

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
July 2003**

What's New

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09/30/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED - CORRECTION

CMS-1473-NC, entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for FY 2004 - Correction," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies. [View the Correction to CMS-1473-NC](#)

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1233-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2004," was published. This regulation affects Hospices. [View CMS-1233-N](#)

09/29/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED - CORRECTION

CMS-1469-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. [View CMS-1469-CN](#)

09/26/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1476-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2004; Correction," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. [View CMS-1476-CN](#)

CMS-2131-F, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Requirements for Paid Feeding Assistants in Long Term Care Facilities," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. [View CMS-2131-F](#)

CMS-2175-CN, entitled "Medicaid Program; Time Limitation on Price

Recalculations and Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Drug Rebate Program; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-2175-CN**](#)

CMS-2182-FN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reapproval of the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) for Deeming Authority for Hospices," was published. This regulation affects Hospices. [**View CMS-2182-FN**](#)

CMS-3062-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Revised Process for Making Medicare National Coverage Determinations," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[**View CMS-3062-N**](#)

CMS-9018-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—April 2003 Through June 2003," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-9018-N**](#)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal A-03-081, entitled "Conflicting Policies with Provider Reimbursement Manual 15-1, Section 2771," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-081**](#) (PDF - 85 KB)

09/22/2003

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal A-03-080, entitled "End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Reimbursement for Automated Multi-Channel Chemistry (AMCC) Tests," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-080**](#) (PDF - 111 KB)

09/12/2003

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 3 of One-Time Special Notification, entitled "Payment Amount for the Influenza Virus Vaccine," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 3**](#) (PDF - 138 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal A-03-078 affecting Renal Dialysis Facilities and entitled "Reimbursement for Automated Multi-Channel Chemistry (AMCC) Tests for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Beneficiaries," was released and subsequently rescinded on 09/15/2003 per RO-2276 and CI-2109.

09/09/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1063-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Clarifying Policies Related to the Responsibilities of Medicare-Participating Hospitals in Treating Individuals with Emergency Medical Conditions," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1063-F](#)

CMS-1262-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Criteria for Being Classified as an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1262-P](#)**

09/08/2003

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 1 of One-Time Special Notification, entitled "Payment for Tositumomab and Iodine I-131," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1](#) (PDF - 119 KB)

09/05/2003

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal A-03-077, entitled "October Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 19.0 For Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-077](#)** (PDF - 132 KB)

Transmittal 30 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 18, Health Care Prepayment Plans," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 30](#) (PDF - 239 KB)

Transmittal 31 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 19, Managed Care and M+C Systems Requirements," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 31](#)** (PDF - 1 MB)

08/29/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-2175-FC, entitled "Medicaid Program; Time Limitation on Price Recalculations and Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Drug Rebate Program," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-2175-FC](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal A-03-074, entitled "Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Annual Update: Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Changes for FY 2004," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-074](#) (PDF - 13 KB)

Transmittal A-03-075, entitled "Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Update," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-075](#) (PDF - 12.3 KB)

Transmittal A-03-076, entitled "October 2003 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-076](#)** (PDF - 30 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 1818 of the Medicare Carriers Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "Section 3000, Filing the Request for Payment," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1818](#) (PDF - 127 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-136, entitled "Correction to Quarterly Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Home Health Consolidated Billing Enforcement," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Home Health Agencies, Non-Physician Practitioners and Outpatient Physical Therapy.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-136](#) (PDF - 13 KB)

08/22/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1167-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Payment for Respiratory Assist Devices with Bi-level Capability and a Back-up Rate," was published. This regulation affects Suppliers. **[View CMS-1167-P](#)**

CMS-1199-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Electronic Submission of Cost Reports," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-1199-F](#)**

CMS-1236-N, entitled "Medicare Program; September 15 and 16, 2003, Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council and Request for Nominations," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1236-N](#)**

CMS-2136-FN, entitled "Medicaid Program; State Allotments for Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals: Federal Fiscal Year 2002," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-2136-FN](#)**

CMS-2166-N, entitled "State Children's Health Insurance Program; Final Allotments to States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories and Commonwealths for Fiscal Year 2004," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid. **[View CMS-2166-N](#)**

CMS-2226-CN, entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and CLIA Programs; Laboratory Requirements Relating to Quality Systems and Certain Personnel Qualifications; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View CMS-2226-CN](#)

CMS-4041-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Modifications to Managed Care Rules," was published. This regulation affects Medicare+Choice. **[View CMS-4041-F](#)**

CMS-4053-N, entitled "Medicare Program: Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education – September 18, 2003," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-4053-N](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 18 of the Outpatient Physical Therapy Manual, entitled "Instructions for Provider Credit Balance Reporting Activities," was released. This instruction affects Outpatient Physical Therapy.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 18](#) (PDF - 138 KB)

Transmittal 39 of the Rural Health Clinics manual, entitled "Instructions for Provider Credit Balance Reporting Activities," was released. This instruction affects Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 39](#) (PDF - 138 KB)

Transmittal 69 of the Hospice Manual, entitled "Instructions for Provider Credit Balance Reporting Activities," was released. This instruction affects Hospices.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 69](#) (PDF - 138 KB)

Transmittal 96 of the Renal Dialysis Facility Manual, entitled "Instructions for Provider Credit Balance Reporting Activities," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 96](#)** (PDF - 145 KB)

Transmittal 306 of the Home Health Agency Manual, entitled "Instructions for Provider Credit Balance Reporting Activities," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 306](#)** (PDF - 131 KB)

Transmittal 377 of the Skilled Nursing Facility Manual, entitled "Instructions for Provider Credit Balance Reporting Activities," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 377](#)** (PDF - 139 KB)

Transmittal 806 of the Hospitals Manual, entitled "Instructions for Provider Credit Balance Reporting Activities," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 806](#) (PDF - 138 KB)

Transmittal A-03-072, entitled "Instructions for Provider Credit Balance Reporting Activities," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Skilled

Nursing Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Hospices, Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health, and Outpatient Physical Therapy.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-072](#) (PDF - 154 KB)

Transmittal B-03-064, entitled "CLARIFICATION-ICD-9 Coding," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. **[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-064](#)** (PDF - 81 KB)

Transmittal B-03-065, entitled "Changes to Code List for Therapy Services," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospitals, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-065](#) (PDF - 87 KB)

Transmittal B-03-067, entitled "National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Batch Transaction Standard 1.1 Billing Request Companion Document," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-067](#) (PDF - 228 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-127, entitled "Payment for the Fecal Leukocyte Examination Under a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) Certificate for Provider-Performed Microscopy (PPM) Procedures During CY 2003," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-127](#) (PDF - 76 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-129, entitled "Addition of Three New International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) Diagnosis Codes to be Effective as Part of the October 1, 2003, ICD-9-CM Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-129](#) (PDF - 97 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-132, entitled "Provider Education Article: Guidelines for Medicare Part B Laboratory Testing," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-132](#) (PDF - 79 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 173 of the Coverage Issues Manual, entitled "Modifier and Conditions Code for Providers to Use When Billing for Implantable Defibrillators for Beneficiaries in a Medicare Managed Care Plan," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 173](#) (PDF - 122 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal A-03-073, entitled "Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 Inpatient Prospective

Payment System (IPPS), Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH), and Other Bill Processing Changes," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-073](#) (PDF - 122 KB)

08/20/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1229-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Payment Reform for Part B Drugs," was published. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1229-P](#)**

08/15/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-0008-IFC, entitled "Medicare Program; Electronic Submission of Medicare Claims," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-0008-IFC](#)**

CMS-1476-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2004," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-1476-P](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal A-03-071, entitled "Retroactive Correction of Provider Statistical and Reimbursement (PS&R) System Report Data Related to Mammography and Outpatient Therapy Services," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Home Health Agencies, Skilled Nursing Facilities, and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-071](#) (PDF - 133 KB)

Transmittal B-03-063, entitled "Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTC) Crosswalk," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-063](#) (PDF - 326 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-123, entitled "Scheduled Release for October Updates to Software Programs and Pricing/Coding Files," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Home Health Agencies, Ambulance, Hospice, Hospitals and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-123](#) (PDF - 169 KB)

08/12/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1471-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2004 Payment Rates," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1471-P](#)**

08/11/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED -- CORRECTION

CMS-1470-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2004 Rates," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. [**View Correction to CMS-1470-F**](#)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal AB-03-122, entitled "Notice of Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-122**](#) (PDF - 74 KB)

08/08/2003

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal A-03-069, entitled "October Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version (V4.3)," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-069**](#) (PDF - 839 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal A-03-067, entitled "The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2002 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-067**](#) (PDF - 99 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-116, entitled "Update of Rates and Wage Index for Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payments Effective October 1, 2003," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-116**](#) (PDF - 862 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-119, entitled "Final Update to the 2003 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities, Physicians, and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-119**](#) (PDF - 172 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal A-03-070, entitled "Inclusion of the State of New York in Demonstration for Settlement of Payments for Home Health Services to Dual Eligibles and Instructions for Processing Fiscal Year 2000 Claims Under the Demonstration. Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) Only," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-070**](#) (PDF - 152 KB)

08/04/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1469-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities--Update; Final Rule" was

published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. [**View CMS-1469-F**](#)
08/01/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1470-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2004 Rates" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. [**View CMS-1470-F**](#)

CMS-1474-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2004 Rates" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. [**View CMS-1474-F**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MIDQUARTER

Transmittal 28 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 3-Marketing," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 28**](#) (PDF - 260 KB)

Transmittal 29 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 5-Quality Assessment," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 29**](#) (PDF - 455 KB)

07/25/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1185-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Elimination of Statement of Intent Procedures for Filing Medicare Claims" was published. This regulation affects All Providers. [**View CMS-1185-P**](#)

CMS-1260-N, entitled " Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups--August 22, 2003 " was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-1260-N**](#)

CMS-1475-FC, entitled "Medicare Program; Third Party Liability Insurance Regulations" was published. This regulation affects All Providers. [**View CMS-1475-FC**](#)

CMS-3117-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee on September 9, 2003" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-3117-N**](#)

CMS-3124-WN, entitled "Medicare Program; Withdrawal of Medicare Coverage of Multiple-Seizure Electroconvulsive Therapy, Electrodiagnostic Sensory Nerve Conduction Threshold Testing, and Noncontact Normothermic Wound Therapy" was published. This regulation affects All Providers. [**View CMS-3124-WN**](#)

CMS-4018-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Continuation of Medicare

Entitlement When Disability Benefit Entitlement Ends Because of Substantial Gainful Activity " was published. This regulation affects All Providers. [**View CMS-4018-P**](#)

CMS-6014-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Interest Calculation" was published. This regulation affects All Providers. [**View CMS-6014-P**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 26 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 2 - Medicare+Choice Enrollment and Disenrollment," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 26**](#) (PDF - 943 KB)

Transmittal 27 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 13 - Medicare+Choice Beneficiary Grievances, Organization Determinations, and Appeals," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 27**](#) (PDF - 216 KB)

Transmittal 1892 of the Medicare Intermediary Manual Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "Update to Frequency of Billing Sections," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies, Hospice, Hospitals, Renal Dialysis Facilities, and Skilled Nursing Facilities. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1892**](#) (PDF - 94 KB)

Transmittal A-03-061, entitled "Tentative Settlement Requirements for Cost Reports from Home Health Agencies (HHAs) and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) that have No Reimbursement Impact," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies, Skilled Nursing Facilities. [**View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-061**](#) (PDF - 78 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-104, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for October 1, 2003," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Physicians and Rural Health Clinics. [**View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-104**](#) (PDF - 111 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-106, entitled "Third Clarification of Medicare Policy Regarding the Implementation of the Ambulance Fee Schedule," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance. [**View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-106**](#) (PDF - 174 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 1810 of the Medicare Carriers Manual Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "Daily Visit charges & Non-ESRD Patients Requiring Hemodialysis," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, and Physicians. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1810**](#) (PDF - 110 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-102, entitled "Clarification Regarding Coverage of Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) Therapy for the Treatment of Diabetic Wounds of the Lower Extremities ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals,

Skilled Nursing Facilities, and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-102](#) (PDF - 100 KB)

07/18/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal A-03-060, entitled "Medicare Program - Update to the Prospective Payment System (PPS) for Home Health Agencies for FY 2004," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-060](#) (PDF - 127 KB)

Transmittal B-03-052, entitled "Addition of Temporary "Q" Codes for Drugs Used in Infusion Pumps," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-052](#) (PDF - 101 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-100, entitled "October Quarterly Update for 2003 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-100](#) (PDF - 149 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION

Transmittal 1809 of the Medicare Carriers Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "Section 3012, Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCS) - Billing Procedures Related to Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) Upgrades and Section 3012.1, Providing Upgrades of DMEPOS Without Any Extra Charge," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1809](#) (PDF - 197 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 4 of the Quality Improvement Organization Manual, entitled "Chapter 7, Denials, Reconsiderations and Appeals," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 4](#) (PDF - 1.10 MB)

Transmittal 92 of the Peer Review Organization Manual, entitled "Deletion of Part 7," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 92](#) (PDF - 137 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-101, entitled "Clarification for CR 2562: Collection of Fee-for-Service Payments Made During Periods of Managed Care Enrollment," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-101](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

07/15/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED - CORRECTION

CMS-1472-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for

Long-Term Care Hospitals: Annual Payment Rate Updates and Policy Changes," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View Correction to CMS-1472-F](#)**

07/11/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 31 of the State Operations Manual, entitled "Regional Office Assignment of Provider and Supplier Identification Numbers," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 31](#)** (PDF - 167 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION

Transmittal 1808 of the Medicare Carriers Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "Manualizing PMS CR 2380 and 2337," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1808](#)** (PDF - 291 KB)

07/03/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal A-03-057, entitled "Medicare Program-Update to the Hospice Payment Rates, Hospice Cap, Hospice Wage Index and the Hospice Pricer for FY 2004," was released. This instruction affects Hospice. **[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-057](#)** (PDF - 114 KB)

Transmittal A-03-058, entitled "Change in Methodology for Determining Payment for Outliers Under the Acute Care Hospital Inpatient and Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment Systems," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-058](#)** (PDF - 117 KB)

Transmittal B-03-050, entitled "Multiple Primary Payers on Part B Claims - REVISION TO Change Request 2050," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-050](#)** (PDF - 132 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-094, entitled "October 2003 Quarterly Update for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-094](#)** (PDF - 122 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-095, entitled "Remittance Advice Remark and Reason Code Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-095](#)** (PDF - 441 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-096, entitled "Quarterly Update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Used for Home Health Consolidated Billing Enforcement," was released. This instruction affects Outpatient Physical Therapy and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-096](#) (PDF - 117 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal A-03-059, entitled "Addition of Patient Status Code 43, Deletion of Patient Status Codes 71 and 72, and Information on New Patient Status Code 65," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospice and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-059](#) (PDF - 129 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-097, entitled "Delay in Implementation of Outpatient Therapy Caps to September 1, 2003," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Hospice, Hospitals, Home Health Agencies, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-097](#) (PDF - 121 KB)

07/02/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1473-NC, entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for FY 2004" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View CMS-1473-NC](#)

07/01/2003

****NEW RELEASE - July 2003**

The July 2003 issue of the CMS Quarterly Provider Update (QPU) was released.