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Change Request 4071

SUBJECT: Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This Change Request provides a quarterly update of the interest rate for Medicare overpayments and underpayments.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 24, 2006

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 24, 2006

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED - Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / SubSection / Title
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.

Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- **A. Background:** Medicare Regulation 42 CFR §405.378 provides for the assessment of interest at the higher of the current value of funds rate (two percent for calendar year 2006) or the private consumer rate as fixed by the Department of the Treasury.
- **B. Policy:** The Department of the Treasury has notified the Department of Health and Human Services that the private consumer rate has been changed to **12.125 percent**.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement

[&]quot;Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)							
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	I		C W F	Other
4071.1	The Medicare contractors shall implement an interest rate of 12.125% effective April 24, 2006 for Medicare overpayments and underpayments.	X	X	X	X				

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)						
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers F M V C I C M V S S S S F S F	V	

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		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared Mainta F M I C S S S	ners	С	Other
	None.								

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions:

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions
4071.1	This reaffirms interest rates for prior
	periods:
Period	Interest Rate
February 7, 2001 – April 25, 2001	14.125%
April 26, 2001 - August 6, 2001	13.75%
August 7, 2001 – October 30, 2001	13.25%
October 31, 2001 – January 31, 2002	13.25%
February 1, 2002 – May 7, 2002	12.625%
May 8, 2002 – August 7, 2002	11.75%
August 8, 2002 – November 18, 2002	12.625%
November 19, 2002 – February 10, 2003	11.25%
February 11, 2003 – April 27, 2003	10.75%
April 28, 2003 – August 10, 2003	11.625%
August 11, 2003 – November 2, 2003	12.125%
November 3, 2003 –February 3, 2004	12.00%
February 4, 2004 – May 6, 2004	12.00%
May 7, 2004 – August 8, 2004	11.875%
August 9, 2004 – November 11, 2004	11.75%
November 12, 2004 – February 7, 2005	12.00%
February 8, 2005 – April 24, 2005	11.875%
April 25, 2005 – July 21, 2005	12.00%
July 22, 2005 – November 2, 2005	12.00%
November 3, 2005 – January 24, 2006	12.25%
January 25, 2006 – April 23, 2006	11.875%

April 24, 2006	12.125%
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B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

Effective Date*: April 24, 2006 Implementation Date: April 24, 2006 Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Tom Noplock (410) 786-	No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.
3378. Post-Implementation Contact(s): Toll Noplock (410) 786-3378.	2000 operating budgets.

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