

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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What's New

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12/31/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1471-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2004 Payment Rates; Final Rule; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1471-CN](#)

12/24/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1226-GNC, entitled "Medicare Program; Criteria and Standards for Evaluating Intermediary, Carrier, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Regional Carrier Performance During Fiscal Year 2004," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View CMS-1226-GNC](#)

CMS-1247-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting in Calendar Year 2004 for Ambulance Condition Codes," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-1247-N](#)

CMS-1254-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups--February 18, 19, and 20, 2004," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1254-N](#)**

CMS-1809-F4, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships: Extension of Partial Delay of Effective Date," was published. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1809-F4](#)**

CMS-1910-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Rural Health Clinics: Amendments to Participation Requirements and Payment Provisions; and Establishment of a Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program," was published. This regulation affects Rural Health Clinics. [**View CMS-1910-F**](#)

CMS-3119-PN, entitled "Medicare Program; Procedures for Maintaining Code Lists in the Negotiated National Coverage Determinations for Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services," was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[**View CMS-3119-PN**](#)

CMS-9019-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--July 2003 Through September 2003," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-9019-N**](#)

12/23/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 3 of the Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Chapter 15, Covered Medical and Other Health Services," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 3**](#) (PDF - 85 KB)

Transmittal 5 of the National Coverage Determination Manual, entitled "Chapter 1, Coverage Determinations," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 5**](#) (PDF - 98 KB)

Transmittal 32 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "January 2004 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies and Hospitals.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 32**](#) (PDF - 728 KB)

Transmittal 35 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Emergency Correction to the Fee Schedule Update for 2004 for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 35**](#) (PDF - 23 KB)

Transmittal 52 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Chapter 18, Preventive and Screening Services," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 52**](#) (PDF - 89 KB)

12/19/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 29 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Revised

American National Standards Institute X12N 837 Professional Health Care Claim Companion Document," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 29](#) (PDF - 291 KB)

Transmittal 30 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Changes in Transitional Outpatient Payment (TOP) for 2004," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 30](#) (PDF - 244 KB)

Transmittal 44 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Electronic Submission of Claims Under HIPPA," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 44](#) (PDF - 326 KB)

Transmittal 46 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 5.0," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 46](#) (PDF - 600 KB)

Transmittal 48 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, 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 48](#) (PDF - 367 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 31 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Emergency Revised 2004 Update of the DMEPOS and Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedules," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 31](#) (PDF - 168 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION

Transmittal 51 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 19.1 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 51](#) (PDF - 443 KB)

12/15/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-4063-IFC, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[View CMS-4063-IFC](#)

CMS-4063-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[View CMS-4063-N](#)

CMS-1370-N, entitled "Medicare Program; The Practicing Physicians Advisory Council's Request for Nominations," was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View CMS-1370-N](#)

12/12/2003

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2 of the Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Provider Education Article: Stopping Abuse of the Power Wheelchair Benefit," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2](#) (PDF - 8.90 KB)

12/08/2003

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 42 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Renewed Moratorium on Outpatient Therapy Caps," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Hospices, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, and Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 42](#)** (PDF - 347 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 41 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment for Services Furnished by a CAH," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 41](#) (PDF - 439 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION

Transmittal 40 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New ICD-9 Code V04.81 for Billing Influenza Virus Vaccine Benefit," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Physicians, Renal Dialysis/ESRD Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 40](#) (PDF - 191 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 38 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revised SNF NO PAY File-Effective January 1, 2004," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 38](#)** (PDF - 191 KB)

Transmittal 39 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "The

Supplemental Security Income/Medicare Beneficiary Data for FY 2004 for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 39](#) (PDF - 253 KB)

12/05/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1232-FC, entitled "Medicare Program; Coverage and Payment of Ambulance Services; Inflation Update for CY 2004," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. **[View CMS-1232-FC](#)**

CMS-3055-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Photocopying Reimbursement Methodology," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-3055-F](#)**

11/28/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1909-F, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions and Advance Directives," was published. This regulation affects Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions. **[View CMS-1909-F](#)**

CMS-6016-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Reduction in Medicare Part B Premiums as Additional Benefits Under Medicare+Choice Plans," was published. This regulation affects Medicare+Choice. **[View CMS-6016-F](#)**

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION

Transmittal 33 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "MQSA File Record Layout for the FDA Certified Digital Mammography Center," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, and Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 33](#)** (PDF - 105 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 2 of the Medicare Contractor Beneficiary and Provider Communications Manual, entitled "Disclosure Desk Reference for Call Centers," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 2](#)** (PDF - 92 KB)

Transmittal 25 of the One Time Notification Manual, entitled "Clarification of Mammography Annual Screening Examination," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospices, Rural Health Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 25](#)** (PDF - 96 KB)

Transmittal 26 of the One Time Notification Manual, entitled "Coding and

Billing Instructions for Velcade," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 26](#)** (PDF - 102 KB)

Transmittal 34 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Transaction 835 companion document and the flat file for Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs)," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Non-Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 34](#) (PDF - 101 KB)

Transmittal 35 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "The minimum standard for the number of pricing files that must be maintained by carrier standard systems," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 35](#) (PDF - 103 KB)

Transmittal 36 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revenue Code," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 36](#) (PDF - 100 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 59 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Signature Requirements," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 59](#) (PDF - 98 KB)

11/21/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 31 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification for billing under the 2300 Provider Number by Renal Dialysis Facilities," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 31](#)** (PDF - 94 KB)

Transmittal 22 of One-Time Notification, entitled "Clarification to Transmittal B-03-059 (CR 2755) - Minimum Number of Pricing Files That Must Be Maintained Online for Medicare Single Drug Pricer (SDP)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 22](#) (PDF - 176 KB)

Transmittal 23 of One-Time Notification, entitled "Payment for Ambulance Services Furnished by New Suppliers," was released. This instruction affects Ambulances.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 23](#) (PDF - 116 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 32 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 32](#)** (PDF - 183 KB)

11/19/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED - CORRECTION

CMS-3063-F, entitled "Medicare Program: Review of National Coverage Determinations and Local Coverage Determinations - Correction," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses. [**View the Correction to CMS-3063-F**](#)

11/14/2003

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 30 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to Outpatient Therapy," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Home Health Agencies, Hospice, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 30**](#) (PDF - 106 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 39 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 5 - (Quality Assessment) and Chapter 8 - (Premiums and Cost-Sharing)," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 39**](#) (PDF - 155 KB)

Transmittal 40 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 20 - Plan Communication Guide," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 40**](#) (PDF - 124 KB)

11/07/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1471-FC, 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-FC**](#)

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

CMS-3063-F, entitled "Medicare Program: Review of National Coverage Determinations and Local Coverage Determinations," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-3063-F**](#)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 4 of the National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Provider Education Article: Ventricular Assist Devices (VADs) for Destination Therapy," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 4**](#) (PDF - 232 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 8 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Annual 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, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Hospitals, and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 8](#) (PDF - 91 KB)

Transmittal 20 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "2004 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 20](#) (PDF - 71 KB)

11/04/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 3 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Lung Volume Reduction Surgery," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3](#) (PDF - 196 KB)

Transmittal 26 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Claims Processing Instructions for New Coverage of Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (LVRS)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 26](#) (PDF - 304 KB)

Transmittal 27 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "CPT Code for Lung Volume Reduction Surgery and Instructions for Processing Claims for Beneficiaries in a Risk M+C Plan," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 27](#) (PDF - 84 KB)

10/31/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 15 of the One Time Notification Manual, entitled "PIMMR System for Part A - Phase 3," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 15](#) (PDF - 78 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 16 of the One Time Notification Manual, entitled "Changes to Hospital PPS and FY 2004 Rates," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 16](#) (PDF - 84 KB)

Transmittal 17 of the One Time Notification Manual, entitled "Annual DMEPOS Fee Schedule Update for 2004," was released. This instruction affects This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 17](#) (PDF - 71 KB)

Transmittal 19 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for SNF Consolidated Billing Enforcement and the updated SNF Help Files," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Rural Health Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospitals and Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 19](#) (PDF - 82 KB)

Transmittal 20 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Updated SNF No Pay File Available for Download," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 20](#) (PDF - 80 KB)

Transmittal 21 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance, and Premium Rates for Calendar Year 2004," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 21](#) (PDF - 69 KB)

Transmittal 25 of Medicare Financial Management, entitled "Rates of Interest," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospices and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 25](#) (PDF - 80 KB)

Transmittal 35 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 3 Marketing," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 35](#) (PDF - 280 KB)

Transmittal 36 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 4 Benefits and Beneficiary protections," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 36](#) (PDF - 194 KB)

Transmittal 37 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 15 Intermediate Sanctions," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 37](#) (PDF - 124 KB)

Transmittal 38 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 17 Subchapter D, Medicare Cost Plan Enrollment and Disenrollment Instructions," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 38](#) (PDF - 212 KB)

Transmittal 55 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Changes to Correct Coding Edits, Version 10.0," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 55](#) (PDF - 62 KB)

10/24/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1253-N, entitled "Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council for November 17, 2003," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-1253-N](#)

CMS-4061-N, entitled "Advisory Panel on Medicare Education Meeting Notice for November 20, 2003," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-4061-N](#)

CMS-8016-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for 2004," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-8016-N](#)**

CMS-8017-N, entitled "Monthly Actuarial Rates and Monthly Supplementary Medical Insurance Premium Rate Beginning January 1, 2004," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-8017-N](#)**

CMS-8018-N, entitled "Part A Premiums for 2004 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-8018-N](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 10 of the One Time Notification Manual, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 1, 2004," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 10](#) (PDF - 105 KB)

Transmittal 11 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Use of GY Modifier to Identify Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services that are Not Covered by Medicare," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 11](#) (PDF - 125 KB)

Transmittal 12 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Chapter 16, Laboratory Services from Independent Labs, Physicians and Providers," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 12](#) (PDF - 128 KB)

Transmittal 12 of the One Time Notification Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests - January 1, 2004," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 12](#) (PDF - 127 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 14 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Modifiers for Transportation of Portable X-rays," was released. This instruction affects

Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 14](#) (PDF - 108 KB)

10/17/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2, of the Medicare National Coverage Determination Manual entitled "Ventricular Assist Devices," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2](#) (PDF - 254 KB)

Transmittal 9 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reasonable Charge Update for 2004 for Splints, Casts, Dialysis Supplies, Dialysis Equipment, Therapeutic Shoes, and Certain Intraocular Lenses," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 9](#) (PDF - 86 KB)

Transmittal 10 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Billing Instructions for Claims for Ventricular assist Devices for Beneficiaries in a Medicare+Choice Plan," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 10](#) (PDF - 165 KB)

10/10/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED - CORRECTION

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

[Correction to CMS-1469-CN](#)

10/06/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED - CORRECTION

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

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 32, of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 5" was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 32](#) (PDF - 263 KB)

Transmittal 33, of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 11" was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 33](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

Transmittal 34, of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 13"

was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 34](#) (PDF - 198 KB)

10/01/2003

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 5 of One-Time Notification, entitled "New Waived Tests," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 5](#) (PDF - 117 KB)

****NEW RELEASE - October 2003**

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