

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
July 2004**

What's New

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09/30/2004

REGULATION PUBLISHED - CORRECTION

CMS-6026-CN, entitled "Medicaid Program and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); Payment Error Rate Measurement; Correction," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. [View the Correction to CMS-6026-CN](#)

09/24/2004

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-6026-CN, entitled "Medicaid Program and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); Payment Error Rate Measurement; Correction," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. [View CMS-6026-CN](#)

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-2256-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) for Home Health Agencies," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies. [View CMS-2256-PN](#)

CMS-3137-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee--November 4, 2004," was released. This regulation affects is am Meeting Notice. [View CMS-3137-N](#)

CMS-3141-N, entitled "Procedure for Producing Guidance Documents Describing Medicare's Coverage Process" was released. This regulation affects All Providers. [View CMS-3141-N](#)

CMS-3154-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for

Members for the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee," was released. This regulation affects is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-3154-N**](#)

CMS-1810-IFC2, entitled "Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships (Phase II); Correcting Amendment," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. [**View CMS-1810-IFC2**](#)

CMS-2200-N4, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the State Pharmaceutical Assistance Transition Commission--October 14, 2004 ," was released. This regulation affects is a Meeting Notice.

[**View CMS-2200-N4**](#)

CMS-2204-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) for Home Health Agencies," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[**View CMS-2204-PN**](#)

CMS-2208-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the American Osteopathic Association for Continued Approval of Deeming Authority for Hospitals," was released. This regulation affects Hospital. [**View CMS-2208-PN**](#)

CMS-4018-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Continuation of Medicare Entitlement When Disability Benefit Entitlement Ends Because of Substantial Gainful Activity," was released. This regulation affects Hospital. [**View CMS-4018-F**](#)

CMS-4077-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the National Committee for Quality Assurance Preferred Provider Organization for Deeming Authority for Medicare Advantage" was released. This regulation affects Medicare+Choice.

[**View CMS-4077-PN**](#)

CMS-9023-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--April 2004 Through June 2004," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-9023-N**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 21 of The Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Medicare Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility Coverage," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 21**](#) (PDF - 224 KB)

Transmittal 22 of The Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Nurse Practitioners As Attending Physicians in the Medicare Hospice Benefit," was released. This instruction affects Hospices and Non-Physician Practitioners. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 22**](#) (PDF - 91 KB)

Transmittal 302 of The Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Nursing Facility Visits (Codes 99301-99313)," was released. This instruction affects

Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 302](#)** (PDF - 108 KB)

Transmittal 304 of The Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Nurse Practitioners As Attending Physicians in the Medicare Hospice Benefit," was released. This instruction affects Hospices and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 304](#) (PDF - 171 KB)

Transmittal 19 of The Medicare Secondary Payer Manual, entitled "Clarification of MSP Rules in Relation to a Temporary Leave of Absence," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 19](#)** (PDF - 82 KB)

Transmittal 116 of The One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Notification of Medlearn Matters (MM) Article for Confidential Change Request (CR) 3301," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 116](#)** (PDF - 82 KB)

09/17/2004

**INSTRUCTION RELEASED --
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 300 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment For Outpatient End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)-Related Services," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 300](#) (PDF - 92 KB)

09/16/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

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

09/14/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-6027-N, entitled "Medicare Program; September 30, 2004 Open Door Forum: Requirements for Coordination Between Plans Primary or Secondary to Medicare Part D Under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA)," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-6027-N](#)**

09/13/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 112 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Billing Instructions for ADVATE rAHF-PFM on Medicare Claims," was released. This

instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 112](#) (PDF - 80 KB)

09/10/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 19 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Hospital Services Covered Under Part B," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 19](#) (PDF - 47 KB)

Transmittal 299 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Use of Condition Code 44, "Inpatient Admission Changed to Outpatient"," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 299](#) (PDF - 89 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 62 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Revisions to Chapter 13 - Medicare+Choice Beneficiary Grievances, Organization Determinations and Appeals," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 62](#) (PDF - 275 KB)

Transmittal 298 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "MSN and ANSI Messages for Mammography Claims," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 298](#) (PDF - 79 KB)

09/09/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-8020-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2005," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-8020-N](#)**

CMS-8021-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for 2005," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-8021-N](#)**

CMS-8022-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Part A Premium for 2005 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-8022-N](#)**

09/03/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 61 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Emergency

and Urgently Needed Services," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 61](#) (PDF - 322 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 18 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Revised Requirements for Chiropractic Billing of Active/Corrective Treatment and Maintenance Therapy. Full Replacement of CR 3063," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

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

Transmittal 6 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual, Part 2, entitled "For Cost Reporting Periods End On or After March 31, 2002," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 6](#)** (PDF - 51 KB)

Transmittal 295 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "MSN Messages and Reason Codes for Mammography," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 295](#) (PDF - 100 KB)

08/27/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1264-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2005," was released. This regulation affects Hospices. **[View CMS-1264-N](#)**

CMS-1269-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Second Request for Nominations for Two Specific Categories of Members of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG)," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1269-N2](#)**

CMS-1279-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meeting of the Program Advisory and Oversight Committee (PAOC) for Quality Standards and Competitive Acquisition of Certain Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1279-N2](#)**

CMS-2201-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 2005," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. **[View CMS-2201-N](#)**

CMS-3136-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee--September 28, 2004," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-3136-N](#)**

CMS-4067-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC) for Deeming Authority for Medicare Advantage," was released. This regulation affects Medicare+Choice.

[View CMS-4067-PN](#)

CMS-5025-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Replacement Drug Demonstration; Correction," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[View CMS-5025-CN](#)

CMS-6026-P, entitled "Medicaid Program and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP): Payment Error Rate Measurement," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. **[View CMS-6026-P](#)**

CMS-6146-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Revised Civil Money Penalties, Assessments, Exclusions, and Related Appeals Procedures," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-6146-CN](#)**

**INSTRUCTION RELEASED --
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 284 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "DMERCs Only-Appeals of Duplicate Claims," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 284](#) (PDF - 64 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 18 of the Medicare Secondary Payer Manual, entitled "Application of the Medicare Secondary Payer for the Working Aged Provision and the Medicare Secondary for the Disabled Provision to Former Spouses and Certain Family Members with Coverage Under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 18](#) (PDF - 86 KB)

Transmittal 109 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "CWF Analysis to Process Claims Per the Renovated Override Code Billing Instructions for ADVATE rAHF-PFM on Medicare Claims," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 109](#) (PDF - 30 KB)

Transmittal 288 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Payment for Services Furnished in Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 288](#) (PDF - 68 KB)

08/25/2004

**INSTRUCTION RELEASED --
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 106 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "MMA Drug Pricing Update - Payment Limit Update for J9045 (Carboplatin injection)," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 106](#) (PDF - 74 KB)

08/20/2004

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 2 of the State Operations Provider Certification Manual, entitled "Provider Identification Numbers," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2](#) (PDF - 83 KB)

Transmittal 59 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 2," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 59](#) (PDF - 66 KB)

Transmittal 60 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 3," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 60](#) (PDF - 363 KB)

Transmittal 282 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Good Cause Waiver of Late Claim Filing Payment Reduction Penalty," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 282](#) (PDF - 47 KB)

08/19/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 278 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "3rd Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 278](#)** (PDF - 118 KB)

08/16/2004

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1427-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2005 Payment Rates," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1427-P](#)**

08/13/2004

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 57 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 7 Revisions," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 57](#) (PDF - 47 KB)

Transmittal 58 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 5 Revisions," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 58](#) (PDF - 42 KB)

Transmittal 273 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual entitled "Modification of CMS's Medicare Contingency Plan for HIPAA Implementation," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 273](#) (PDF - 57 KB)

Transmittal 274 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Good Cause Waiver of Late Claim Filing Payment Reduction Penalty," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, ambulance, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, and Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 274](#) (PDF - 45 KB)

Transmittal 275 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual entitled "The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2003 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals," was released. This instruction affects All Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 275](#)** (PDF - 63 KB)

08/11/2004

REGULATION PUBLISHED

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

08/10/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 272 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October Quarterly Update For 2004," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 272](#) (PDF - 58 KB)

08/05/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1275-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups--September 1, 2, and 3, 2004," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1275-N](#)**

CMS-1429-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2005," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1429-P](#)**

08/04/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 271 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Program-Update to the Hospice Payment Rates, Hospice Cap, Hospice Wage Index and the Hospice Pricer for FY 2005," was released. This instruction

affects Hospice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 271](#) (PDF - 91 KB)

08/03/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-4068-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-4068-P](#)**

CMS-4069-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Establishment of the Medicare Advantage Program," was released. This regulation affects Medicare + Choice. **[View CMS-4069-P](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 52 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 52](#) (PDF - 67 KB)

Transmittal 263 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Annual Update: Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Changes for FY 2005," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 263](#) (PDF - 70 KB)

Transmittal 264 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Program-Update to the Hospice Payment Rates, Hospice Cap, Hospice Wage Index and the Hospice Pricer for FY 2005," was released. This instruction affects Hospice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 264](#) (PDF - 86 KB)

Transmittal 268 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update FY 2005," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 268](#) (PDF - 58 KB)

08/02/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 51 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 51](#) (PDF - 13 KB)

07/30/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1249-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities--Update--Notice," was released. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. [**View CMS-1249-N**](#)

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

CMS-1360-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Fiscal Year 2005," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [**View CMS-1360-N**](#)

CMS-4068-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Open Public Meeting Regarding the Development of the Model Guidelines for Categories and Classes of Drugs," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-4068-N**](#)

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

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 254 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October 2004 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 5.3," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Hospice, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Rural Health Clinics.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 254**](#) (PDF - 238 KB)

Transmittal 255 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October Update to the Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 20.0 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 255**](#) (PDF - 73 KB)

Transmittal 258 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests - October 1, 2004," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 258**](#) (PDF - 118 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 19 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Blood-Derived Products for Chronic Non-Healing Wounds," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 19**](#) (PDF - 30 KB)

07/23/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1334-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meeting in Calendar Year 2004 for Coding and Payment Determinations for Power Wheelchairs," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-1334-N**](#)

CMS-1364-N, entitled "Medicare Program; August 30, 2004, Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council and Request for Nominations," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-1364-N**](#)

CMS-2033-F, entitled "Requirements for the Group Health Insurance Market; Non-Federal Governmental Plans Exempt From HIPAA Title I Requirements," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. [**View CMS-2033-F**](#)

CMS-2152-F2, entitled "Amendment to the Interim Final Regulation for Mental Health Parity," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-2152-F2**](#)

CMS-2187-N, entitled "State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); Extended Availability of Unexpended SCHIP Funds From the Appropriation for Fiscal Years 1998 Through 2001; and Provision of Authority for Qualifying States To Use a Portion of SCHIP Funds for Medicaid Expenditures," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. [**View CMS-2187-N**](#)

CMS-2202-PN, entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meeting in Calendar Year 2004 for Coding and Payment Determinations for Power Wheelchairs," was released. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers. [**View CMS-2202-PN**](#)

CMS-3112-NC2, entitled "Medicare Program; Adjustment in Payment Amounts for New Technology Intraocular Lenses Furnished by Ambulatory Surgical Centers," was released. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers. [**View CMS-3112-NC2**](#)

CMS-3142-NC, entitled "Medicare Program; Evaluation Criteria and Standards for Quality Improvement Program Contracts," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-3142-NC**](#)

CMS-4074-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education--September 9, 2004," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-4074-N**](#)

CMS-6146-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Revised Civil Money Penalties, Assessments, Exclusions, and Related Appeals Procedures," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. [**View CMS-6146-P**](#)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 234 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Standardized Responses to Provider Inquiries Regarding the Negotiated

Laboratory National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) Edit Software," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Medicare+Choice, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Hospitals and Rural Health Clinics.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 234](#) (PDF - 70 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 242 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 10.3, Effective October 1, 2004.," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 242](#) (PDF - 64 KB)

07/20/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 229 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Additional Clarification of Bill Types 22x and 23x Submitted by Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) With Instructions for Involuntarily Moving a Beneficiary Out of the SNF and Ending a Benefit Period," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 229](#) (PDF - 164 KB)

07/16/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 49 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Procedures For Re-Issuance and Stale Dating of Medicare Checks," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 49](#) (PDF - 131 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 17 of the Medicare Secondary Payer Manual, entitled "Clarification of CR 3064," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Hospitals.

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

Transmittal 228 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "General Policy," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 228](#) (PDF - 96 KB)

07/09/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 56 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 11," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 56](#) (PDF - 61 KB)

Transmittal 224 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October Quarterly Update to 2004 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing Enforcement," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Ambulances.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 224](#) (PDF - 94 KB)

Transmittal 225 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD)Edit Software for October 2004," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Medicare + Choice, Rural Health Clinics, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 225](#) (PDF - 88 KB)

Transmittal 226 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "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, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 226](#) (PDF - 87 KB)

**INSTRUCTION RELEASED --
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 93 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Temporary SNF Extension," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 93](#) (PDF - 59 KB)

07/02/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 222 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "SNF CB Requirements for DMEPOS," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 222](#) (PDF - 50 KB)

07/01/2004

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1492-IFC, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Ambulance MMA Temporary Rate Increases Beginning July 1, 2004," was released. This regulation affects Ambulances.

[View CMS-1492-IFC](#)

****NEW RELEASE - July 2004**

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