

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
January 2005**

What's New

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03/30/2005

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

Transmittal 513 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Infusion Pumps: C-Peptide Levels as A Criterion for Use," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 513](#) (PDF - 84 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 514 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 514](#) (PDF - 1 MB)

03/29/2005

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 30 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Coverage of Colorectal Anti-Cancer Drugs Included in Clinical Trials," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 30](#) (PDF - 186 KB)

Transmittal 512 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Coverage of Colorectal Anti-Cancer Drugs Included in Clinical Trials," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal](#)**

[512](#) (PDF - 186 KB)

03/25/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-0014-N, entitled "Procedures for Non-Privacy Administrative Simplification Complaints Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-0014-N](#)**

CMS-1297-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meetings in Calendar Year 2005 for All New Public Requests for Revisions to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Coding and Payment Determinations," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1297-N](#)**

CMS-2204-FN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reapproval of the Deeming Authority of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) for Home Health Agencies," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies. **[View CMS-2204-FN](#)**

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

CMS-2211-N, entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and CLIA Programs; Continuance of the Approval of the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics as a CLIA Accreditation Organization," was released. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories. **[View CMS-2211-N](#)**

CMS-2256-FN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reapproval of the Deeming Authority of the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) for Home Health Agencies," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies. **[View CMS-2256-FN](#)**

CMS-3064-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Conditions for Coverage for Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs); Extension of Comment Period," was released. This regulation affects Organ Procurement Organizations. **[View CMS-3064-N](#)**

CMS-3112-FN, entitled "Medicare Program; Disapproval of 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-FN](#)**

CMS-3122-P, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Hospital Conditions of Participation: Requirements for History and Physical Examinations; Authentication of Verbal Orders; Securing Medications; and Postanesthesia Evaluations," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-3122-P](#)**

CMS-3145-IFC, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Fire Safety Requirements for Certain Health Care Facilities; Amendment," was released.

This regulation affects All Providers. [**View CMS-3145-IFC**](#)

CMS-3151-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee--May 24, 2005," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[**View CMS-3151-N**](#)

CMS-3835-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Conditions of Participation: Requirements for Approval and Re-Approval of Transplant Centers To Perform Organ Transplants; Extension of Comment Period ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [**View CMS-3835-N**](#)

CMS-4080-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Recognition of NAIC Model Standards for Regulation of Medicare Supplemental Insurance ," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. [**View CMS-4080-N**](#)

CMS-5033-N3, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Board on the Demonstration of a Bundled Case-Mix Adjusted Payment System for End-Stage Renal Disease Services," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[**View CMS-5033-N3**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 146 of the Manual Name, entitled "Appeals Transition- BIPA Section 521 Appeals," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Hospice and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 146**](#) (PDF - 470 KB)

Transmittal 510 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to Fiscal Year 2005 Pricer for IPPS Hospitals," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 510**](#) (PDF - 91 KB)

03/21/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-4068-F2, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit; Interpretation," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[**View CMS-4068-F2**](#)

CMS-4069-F2, entitled "Medicare Program; Establishment of the Medicare Advantage Program; Interpretation," was released. This regulation affects Medicare + Choice.

[**View CMS-4069-F2**](#)

03/18/2005

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 7 of the Manual Name, entitled "Cost Reporting Forms and Instructions, Form CMS-265-94," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 7](#) (PDF - 657 KB)

Transmittal 21 of the Manual Name, entitled "Full Replacement of CR 3639, Expansion of Coverage for Chiropractic Services Demonstration ," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 21](#) (PDF - 988 KB)

Transmittal 65 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Surveys, Contracting Strategy and Appeals ," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 65](#) (PDF - 222 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 507 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for Intravenous Globulin (IVIG) ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 507](#) (PDF - 136 KB)

Transmittal 508 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 508](#) (PDF - 1 MB)

03/15/2005

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1269-N3, entitled "Medicare Program; Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting and Announcement of Members," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1269-N3](#)**

03/11/2005

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 19 of the Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual, entitled "Revisions to Chapter 5, Section 50 of Publication 100-01 in the IOM to Clarify Current Policy ," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 19](#) (PDF - 57 KB)

Transmittal 498 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Billing of the Diagnosis and Treatment of Peripheral Neuropathy with Loss of Protective Sensation in People with Diabetes ," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 498](#) (PDF - 80 KB)

Transmittal 500 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for April 2005," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, Hospitals, Medicare + Choice, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics and Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 500](#) (PDF - 48 KB)

Transmittal 501 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Bone Mass Measurements - Procedure Coding ," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 501](#) (PDF - 32 KB)

Transmittal 504 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to Pub 100-04, Chapter 12, Section 200 of the Internet Only Manual ," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 504](#) (PDF - 54 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 502 of the Manual Name, entitled "New Contrast Agents Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 502](#) (PDF - 103 KB)

Transmittal 503 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April Update to the Medicare Non-OPPS Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 20.2 ," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 503](#) (PDF - 193 KB)

03/09/2005

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-4064-IFC, entitled "Medicare Program: Changes to the Medicare Claims Appeal Procedures," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-4064-IFC](#)**

03/08/2005

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 497 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Implantable Automatic Defibrillators," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 497](#) (PDF - 67 KB)

03/04/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1325-P, entitled "Medicare Part B - Competitive Acquisition of Outpatient

Drugs and Biologicals," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. [**View CMS-1325-P**](#)

CMS-4089-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education--March 22, 2005: Location Change," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-4089-N2**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 26 of the Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Manual, entitled "Clarification for Change Request (CR) 3267," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 26**](#) (PDF - 51 KB)

Transmittal 486 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Manualization of Carrier Claims Processing Instructions for Stem Cell Transplantation ," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 486**](#) (PDF - 29 KB)

Transmittal 487 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Qualifying Clinical Trials," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 487**](#) (PDF - 47 KB)

Transmittal 489 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code A4217 ," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 489**](#) (PDF - 46 KB)

Transmittal 493 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revision to Chapter 1, and Removal of Section 70 from Chapter 25 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual ," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospice, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Medicare + Choice, 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 493**](#) (PDF - 106 KB)

Transmittal 494 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 6.1," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospice, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 494**](#) (PDF - 43 KB)

Transmittal 495 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS)--Further Clarifications ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 495**](#) (PDF - 43 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 29 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Implantable Automatic Defibrillators ," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 29](#)** (PDF - 93 KB)

Transmittal 488 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Implantable Automatic Defibrillators," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 488](#) (PDF - 427 KB)

02/25/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1219-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier Service Areas and Related Matters," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-1219-F](#)**

CMS-1219-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes in Geographical Boundaries of Durable Medical Equipment Regional Service Areas," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-1219-N](#)**

CMS-1296-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1296-N](#)**

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

[View CMS-3119-FN](#)

CMS-4088-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Part D Reinsurance Payment Demonstration," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-4088-N](#)**

CMS-4089-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education--March 22, 2005," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-4089-N](#)**

CMS-5011-WN2, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Solicitation of Proposals for the Private, For-Profit Demonstration Project for the Program of All- Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); Cancellation of Withdrawal," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-5011-WN2](#)**

CMS-9025-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--October Through December 2004," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-9025-N](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --

MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 481 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Updated Manual Instructions for the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 10," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 481](#) (PDF - 143 KB)

Transmittal 482 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Manualization of Payment Change for Diagnostic Mammography and Diagnostic Computer Aided Detection," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 482](#) (PDF - 62 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 480 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April 2005 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective April 1, 2005, and New January 2005 Quarterly ASP File ," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Rural Health Clinics, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 480](#)** (PDF - 31 KB)

02/18/2005

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 30 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Policy for Repair and Replacement of Durable Medical Equipment (DME)," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 30](#) (PDF - 22 KB)

Transmittal 477 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Case-Mix Adjusted End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Composite Payment Rates and New Composite Rate Exceptions Window for Pediatric ESRD Facilities ," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 477](#) (PDF - 99 KB)

Transmittal 478 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification of the Verification Process to be Used to Determine if the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Meets The IRF Classification Criteria," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 478](#) (PDF - 89 KB)

02/11/2005

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 6 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual - Part 2,

entitled "Cost Reporting Forms and Instructions, Form CMS-1984-99," was released. This instruction affects Hospice. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 6](#)** (PDF - 34 KB)

Transmittal 28 of the National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Update of Laboratory NCDs to Reference New Screening Benefits," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Medicare + Choice, Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 28](#) (PDF - 43 KB)

Transmittal 29 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Telehealth Originating Site Facility Fee Payment Amount Update," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Physicians, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Non-Physician Practitioners and Rural Health Clinics. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 29](#)** (PDF - 29 KB)

Transmittal 472 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revisions to Payment for Services Provided Under a Contractual Arrangement - - Carrier Claims Only," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 472](#) (PDF - 36 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 475 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "1st Update to the 2005 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 475](#) (PDF - 88 KB)

02/04/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-0011-P, entitled "Medicare Program; E-Prescribing and the Prescription Drug Program," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-0011-P](#)**

CMS-1299-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Monthly Payment Amounts for Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment for 2005, in Accordance with Section 302(c) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003," was released. This regulation affects Suppliers. **[View CMS-1299-N](#)**

CMS-1366-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council--March 7, 2005," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-1366-N](#)

CMS-3064-P, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Conditions for Coverage for Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs)," was released. This regulation affects Organ Procurement Organizations. **[View CMS-3064-P](#)**

CMS-3155-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Quality Improvement Organization Contracts: Solicitation of Statements of Interest From In-State Organizations-

- Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, South Carolina, Vermont, and Wyoming," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-3155-N**](#)

CMS-3818-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Conditions for Coverage for End Stage Renal Disease Facilities," was released. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[**View CMS-3818-P**](#)

CMS-3835-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Conditions of Participation: Requirements for Approval and Re-Approval of Transplant Centers To Perform Organ Transplants," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [**View CMS-3835-P**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 27 of the National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "SUBJECT," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 27**](#) (PDF - 126 KB)

Transmittal 459 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Full Replacement of Change Request (CR) 3427, Transmittal 342, Issued on October 29, 2004- Change to the Common Working File (CWF) Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Edits for Ambulance Transports to or from a Diagnostic or Therapeutic Site ," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 459**](#) (PDF - 119 KB)

Transmittal 462 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "DMERC Only--Dispensing Fees for Immunosuppressive Drugs," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 462**](#) (PDF - 62 KB)

Transmittal 464 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Implementation of the Abstract File for Purchased Diagnostic Tests/Interpretations (Supplemental to CR 3481)," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities and Physicians.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 464**](#) (PDF - 109 KB)

Transmittal 469 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests - April 1, 2005," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 469**](#) (PDF - 127 KB)

Transmittal 471 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "SUBJECT," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 471**](#) (PDF - 30 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 466 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly

Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 11.1, Effective April 1, 2005," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 466](#) (PDF - 30 KB)

02/03/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1483-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals: Proposed Annual Payment Rate Updates, Policy Changes, and Clarification," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1483-P](#)

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

Transmittal 140 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Revisions to January 2005 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 140](#) (PDF - 31 KB)

02/02/2005

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 63 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 63](#) (PDF - 22 KB)

02/01/2005

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

Transmittal 102 of the Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Medical Review of Rural Air Ambulance Services," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 102](#) (PDF - 50 KB)

01/28/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-3150-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee--March 29, 2005," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-3150-N](#)**

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

4068-F

CMS-4069-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Establishment of the Medicare Advantage Program," was released. This regulation affects Medicare + Choice.

[View CMS-4069-F](#)

CMS-4079-N, entitled "Medicare Program: Re-Chartering of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (APME) and Notice of the APME Meeting-- February 24, 2005," was released. This regulation affects a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-4079-N](#)

CMS-5033-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Board on the Demonstration of a Bundled Case-Mix Adjusted Payment System for End-Stage Renal Disease Services," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-5033-N2](#)

CMS-5037-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Demonstration of Coverage of Chiropractic Services Under Medicare," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-5037-N](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 7 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual - Part 2, entitled "Cost Reporting Forms and Instructions, Form CMS-222-92," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 7](#) (PDF - 145 KB)

Transmittal 457 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Diabetes Screening Tests," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 457](#) (PDF - 103 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 451 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April 2005 Quarterly Fee Schedule Update for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 451](#) (PDF - 81 KB)

01/24/2005

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 449 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April Quarterly Update to 2005 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 449](#)** (PDF - 142 KB)

01/21/2005

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

Transmittal 23 of the Medicare Secondary Payer Manual, entitled "Modification to Online Medicare Secondary Payer Questionnaire," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 23](#)** (PDF - 41 KB)

Transmittal 136 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Medlearn Matters Article Related to the Flu Demonstration ," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 136](#) (PDF - 28 KB)

Transmittal 437 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revisions and Corrections to the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 6, Section 30 and Various Sections in Chapter 15," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 437](#)** (PDF - 88 KB)

Transmittal 442 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Use of Modifiers -52, -73 and -74 for Reduced or Discontinued Services ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 442](#) (PDF - 42 KB)

Transmittal 444 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Further Information Related to Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 444](#) (PDF - 47 KB)

Transmittal 446 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Diabetes Screening Tests," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 446](#) (PDF - 99 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 98 of the Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Psychotherapy Notes," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Hospitals and Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 98](#)** (PDF - 54 KB)

Transmittal 436 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 436](#) (PDF - 43 KB)

01/19/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-2230-NC, entitled "State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP);

Redistribution of Unexpended SCHIP Funds From the Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2002," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. [**View CMS-2230-NC**](#)

01/14/2005

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

Transmittal 30 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual - Part 1, entitled "Reimbursement for ESRD and Transplant Services," was released. This instruction affects Organ Procurement Organizations.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 30**](#) (PDF - 84 KB)

Transmittal 93 of the Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Medical Review of Rural Air Ambulance Services," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 93**](#) (PDF - 50 KB)

Transmittal 96 of the Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Consent Settlements," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 96**](#) (PDF - 114 KB)

Transmittal 134 of the One-Time Notification, entitled "Revisions to January 2005 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Fil," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 134**](#) (PDF - 28 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 428 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to Billing Requirements for FDG-PET Scans for Use in the Differential Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and Fronto-Temporal Dementia (FTD) and Update to the FI Billing Requirements for Special Payment Procedures for ALL PET Scan Claims for Services Performed in a Critical Access Hospital (CAH)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the**](#)

[**complete text of Transmittal 428**](#) (PDF - 50 KB)

Transmittal 431 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Updated Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) No Pay File for April 2005," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 431**](#) (PDF - 147 KB)

01/11/2005

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

Transmittal 425 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Section 630 of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) allows for the reimbursement for ambulance services provided by IHS/Tribal Hospitals, including CAHs,

which manage and operate hospital-based ambulances," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

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INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 423 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

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The January 2005 issue of the CMS Quarterly Provider Update (QPU) was released.