

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
April 2004**

What's New

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06/29/2004

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-5025-N entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Replacement Drug Demonstration," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [View CMS-5025-N](#)

06/25/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1372-CN2 entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to Medicare Payment for Drugs and Physician Fee Schedule Payments for Calendar Year 2004: Correction," was published. This regulation affects Physicians. [View CMS-1372-CN2](#)

CMS-1428-CN entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2005 Rates; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-1428-CN](#)

CMS-1469-F2 entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Correcting Amendment," was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. [View CMS-1469-F2](#)

CMS-1727-P entitled "Medicare Program; Provider Reimbursement Determinations and Appeals," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. [View CMS-1727-P](#)

CMS-1809-F5 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-F5**](#)

CMS-2189-CN entitled "Medicaid Program; Real Choice Systems Change Grants; Correction Notice," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid. [**View CMS-2189-CN**](#)

CMS-3134-N entitled "Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on Potential Facility Qualifications for Expanded Coverage of Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty for Carotid Stenting Procedures," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-3134-N**](#)

CMS-9022-N entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--January 2004 Through March 2004," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-9022-N**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 16 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Cardiac Pacemaker," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 16**](#) (PDF - 53 KB)

Transmittal 90 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "MMA Drug Pricing Update-Payment Limits for J7308 (Levulan Kerastick) and J9395 (Faslodex)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 90**](#) (PDF - 59 KB)

Transmittal 213 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "", was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, and Organ Procurement Organizations.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 213**](#) (PDF - 70 KB)

Transmittal 214 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "MSN Messages," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 214**](#) (PDF - 90 KB)

Transmittal 215 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Implementation of Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing CWF Edit for Therapy Codes Considered Separately Payable Physician Services," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 215**](#) (PDF - 24 KB)

Transmittal 216 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Manualization of INR Monitoring," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 216**](#) (PDF - 64 KB)

Transmittal 220 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled

"Implementation of Section 414 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice and Ambulance. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 220](#)** (PDF - 70 KB)

06/18/2004

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-2200-N3 entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the State Pharmaceutical Assistance Transition Commission--July 7, 2004," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-2200-N3](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 207 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Expansion of Policy Where Patient is a Member of a Medicare Advantage (MA) Organization For Only a Portion of the Billing Period to Include Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRF) and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCH)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 207](#) (PDF - 62 KB)

Transmittal 209 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to CR 2944, Transmittal 90, Issued on February 6, 2004," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 209](#) (PDF - 56 KB)

Transmittal 211 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Elimination of Regulations for Written Statement of Intent (SOI)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 211](#)** (PDF - 63 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 208 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) Fiscal Year 2005-Update," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 208](#) (PDF - 153 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED

Transmittal 12 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual: Part 2 - Provider Cost Reporting Forms and Instructions, entitled "Chapter 36, Hospital and Hospital Healthcare Complex Cost Report, Form CMS 2552-96," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 12](#)** (PDF - 970 KB)

06/15/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 15 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Nurse Practitioners As Attending Physicians in the Medicare Hospice Benefit," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Non-Physician Practitioners. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 15](#)** (PDF - 93 KB)

Transmittal 205 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Nurse Practitioners As Attending Physicians in the Medicare Hospice Benefit," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Non-Physician Practitioners. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 205](#)** (PDF - 174 KB)

06/10/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 14 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for the Osteoarthritic Knee," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 14](#)** (PDF - 76 KB)

Transmittal 88 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Clarification and Revision of Change Request (CR) 3084, Implementation of Section 508(f) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-173)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 88](#)** (PDF - 88 KB)

Transmittal 201 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "IOM Manualization of Indian Health Services," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 201](#)** (PDF - 92 KB)

Transmittal 202 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revised Updated SNF NO PAY File for July 2004," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 202](#)** (PDF - 169 KB)

Transmittal 203 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Billing Payment in a Health Professional Shortage Area," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 203](#)** (PDF - 68 KB)

06/04/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 194 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July 2004 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Payment for Drugs, Biologicals and Radiopharmaceuticals," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 194](#)** (PDF - 111 KB)

Transmittal 195 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July 2004 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was

released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 195](#) (PDF - 349 KB)

06/02/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1265-P entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2005," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies. **[View CMS-1265-P](#)**

CMS-1279-N entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for the Program Advisory Oversight Committee for the Competitive Acquisition of Durable Medical Equipment and Other Items," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. **[View CMS-1279-N](#)**

CMS-5033-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Establishment of the Advisory Board on the Demonstration of a Bundled Case-Mix Adjusted Payment System for End Stage Renal Disease Services and Request for Nominations for Members," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-5033-N](#)**

05/28/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1266-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meeting in Calendar Year 2004 for New Clinical Laboratory Tests Payment Determinations," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1266-N](#)**

CMS-1269-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Establishment of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and Request for Nominations for Members," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1269-N](#)**

CMS-2132-F, entitled "Medicaid Program; Provider Qualifications for Audiologists," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid. **[View CMS-2132-F](#)**

CMS-2195-N, entitled "Medicaid Program; Demonstration To Improve the Direct Service Community Workforce," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid. **[View CMS-2195-N](#)**

CMS-3130-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee--July 14, 2004," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-3130-N](#)**

CMS-4069-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Open Public Meeting To Discuss Definitions of Regions for Regional Medicare Preferred Provider Organizations

and Prescription Drug Plans Under the Medicare Modernization Act--July 21, 2004," was published. This regulation affects Medicare+Choice. **[View CMS-4069-N](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 13 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Diabetes Self Management Training Services," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 13](#) (PDF - 108 KB)

Transmittal 184 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to the Medicare July Outpatient OPPS Outpatient Code Editor ," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, and Community Mental Health Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 184](#) (PDF - 586 KB)

Transmittal 186 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July Update to the Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 19.2 For Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under The Outpatient Prospective Payment System ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the](#)**

[complete text of Transmittal 186](#) (PDF - 76 KB)

Transmittal 187 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Billing Requirements for Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) Therapy for the Treatment of Diabetic Wounds of the Lower Extremities ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 187](#) (PDF - 101 KB)

Transmittal 188 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Hospital Outpatient Billing and Payment under OPPS for New, Unclassified Drugs or Biologicals Approved by the FDA After January 1, 2004, But Before Assignment of a Product-Specific Drug/Biological HCPCS Code," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 188](#) (PDF - 77 KB)

Transmittal 189 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Updated SNF Help File Available for Calendar Year 2004," was released. This

instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 189](#)** (PDF - 189 KB)

Transmittal 191 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing L Codes - DMERCs and FIs," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 191](#) (PDF - 54 KB)

Transmittal 192 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Correction," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 192](#) (PDF - 49 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 14 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Changes in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual-Chapter 10," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 14](#)** (PDF - 108 KB)

05/26/04

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 87 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Instructions Related to "Redistribution of Unused Resident Positions," Section 422 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), P.L. 108-173, for Purposes of Graduate Medical Education (GME) Payments," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 87](#) (PDF - 85 KB)

05/21/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 53 of the Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 11, Contracts With Medicare+Choice Organizations," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 53](#)** (PDF - 56 KB)

Transmittal 54 of the 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 54](#) (PDF - 49 KB)

Transmittal 183 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing: Services Furnished Under an "Arrangement" With an Outside Entity," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 183](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

05/18/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1428-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2005 Rates," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1428-P](#)**

CMS-2189-N, entitled "Medicaid Program; Real Choice Systems Change Grants," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid. **[View CMS-2189-N](#)**

05/17/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 182 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Updated SNF NO PAY File for July 2004," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 182](#) (PDF - 170 KB)

05/14/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 83 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Additional Health Insurance Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Coordination of Benefits (COB) Information for Trading Partners," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 83](#)** (PDF - 130 KB)

Transmittal 177 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Updated SNF NO PAY File for July 2004," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 177](#) (PDF - 168 KB)

Transmittal 179 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification to CR 3069 - New "K" Codes for Wheelchair Cushions," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 179](#) (PDF - 59 KB)

Transmittal 181 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Instructions for Downloading the Medicare Zip Code File," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 181](#)** (PDF - 55 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 82 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Changes in Determining Rural Status of Hospitals for Transitional Outpatient Payments (TOPs) for 2004," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 82](#) (PDF - 263 KB)

Transmittal 178 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Evaluation and Management Service Codes," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 178](#) (PDF - 45 KB)

05/07/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

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

CMS-1263-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for

Long-Term Care Hospitals: Annual Payment Rate Updates and Policy Changes; Final Rule," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. [**View CMS-1263-F**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 79 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "18-Month Moratorium on Physician Self-Referrals to Specialty Hospitals; Processing of Form CMS-855A Applications to Become a Medicare Certified Hospital," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 63**](#) (PDF - 63 KB)

Transmittal 170 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Chapter 1, General Billing Requirements," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 170**](#) (PDF - 130 KB)

Transmittal 171 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July Quarterly Update for 2004 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 171**](#) (PDF - 62 KB)

Transmittal 172 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests - July 1, 2004," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 172**](#) (PDF - 541 KB)

Transmittal 173 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "2nd Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 173**](#) (PDF - 74 KB)

Transmittal 174 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Corrections Involving 0040T and A9603," was released. This instruction affects All Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 174**](#) (PDF - 55 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 52 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 17, Subchapter A, TEFRA Cost-Based Payment Process and Principles," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 52**](#) (PDF - 69 KB)

Transmittal 168 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Chapter 12, Physician/Practitioner Billing," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 168**](#) (PDF - 35 KB)

05/03/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 44 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 44](#) (PDF - 64 KB)

04/30/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 77 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Instructions Related to "Redistribution of Unused Resident Positions," Section 422 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), P.L. 108-173, for Purposes of Graduate Medical Education (GME) Payments," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 77](#) (PDF - 81 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 150 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 10.2, Effective July, 1, 2004," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 150](#) (PDF - 61 KB)

Transmittal 154 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 154](#)** (PDF - 81 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 12 of the Medicare National Coverage Manual, entitled "Cardiac Pacemakers," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 12](#) (PDF - 47 KB)

Transmittal 164 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Reimbursement for Automated Multi-Channel Chemistry Test(s)," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 164](#) (PDF - 210 KB)

04/23/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1185-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Elimination of Statement of Intent Procedures for Filing Medicare Claims," was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-1185-F](#)

CMS-1273-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meetings in Calendar Year 2004 for New Durable Medical Equipment Coding and Payment Determinations," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

[View CMS-1273-N](#)

CMS-1363-N, entitled "Medicare Program; May 17, 2004, Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-1363-N](#)

CMS-2196-N, entitled "Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid. **[View CMS-2196-N](#)**

CMS-4066-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education--May 11, 2004," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-4066-N](#)

CMS-4071-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Listening Sessions on Performance Measures for Public Reporting on the Quality of Hospital Care During April, May, and June 2004," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-4071-N2](#)**

CMS-5004-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Voluntary Chronic Care Improvement Under Traditional Fee-for-Service Medicare," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-5004-N](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 9 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Arrangements for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Language Pathology Services (PT, OT, SLP)," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 9](#)** (PDF - 84 KB)

Transmittal 74 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Emergency Correction Regarding Correction to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Low Osmolar Contrast Material," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 74](#)** (PDF - 48 KB)

Transmittal 75 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "One time instructions for audit intermediary cost reporting processes to accommodate claims processing error that prevented some supply charges from being reported on home health prospective payment system claims," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 75](#)** (PDF - 46 KB)

Transmittal 145 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Data

Element Requirements Matrix - Carrier," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 145](#) (PDF - 381 KB)

Transmittal 147 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment for Chemotherapy Administration Services, Nonchemotherapy Drug Infusion Services, and Drug Injection Services," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 147](#)** (PDF - 79 KB)

Transmittal 148 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Incident-To Services on Form CMS-1500," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Outpatient Physical Therapy.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 148](#) (PDF - 100 KB)

04/19/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 143 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Updated SNF NO PAY File for April 2004," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance, Hospitals, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 143](#) (PDF - 66 KB)

04/16/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASEDS -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 51 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 2, End Stage Renal Disease," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 51](#) (PDF - 45 KB)

Transmittal 140 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Hospital Concerns Regarding Changing of Patient Status Code Due to Common Working File Edit 7272," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 140](#) (PDF - 53 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 72 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Changes in Determining Rural Status of Hospitals for Transitional Outpatient Payments (TOPs) for 2004," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 72](#) (PDF - 488 KB)

Transmittal 141 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for July 2004," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Medicare+Choice, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 141](#) (PDF - 538 KB)

04/09/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 49 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 4, Benefits and Beneficiary Protection," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 49](#) (PDF - 151 KB)

Transmittal 50 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 20, Managed Care and M+C Systems Business Requirements," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 50](#) (PDF - 434 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 136 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Addition of Two "WW" Codes to Identify Xeloda (Capecitabine)," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 136](#) (PDF - 287 KB)

04/06/2004

REGULATION PUBLISHED - CORRECTION

CMS-1810-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships (Phase II); Correction," was published. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1810-CN](#)**

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1380-IFC, entitled "Medicare Program; Manufacturer Submission of Manufacturer's Average Sales Price (ASP) Data for Medicare Part B Drugs and Biologicals," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-1380-IFC](#)**

04/02/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 48 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Grievances, Organization Determinations, and Appeals," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 48](#) (PDF - 97 KB)

Transmittal 133 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Billing NonCovered Charges to Fiscal Intermediaries - Summary and New Instructions - Clarification," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health

Centers, Hospice, Hospitals, Organ Procurement Organizations, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Rural Health Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities, and Suppliers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 133](#) (PDF - 1.5 MB)

Transmittal 135 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Purchased Diagnostic Test - Carriers," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Non_Physician Practitioners and Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 135](#) (PDF - 187 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 134 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Instructions for Downloading the Medicare Zip Code File.," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 134](#)** (PDF - 190 KB)

Transmittal 68 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Transmittal 49 Implementation Date Extension," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Hospice, Hospitals, Home Health Agencies, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Rural Health Clinics, and Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 68](#)** (PDF - 190 KB)

04/01/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 9 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "NCD - Ocular Photodynamic Therapy (OPT) With Verteporfin for Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 9](#) (PDF - 413 KB)

****NEW RELEASE - April 2004**

The April 2004 issue of the CMS Quarterly Provider Update (QPU) was released.