



Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Cardiac Rehabilitation, & Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation Expansion of Supervising Practitioners

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Related CR Title: Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Cardiac Rehabilitation and Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation (PR/CR/ICR) Expansion of Supervising Practitioners

Affected Providers

- Physicians
- Suppliers
- Other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services they provide to Medicare patients

Action Needed

Make sure your billing staff knows about updates to pulmonary, cardiac, and intensive cardiac rehabilitation services effective January 1, 2024, including expanding the types of practitioners who may supervise these services.

Background

CR 13513 makes MACs aware of conditions of coverage for:

- Pulmonary Rehabilitation (PR)
- Cardiac Rehabilitation (CR)
- Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation (ICR)

Changes to these conditions result from the [CY 2024 Physician Fee Schedule](#) (PFS) final rule published November 16, 2023.

Effective January 1, 2024, Section 51008 of the [2018 Bipartisan Budget Act](#) titled, "Allowing Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and Clinical Nurse Specialists to Supervise Cardiac,

Intensive Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Programs,” amended Sections 1861 (eee) and (fff) of the [Social Security Act](#) (the Act). The amendment directed CMS to add to the types of practitioners who may supervise PR, CR, and ICR programs to also include:

- Physician assistants
- Nurse practitioners
- Clinical nurse specialists

Section 1861(aa)(5)(A) of the Act defines these provider types.

In the CY 2024 PFS Final Rule, we finalized additions and revisions to the PR and CR/ICR regulations that codify the statutory changes made in Section 51008 of the 2018 BBA to expand the types of practitioners that may supervise PR, CR, and ICR. These additions and revisions include changes to the regulatory language in the definitions, settings, and supervising practitioner standards under 42 CFR 410.47 and 410.49.

MACs won’t search their files to adjust claims already processed, but they will adjust claims you bring to their attention.

More Information

We issued CR 13513 to your MAC via 2 transmittals:

1. Transmittal R12497BP modifies Chapter 15 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual
2. Transmittal R12497CP updates Chapter 32 of the Medicare Claim Processing Manual

The revised chapters are attached to the transmittals.

For more information, [find your MAC’s website](#).

Document History

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