

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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What's New

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12/29/2006

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 63 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Outpatient Therapy Cap Exceptions Process for Calendar Year (CY) 2007," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospice, Hospitals, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 63](#) (PDF - 547 KB)

Transmittal 181 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Outpatient Therapy Cap Exceptions Process for Calendar Year (CY) 2007," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospice, Hospitals, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 181](#) (PDF - 292 KB)

Transmittal 1145 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Outpatient Therapy Cap Exceptions Process for Calendar Year (CY) 2007," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospice, Hospitals, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1145](#) (PDF - 733 KB)

Transmittal 1146 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment by DME MACs and DMERCs for the Administration of Part D Vaccines," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1146](#) (PDF - 219 KB)

12/22/2006

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1327-N, entitled "First Biannual Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups--March 7, 8, and 9, 2007," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [View CMS-1327-N](#)

CMS-1382-N, entitled "Town Hall Meeting on the Fiscal Year 2008 Applications for New Medical Services and Technologies and Informational Workshop on Payment for New Technologies Under the Inpatient Prospective Payment System," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-1382-N**](#)

CMS-2238-P, entitled "Medicaid Prescription Drugs--Average Manufacturer Price," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. [**View CMS-2238-P**](#)

CMS-7002-N, entitled "Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education, January 24, 2007," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-7002-N**](#)

CMS-9038-N, entitled "Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--July Through September 2006," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-9038-N**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 1139 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2007 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes and OPPS PRICER Logic Changes and Instructions for Updating the Outpatient Provider Specific File (OPSF)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1139**](#) (PDF - 682 KB)

Transmittal 1143 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Emergency Update to the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects -. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1143**](#) (PDF - 91 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 255 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Provider Migration," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 255**](#) (PDF - 73 KB)

Transmittal 1135 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction of Instructions for Calculating IRF Compliance Percentage Threshold," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1135**](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

Transmittal 1137 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Teaching Status Adjustment," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1137**](#) (PDF - 90 KB)

Transmittal 1140 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Payment for Preadministration-Related Services Associated with IVIG Administration-Payment Extended through CY 2007," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1140**](#) (PDF - 124 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 256 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Payment Allowances for the Influenza Virus Vaccine (CPT 90655, 90656, 90657, and 90658) and the Pneumococcal Vaccine (CPT 90732) When Payment is Based on 95 Percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 256**](#) (PDF - 87 KB)

12/20/2006

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1134 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update of HCPCS Codes and Payments for Ambulatory Surgical Centers and File Names, Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2007 ASC HCPCS Additions, Deletions and Master Listing," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1134](#)** (PDF - 175 KB)

12/19/2006

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1133 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reporting of Taxonomy Codes to Identify Provider Subparts on Institutional Claims," was released. This instruction affects Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Renal Dialysis Facilities and Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1133](#)** (PDF - 212 KB)

12/15/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 253 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Medicare Home Health PPS Rate Update for CY 2007," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 253](#)** (PDF - 160 KB)

Transmittal 1128 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2007 Non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Non-OPPS) Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 22.1," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1128](#)** (PDF - 223 KB)

Transmittal 1129 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Jan 2007 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective Jan 1, 2007, & Revisions to April 2006, July 2006 & October 2006 Quarterly ASP," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1129](#)** (PDF - 289 KB)

Transmittal 1130 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Jan 2007 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 8.0," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Hospice, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally Qualified Health Centers and Home Health Agencies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1130](#)** (PDF - 724 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 62 of the Medicare Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Infrared Therapy Devices," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally Qualified Health Centers and Home Health Agencies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 62](#)** (PDF - 30 KB)

Transmittal 1127 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Infrared Therapy Devices," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally Qualified Health Centers and Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1127](#) (PDF -126 KB)

Transmittal 1131 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Legislative Change to the Update Factor for the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) and Extension of the Participating Enrollment Period," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1131](#)** (PDF - 130 KB)

12/08/2006

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1321-CN corrections, entitled "Revisions to Payment Policies, Five-Year Review of Work Relative Value Units, and Changes to the Practice Expense Methodology Under the Physician Fee Schedule, and Other Changes to Payment Under Part B; Corrections," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1321-CN Correction](#)**.

CMS-3018-F, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Hospital Conditions of Participation: Patients' Rights," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-3018-F](#)**.

CMS-1201-F, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly; Program Revisions," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-1201-F](#)**.

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1126 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Announcement of Medicare Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Payment Rate Increases," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1126](#)** (PDF - 30 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 431 of the Medicare Program Reimbursement Manual, entitled "Section 2231, Regional Medicare Swing-Bed-Rates," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 431](#)** (PDF - 14 KB)

Transmittal 1122 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "2007 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1122](#)** (PDF - 49 KB)

Transmittal 1124 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 13.0, Effective January 1, 2007," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1124](#)** (PDF - 32 KB)

Transmittal 1125 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Fee Schedule Update for 2007 for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies

Swing," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1125**](#) (PDF - 62 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – ADMINISTRATOR

Transmittal 252 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Additional Codes for Physician Voluntary Reporting Program (PVRP)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 252**](#) (PDF - 121 KB)

12/01/2006

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1321-FC, entitled "Revisions to Payment Policies Under Physician Fee Schedule and Ambulance Fee Schedule for CY 2007," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. [**View CMS-1321-FC**](#)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1013 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update of HCPCS Codes and Payments for Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) and File Names, Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2007 ASC HCPCS Additions, Deletions and Master Listing," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1013**](#) (PDF - 174 KB)

11/28/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 60 of the Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Outpatient Therapy Cap Clarifications," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospices, Hospitals, Physicians, and Non-Physician Practitioners. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 60**](#) (PDF - 395 KB)

Transmittal 171 of the Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Outpatient Therapy Cap Clarifications," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospices, Hospitals, Physicians, and Non-Physician Practitioners. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 171**](#) (PDF - 395 KB)

Transmittal 1106 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Outpatient Therapy Cap Clarifications," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospices, Hospitals, Physicians, and Non-Physician Practitioners. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1106**](#) (PDF - 471 KB)

11/27/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-4105-F, entitled "Notification of Hospital Discharge Appeal Rights," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [**View CMS-4105-F**](#)

CMS-3122-F, entitled "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-F](#)

CMS-6032-P, entitled "Use of Repayment Plans," was released. This regulation affects Suppliers. **[View CMS-6032-P](#)**

11/24/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1305-N, entitled "Request for Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-1305-N](#)**.

CMS-1326-N, entitled "Rechartering of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-1326-N](#)**.

CMS-1383-N, entitled "Listening Session on a Plan for Medicare Hospital Value-Based Purchasing--January 17, 2007," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1383-N](#)**.

CMS-1506-FC, entitled "Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and CY 2007 Payment Rates; CY 2007 Update to the Ambulatory Surgical Center Covered Procedures List; Medicare Administrative Contractors," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1506-FC](#)**.

CMS-4128-N, entitled "Decisions Affecting Medicare Advantage Plans Deemed by Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-4128-N](#)**.

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 61 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Cavernous Nerves Electrical Stimulation with Penile Plethysmography," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 61](#)** (PDF - 191 KB)

Transmittal 175 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Division of Provider and Supplier Enrollment Issued Revocations," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 175](#)** (PDF – 111 KB)

Transmittal 1116 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revised American National Standards Institute X12N 837 Institutional Health Care Claim Companion Document," was released. This instruction affects Hospice, hospitals, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1116](#)** (PDF - 283 KB)

Transmittal 1120 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Additional Provider Education for Upcoming Changes in Payment for Oxygen Equipment and Capped Rentals for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Based on the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment,

Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1120](#) (PDF - 95 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 61 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Implementation of Changes in End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Payment for Calendar Year (CY) 2007 01/02/2007," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities. [View the complete text of Transmittal 61](#) (PDF - 102KB)

Transmittal 1115 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1115](#) (PDF - 939 KB)

Transmittal 1118 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reasonable Charge Update for 2007 for Splints, Casts, Dialysis Supplies, Dialysis Equipment, and Certain Intraocular Lenses," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1118](#) (PDF - 174 KB)

11/22/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1114 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reporting of Taxonomy Codes to Identify Provider Subparts on Institutional Claims," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities and Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1114](#) (PDF - 227 KB)

11/21/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1070 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New 2007 Current Procedural Terminology Mammography Codes," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Physicians and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1070](#) (PDF - 428 KB)

11/17/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1113 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Implementation of an Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAA)," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospitals, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1113](#) (PDF - 180 KB)

11/13/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 249 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Claims Submitted with Only a National Provider Identifier (NPI) During the Stage 2 NPI

Transition Period," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 249**](#) (PDF - 48 KB)

11/09/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1304-F, entitled "Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2007 and Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 Changes to Medicare Payment for Oxygen Equipment and Capped Rental Durable Medical Equipment; Final Rule," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies. [**View CMS-1304-F**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 42 of the Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual, entitled "Swing Bed Hospital Updates," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 42**](#) (PDF 90 - KB)

Transmittal 58 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Swing Bed Hospital Updates," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 58**](#) (PDF -193 KB)

Transmittal 59 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 59**](#) (PDF -193 KB)

Transmittal 1105 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Swing Bed Hospital Updates," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1105**](#) (PDF - 75 KB)

11/08/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 57 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Clarification/Update to Chapter 8, Pub. 100-02," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 57**](#) (PDF - 131 KB)

11/03/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 56 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 56**](#) (PDF – 189 KB)

Transmittal 168 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "DMEPOS Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS) Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) for Purchases: Form CMS-848," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 168**](#) (PDF – 141 KB)

Transmittal 248 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Optical Character Recognition (OCR) Interface in the Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 248**](#) (PDF – 2 MB)

Transmittal 1100 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Jurisdiction for Ambulance Supplier Claims," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1100**](#) (PDF - 86 KB)

Transmittal 1101 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1101**](#) (PDF - 378 KB)

Transmittal 1103 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reporting and Payment of No-Cost Devices Furnished by Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Hospitals," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1103**](#) (PDF - 222 KB)

Transmittal 1104 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Uniform Billing (UB-04) Implementation," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1104**](#) (PDF – 74 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – MID-QUARTER LIST

Transmittal 1102 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) for CY 2007," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1102**](#) (PDF - 82 KB)

10/27/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-3191-P, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Fire Safety Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities, Automatic Sprinkler Systems," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [**View CMS-3191-P**](#)

CMS-4126-PN, entitled "Reapproval of Deeming Authority of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. for Medicare Advantage Health Maintenance Organizations and Local Preferred Provider Organizations," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-4126-PN**](#)

CMS-3174-N, entitled "Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee-- December 13, 2006," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-3174-N**](#)

CMS-1381-N, entitled "Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, December 4, 2006," was released. This regulation affects Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-1381-N**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 167 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "New DMEPOS Certificates of Medical Necessity (CMNs) and DME Information Forms (DIFS) for Claims Processing," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 167**](#) (PDF - 383 KB)

Transmittal 242 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Infusion Pump Exception Guidance Pub. 100-04, Chapter 1, Part 4, Section 280.14," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally Qualified Health

Centers, Home Health Agencies, Rural Health Clinics, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 242](#)** (PDF - 60 KB)

Transmittal 244 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "New Contractor Numbers for Part A for the States of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming in Jurisdiction 3 Part AB Medicare Administrative Services (MAC) Workload," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 244](#)** (PDF – 216 KB)

Transmittal 1088 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Instructions for the Coordination of Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) claims for the Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1088](#)** (PDF - 157 KB)

Transmittal 1091 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1091](#)** (PDF - 75 KB)

Transmittal 1094 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update To The Hospice Payment Rates, Hospice Cap, Hospice Wage Index and the Hospice Pricer For FY 2007," was released. This instruction affects Hospice. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1094](#)** (PDF – 116 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 41 of the Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual, entitled "Update to Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance and Premium Rates for 2007," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 41](#)** (PDF – 212 KB)

Transmittal 1082 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reporting the National Provider Identifier (NPI) on Physician Claims for Diagnostic Services Purchased Outside of the Local Carriers Jurisdiction," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1082](#)** (PDF - 70 KB)

Transmittal 1086 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Annual Type of Service (TOS) Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1086](#)** (PDF - 162 KB)

Transmittal 1087 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC) and Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1087](#)** (PDF – 118 KB)

Transmittal 1092 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "File Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2007 Fee Schedules and HCPCS through CMS Mainframe Telecommunication System," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospice and Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1092](#)** (PDF - 367 KB)

Transmittal 1093 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2007," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1093](#)** (PDF – 219 KB)

10/20/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1079 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes to the Process for Recovering Medicare Payments for Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) Claims Failing to Report Prior Hospitalizations," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1079 \(PDF - 90 KB\)](#)

10/18/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-4119-P, entitled "Medicare Part D Data," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-4119-P](#)**

10/16/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-2231-F, entitled "State Allotments for Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals: Federal Fiscal Year 2006 and Fiscal Year 2007," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. **[View CMS-2231-F](#)**

10/13/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1076 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) Instructions on Special CAP Appeals Requirements and Delivery of Dispute Resolution Services," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1076 \(PDF - 238 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1077 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Media Changes," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1077 \(PDF - 82 KB\)](#)

10/12/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 108 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments 1st Qtr. FY 2007," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 108 \(PDF - 85 KB\)](#)

10/11/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1488-N, entitled "Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2007 Rates - Notice," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1488-N](#)**

10/06/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 166 of the Medicare Manual, entitled "Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators Certificate of Medical Necessity for Purchases: Form CMS-848," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 166 \(PDF - 139 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 1072 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Inpatient Prospective Payment System Outlier Reconciliation Technical Corrections," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1072 \(PDF - 123 KB\)](#)

10/05/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1067 of the Medicare Claims processing Manual, entitled "Fiscal Year 2007 Inpatient Prospective Payment System, Long Term Care Hospital PPS, and Inpatient Psychiatric Facility PPS Changes," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1067 \(PDF - 388 KB\)](#)**

10/03/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1488-CN, entitled "Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2007 Rates; Correction," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1488-CN](#)

CMS-2243-N, entitled "Consistent with the provisions of section 1923 of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 1001a of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 and section 6054," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. **[View CMS-2243-N](#)**

CMS-1535-CN, entitled "Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2007; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rates, and Annual Deductible for Calendar Year 2007; Corrections," was released. This regulation affects Hospice. **[View CMS-1535-CN](#)**