

Provider Update – April 2006

Mid-Quarter Instructions-- Routine or Recurring Items

Listed below are instructions for the April Quarter that will not be released by April 3, 2006. 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 July 1, 2006.

| SUBJECT | DATE RELEASED |
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| Lumbar Artificial Disc Replacement (LADR) Transmittal 60, Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual (PDF - 36 KB) | Released: 06/23/2006 Impl. Date: 07/17/2006 |
| Lumbar Artificial Disc Replacement (LADR) Transmittal 992, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 207 KB) | Released: 06/23/2006 Impl. Date: 07/17/2006 |
| Update-Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) Rate Year 2007 Transmittal 981, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 285 KB) | Released: 06/15/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/2006 |
| Update-Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS) Rate Year 2007 Transmittal 39, Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual (PDF - 86 KB) | Released: 06/09/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/2006 |
| July 2006 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective July 1, 2006, and Revisions to January 2006 and April 2006 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files Transmittal 974, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 191 KB) | Released: 06/09/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/2006 |
| Update-Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS) Rate Year 2007 Transmittal 978, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 202 KB) | Released: 06/09/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/2006 |
| July 2006 Maintenance and Update of the Temporary Hook Created to Hold OPPS Claims that Include Certain Drug HCPCS Codes Transmittal 969, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 120 KB) | Released: 05/30/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/2006 |
| July 2006 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes Transmittal 970, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 175 KB) | Released: 05/30/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/2006 |
| Provider Reimbursement Manual, Part 1 Transmittal 430, Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 1 Manual (PDF, 38 KB) | Released: 05/26/2006 Impl. Date: N/A |
| Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for July 2006 Transmittal 959, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF, 96 KB) | Released: 05/26/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/06 |
| July 2006 Non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System Outpatient Code Editor (Non-OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 21.3 Transmittal 960, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF, 149 KB) | Released: 05/26/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/2006 |
| July 2006 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 7.2 Transmittal 962, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF, 1 MB) | Released: 05/26/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/2006 |
| July Update to the 2006 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database | Released: 05/26/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/2006 |

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| <u>Transmittal 963, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF, 214 KB)</u> | |
| Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 12.2, Effective July 1, 2006 <u>Transmittal 965, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF, 106 KB)</u> | Released: 05/26/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/2006 |
| New Waived Tests <u>Transmittal 947, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 203 KB)</u> | Released: 05/15/2006 Impl. Date: 06/12/2006 |
| July Quarterly Update for 2006 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule <u>Transmittal 928, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 140 KB)</u> | Released: 04/28/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/2006 |
| Additional \$50 Payment for New Technology Intraocular Lenses (NTIOLs) Furnished in Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) <u>Transmittal 914, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 177 KB)</u> | Released: 04/21/2006 Impl. Date: 05/22/2006 |
| Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments <u>Transmittal 94, Medicare Financial Management Manual (PDF - 117 KB)</u> | Released: 04/17/2006 Impl. Date: 04/24/2006 |
| Managed Care Manual Updates, Pub. No. 100-16 | Not Yet Released |
| Interest Rate CR | Not Yet Released |
| Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) | Not Yet Released |
| Physician Fee Schedule Database Quarterly Update | Not Yet Released |
| Addition/Deletion of HCPCS Codes | Not Yet Released |
| Medicare Zip Code File—Quarterly Update | Not Yet Released |
| Claims Status Code Update | Not Yet Released |
| Claim Adjustment Reason and Remark Codes Update | Not Yet Released |
| Update to Current NUBC Codes | Not Yet Released |
| File Names, Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2006 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) HCPCS Additions, Deletions and Master List | Not Yet Released |
| Medicare Part B ASP Drug Pricing Files | Not Yet Released |
| NCD Lab Edit | Not Yet Released |
| Home Health Consolidated Billing Quarterly Update | Not Yet Released |
| Inpatient Psychiatry, Prospective Payment System (PPS) | Not Yet Released |
| Installation of the April 2006 Release of the Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) Pricer | Not Yet Released |
| Laboratory Travel Allowance for Specimen Collection | Not Yet Released |
| Installation of July Pricing Software Containing the Customer Information Control System (CICS) Formatting Update | Not Yet Released |
| July 2006 Quarterly Update to Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing | Not Yet Released |

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| Lumbar Artificial Disk Replacement | Not Yet Released |
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