

The CMS Quarterly Provider Update July 2008

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09/18/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4131-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Benefit Programs: Final Marketing Provisions." This regulation affects Medicare+Choice.

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CMS-4138-IFC, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to the Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Benefit Programs; Final Rule." This regulation affects Medicare+Choice.

[View CMS-4138-IFC](#)

09/12/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1554-F, entitled "Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2009" This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1554-F](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 141 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Limitation on Recoupment (935) for Provider, Physicians and Suppliers Overpayments," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 141](#) [PDF, 978 KB]

Transmittal 1593 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Smoking and Tobacco Use," was released. This instruction affects Outpatient Physical Therapy and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

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Transmittal 267 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "NPI for Ordering and Referring Providers," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 267](#) [PDF, 186 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 1594 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Test," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1594](#) [PDF, 1.09 MB]

Transmittal 1595 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October 2008 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1595](#) [PDF, 436 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 1597 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Paymt for Implanted Prosthetic Devices for Part B Inpatients," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1597](#) [PDF, 245 KB]

09/05/2008

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 375 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Delay of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Home Health Agencies, and Delay of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS).

[View the complete text of Transmittal 375](#) [PDF, 169 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CORRECTION

Transmittal 1588 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Beneficiary Submitted Claims," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1588](#) [PDF, 297 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 1584 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule - Medicare Travel Allowance Fee for Collection of Specimens," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1584](#) [PDF, 168 KB]

Transmittal 1585 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "INPATIENT REHABILITATION FACILITY (IRF) ANNUAL UPDATE: PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM (PPS) PRICER CHANGES FOR FY2009," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1585](#) [PDF, 125 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 1587 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revised Form CMS-R-131 Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage," was released. This instruction affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Hospitals, Hospices, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1587](#) [PDF, 636 KB]

08/29/2008

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 93 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Artificial Hearts," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Physicians, Organ Procurement Organizations, and Medicare Advantage.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 93](#) [PDF, 322 KB]

Transmittal 94 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Physician Signature Requirements for Diagnostic Tests," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 94](#) [PDF, 117 KB]

Transmittal 1583 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Artificial Hearts," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Organ Procurement Organizations, Medicare Advantage, and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1583](#) [PDF, 282 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CORRECTION

Transmittal 94 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) Therapy for Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 94](#) [PDF, 182 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 372 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Update to the Intern to Bed Ratio for Method II Teaching," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 1581 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Discarded EPO Stimulating Agents for Home Dialysis," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

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Transmittal 1582 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "2009 Annual Update for the Health Profession Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payment," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 1582](#) [PDF, 130 KB]

08/22/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1405-N, entitled "Medicare Provider Feedback Group Town Hall Meeting-- September 22, 2008" This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-1405-N](#)

CMS-1417-NC, entitled "Announcement of Applications From Hospitals Requesting Waiver for Organ Procurement Service Area" This regulation affects Organ Procurement Organizations.

[View CMS-1417-NC](#)

CMS-2899-PN, entitled "Application by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care for Continued Deeming Authority for Home Health Agencies" This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View CMS-2899-PN](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1580 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October Update to the 2008 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1580](#) [PDF, 128 KB]

08/21/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

[View CMS-1727-CN](#)

08/19/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1390-F; CMS-1531-IFC1; CMS-1531-IFC2; CMS-1385-F4, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2009 Rates; Payments for Graduate Medical Education in Certain Emergency Situations; Changes to Disclosure of Physician Ownership in Hospitals and Physician Self-Referral Rules; Updates to the Long-Term Care Prospective Payment System; Updates to Certain IPPS-Excluded Hospitals; and Collection of Information Regarding Financial Relationships Between Hospitals" This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1390-F; CMS-1531-IFC1; CMS-1531-IFC2; CMS-1385-F4](#)

08/15/2008

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 366 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "2008 Reminder for Roster Billing and Centralized Billing for Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccinations," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 366](#) [PDF, 100 KB]

Transmittal 367 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Reporting withholding due to IRS Federal Payment Levy Program (FPLP)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 367](#) [PDF, 295 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1576 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 1576](#) [PDF, 138 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 1577 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Rev to the Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) for Part B Drugs and Biologicals," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 1577](#) [PDF, 105 KB]

08/13/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3191-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Fire Safety Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities, Automatic Sprinkler Systems," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.
[View CMS-3191-F](#)

CMS-7011-N, entitled "Medicare Program: Request for Cosponsors for E-prescribing Educational Conference," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.
[View CMS-7011-N](#)

08/11/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1404-P, entitled "Proposed Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Perspective Payment System and CY 2009 Payment Rates; Proposed Changes to the Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System and CY 2009 Payment Rates," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.
[View CMS-1404-P](#)

08/08/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1534-F, 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-F](#)

CMS-1548-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2009," was released. This regulation affects Hospice.

[View CMS-1548-F](#)

CMS-1554-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2009," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1554-F](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 363 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "FY 2006 SUPPLEMENTARY SECURITY INCOME (SSI) DATA," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 363](#) [PDF, 111 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 22 of the Medicare Contract Beneficiary and Provider Communications Manual, entitled "Implementation of New Provider Authentication Requirements for Medicare Contractor Interactive Voice Response System," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

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Transmittal 265 of the Medicare Manual, entitled "Medicare Fraud Edit Module Phase 3," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

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Transmittal 1572 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Requirement for Ordering/Referring Information on Ambulatory Surgical Center Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Claims for Diagnostic Services," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1572](#) [PDF, 182 KB]

08/07/2008

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 264 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Transition of Responsibility for MR From QIOs," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Hospitals.

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Transmittal 1571 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Transition of Responsibility for MR From QIOs," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Hospitals.

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08/01/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1403-CN, entitled "Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2009; and Revisions to the Amendment of the E-Prescribing Exemption for Computer Generated Facsimile Transmissions; Correction," was released. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View CMS-1403-CN](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1570 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "UPDATE TO HOSPICE PAYMENT RATES, HOSPICE CAP, HOSPICE WAGE INDES, AND THE HOSPICE PRICER FOR FY 2009," was released. This instruction affects Hospice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1570](#) [PDF, 149 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 362 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Requirement to Educate Providers Regarding CMS' Use of Medicare Cost Reporting Data," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Medicare Advantage, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Hospice and Organ Procurement Organizations.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 362](#) [PDF, 123 KB]

07/28/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4121-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Prohibition of Midyear Benefit Enhancements for Medicare Advantage Organizations," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business and Medicare + Choice.

[View CMS-4121-F](#)

07/25/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1396-N, entitled "Announcement of Three New Members to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-1558-N, entitled "Request for Nominations and Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, August 18, 2008," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 90 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Prothrombin Time Monitoring for Home Management," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 90](#) [PDF, 60 KB]

Transmittal 1562 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "TP/INR Monitoring for Home Anticoagulation," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1562](#) [PDF, 75 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CORRECTION

Transmittal 91 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "CPAP Therapy for OSA - Correction," was released. This instruction affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 91](#) [PDF, 161 KB]

Transmittal 1561 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "_____ Act of 2008, Legislative Change Concerning Independent Laboratory Billing for the Technical Component of Physical Pathology Services," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1561](#) [PDF, 129 KB]

Transmittal 1565 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction--Clarification on the Correct Condition Code to Report on Provider Adjustment Requests to Indicate a Health Insurance (HIPPS) Code Change," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1565](#) [PDF, 122 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 1564 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Hemophilia Clotting Factor and HCPCS Code," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1564](#) [PDF, 160 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1563 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Remittance Advice Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update," was released. This instruction affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1563](#) [PDF, 53 KB]

07/21/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3189-NC, entitled "Evaluation Criteria and Standards for Quality Improvement Program Contracts (9th Scope of Work)," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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07/18/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1404-P, entitled "Proposed Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and CY 2009 Payment Rates; Proposed Changes to the Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System and CY 2009 Payment Rates," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1550 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarifications to Audiology Update Transmittal 1470," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1550](#) [PDF, 142 KB]

Transmittal 1557 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Beneficiary Submitted Claims," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Medicare Advantage, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospice, Hospitals, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Organ Procurement Organizations and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1557](#) [PDF, 292 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 140 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Recurring Update Notification for the Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments--4th Notification for FY 2008," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 140](#) [PDF, 113 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – NEW TRANSMITTAL

Transmittal 1551 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Hemophilia Clotting Factor and HCPCS Code," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1551](#) [PDF, 175 KB]

Transmittal 1553 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification on the Correct Condition Code to Report on Provider Adjustment Requests to Indicate a Health Insurance Prospective Payment System Code," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Home Health Agencies and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1553](#) [PDF, 133 KB]

Transmittal 1554 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revision to Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Common Working File (CWF) Editing," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1554](#) [PDF, 158 KB]

Transmittal 1555 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revision of the Requirements for Denial of Payment for New Admissions (DPNA) for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Billing--Finalized for MK--CW," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1555](#) [PDF, 629 KB]

Transmittal 1558 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "NEW CODE FOR HOSPICE DISCHARGE FOR CAUSE," was released. This instruction affects Hospice.

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07/07/2008

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1403-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2009; and Revisions to the Amendment of the E-Prescribing Exemption for Computer Generated Facsimile Transmissions; Proposed Rule," was released. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View CMS-1403-P](#)

07/03/2008

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 86 of the Medicare National Determinations Manual, entitled "CPAP Therapy for OSA," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 86](#) [PDF, 129 KB]

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 1547 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update-Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Rate Year 2009," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

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