medicaid.

[View CMS-2249-P](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 330 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Extension of Reasonable Cost Payment for Clinical Lab Tests Furnished by Hospitals with Fewer Than 50 Beds in Qualified Rural Areas," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 330 \(PDF, 132 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1486 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Exception to 60-Day Limit on Substitute Physician Billing Arrangements for Physicians Called to Active Duty in the Armed Forces Reserved," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1486 \(PDF, 158 KB\)](#)

04/03/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4133-F, entitled "Modification to the Weighting Methodology Used to Calculate the Low-Income Benchmark Amount," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice and Other CMS Businesses.

[View CMS-4133-F](#)

04/01/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2231-N, entitled "Final State Allotments for Payment of Medicare

Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals for Federal Fiscal Year 2007," was released. This instruction affects Medicaid.

[View CMS-2231-N](#)

CMS-9043-N, entitled "Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances; October Through December 2007; Notice," was released. This instruction affects Other CMS Businesses.

[View CMS-9043-N](#)

CMS-3197-N, entitled "Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee--May 21, 2008," was released. This instruction is a Meeting Notice.

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