

The CMS Quarterly Provider Update October 2005

Mid-Quarter Instructions

Listed below are instructions for the October Quarter that will not be released by October 1, 2005. Due to the nature of these routine or recurring items, a full 90-day advance notice could not be given. Unless noted below, these instructions have an implementation date of January 1, 2006.

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SUBJECT	DATE RELEASED
Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System Transmittal 40, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (PDF - 107 KB)	Released: 11/18/2005 Impl. Date: 02/16/2006
Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2006 Transmittal 758, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 98 KB)	Released: 11/18/2005 Impl. Date: 01/03/2006
Auditory Osseointegrated and Auditory Brainstem Devices Transmittal 39, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (PDF - 113 KB)	Released: 11/10/2005 Impl. Date: 12/12/2005
Update of HCPCS Codes and File Names, Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2006 ASC HCPCS Deletions, Additions, and Master Listing Transmittal 720, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 73 KB)	Released: 11/14/2005 Impl. Date: 01/03/2006
Reasonable Charge Update for 2006 for Splints, Casts, Dialysis Supplies, Dialysis Equipment, Certain Intraocular Lenses and Certain HCPCS Coding Issues Transmittal 749, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 141 KB)	Released: 11/10/2005 Impl. Date: 01/03/2006
2006 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment Transmittal 750, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 149 KB)	Released: 11/10/2005 Impl. Date: 01/03/2006
Update to Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance and Premium Rates for 2006 Transmittal 31, Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement (PDF - 180 KB)	Released: 11/04/2005 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, V12.0, Effective January 1, 2006 Transmittal 742, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 100 KB)	Released: 11/04/2005 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update Transmittal 743, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 162 KB)	Released: 11/04/2005 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
January 2006 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective January 1, 2006, and Revisions to January 2005, April 2005, July 2005, and October 2005 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files Transmittal 746, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 184 KB)	Released: 11/04/2005 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005

Deletion of MCM Chapter 3 - Marketing. Transmittal 75, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 61 KB)	Released: 10/28/2005 Impl. Date: N/A
Initial Publication of Chapter 10 - MA Organization Compliance with State Law and Preemption by Federal law Transmittal 76, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 54 KB)	Released: 10/28/2005 Impl. Date: N/A
Changes in MCM Chapter 17, Subchapter F – Benefits and Beneficiary Protections Transmittal 77, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 375 KB)	Released: 10/28/2005 Impl. Date: N/A
Payment for Office or Other Outpatient Evaluation and Management (E/M) Visits (Codes 99201 - 99215) Transmittal 731, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 108 KB)	Released: 10/28/2005 Impl. Date: 01/03/2006
Recurring Update Notification for the Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments Transmittal 81, Medicare Financial Management Manual (PDF - 86 KB)	Released: 11/03/2005 Impl. Date: N/A
Notification of New Value and Condition Codes For Medicare Demonstrations Transmittal 29, Demonstrations (PDF - 78 KB)	Released: 10/21/2005 Impl. Date: 01/03/2006
Use of Value Codes 48 and 49 on End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Bills Transmittal 721, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 138 KB)	Released: 10/21/2005 Impl. Date: 01/03/2006
Payment Allowances for the Influenza Virus Vaccine (CPT 90655, 90656, 90657, and 90658) and the Pneumococcal Vaccine (CPT 90732) when Payment is Based on 95 Percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP) Transmittal 185, One-Time Notification Manual (PDF - 115 KB)	Released: 10/21/2005 Impl. Date: 11/21/2005
Changes in Manual Instructions for Payment Principles for Cost Based HMO/CMPs Transmittal 74, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 24 KB)	Released: 10/14/2005 Impl. Date: N/A
General Appeals Process in Initial Determinations (Implementation Dates for FI Initial Determinations Issued on or After May 1, 2005, and Carrier Initial Determinations Issued on or After January 1, 2006). Transmittal 695, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 161 KB)	Released: 10/07/2005 Impl. Date: 01/09/2006
2006 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) for the Common Working File (CWF), Medicare Carriers and Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) Transmittal 696, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 44 KB)	Released: 10/07/2005 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
Revision to Chapter 31 - Attestation Transmittal 700, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 55 KB)	Released: 10/07/2005 Impl. Date: 11/07/2005
Managed Care Manual Updates	Not yet released
Interest Rate CR	Not yet released
Annual DMEPOS Fee Schedule Updates	Not yet released
Annual Reasonable Charge Update -Ambulance Services, Certain DME Supplies & Blood Supplies/Transfusions	Not yet released
HCPCS/CPT Annual Update	Not yet released
Physician Fee Schedule Update	Not yet released

January 2006 Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version XX	Not yet released
January 2006 Update to the Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specification Version for Bills from Hospitals that are not paid under the Outpatient prospective Payment System (OPPS)	Not yet released
January 2006 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Non-OPPS)	Not yet released
Type of Service Annual Update	Not yet released
Update to Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance and Premium Rates for CY 2006	Not yet released
Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software for January 2006	Not yet released
Update of Codes and Payments for ASCs-Annual Update	Not yet released
Annual Update of SNF No Pay File & SNF Abstract for the MPFS	Not yet released
Annual Update for SNF Consolidated Billing Update for CWF & Carriers	Not yet released
Annual Update for HCPCS codes used for SNF Consolidated Billing (FI)	Not yet released
Home Health Consolidated Billing HCPCS Code-Annual Update	Not yet released
CWF Provider Inquiry Screen-Update to "H" Number Table	Not yet released
HH PPS Rate -Annual Update	Not yet released
New ZIP Code File	Not yet released
Update to List of CLIA Waived Tests	Not yet released
Long Term Care Hospital PPS (LTCH PPS)	Not yet released
Update to Claims Status Codes	Not yet released
Remittance Advice Reason and Remark Code Update-Quarterly Update	Not yet released
January 2006 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP)	Not yet released
Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update FY 2006 for 9 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) with New Wage Index Values	Not yet released
Contracting Reform	Not yet released
Requirement that System Maintainers Do not Deny Units on a Claim Line If they Pass Medically Unbelievable Edits (MUEs)	Not yet released
Manualizing Long-Standing Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Policy in Chapter 2 of the MSP Internet Only Manual (IOM)	Not yet released
Hearing Aid Definition	Not yet released

Calendar Year (CY) 2006 Participation Enrollment and Medicare Participating Physicians and Suppliers Directory (MEDPARD) Procedures	Not yet released
Medical Review Matching of Electronic Claims and Additional Documentation in the Medical Review Process	Not yet released
Settlement Instructions for the Utah Graduate Medical Education Demonstration	Not yet released
New Health Insurance Master Record (HIMR) Claims Crossover Disposition Indicators	Not yet released
SNF PPS Revisions to IOM 100-2	Not yet released
Use of Value Codes 48 and 49 on End Stage Renal Disease Bills	Not yet released
Changes in Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System For FY 2006	Not yet released
Repeat Tests for Automated Multi-Channel Chemistries for End Stage Renal Disease beneficiaries	Not yet released
Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Codes Used for Home Health Consolidated Billing Enforcement	Not yet released
Therapy Caps to be Effective January 1, 2006	Not yet released