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MMA - Expansion of Coverage for Chiropractic Services Demonstration – Information for Outpatient Hospitals and Radiologists

Key Words

SE0522, Chiropractic, Chiropractor, Demonstration, Hospital, Radiologist, Outpatient, X-Rays, MRI, CT, Neuromusculoskeletal, Part B, MMA

Provider Types Affected

Outpatient hospitals and radiologists that will be able to accept referrals from chiropractors who practice in the States of Maine, New Mexico, Scott County, Iowa, 26 counties in Illinois (including Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, Will, Boone, Bureau, Carroll, Henry, JoDavies, Kankakee, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Mercer, Ogle, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago counties), and 17 counties in central Virginia (including Pittsylvania, Campbell, Appomattox, Nelson, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Louisa, Caroline, Hanover, New Kent, Henrico, Richmond City, Danville City, Goochland, Cumberland, Powhatan, and Amelia counties)

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 1, 2005.
- The implementation date is April 4, 2005.
- The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) requires that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) conduct a two-year Demonstration of Coverage of Chiropractic Services Under Medicare.
- CMS must expand coverage for chiropractic services to include:
 - Care for neuromusculoskeletal conditions typical among eligible beneficiaries, and
 - Diagnostic and other services that a chiropractor is legally authorized to perform by the state or jurisdiction in which such treatment is provided.
- Under this two-year demonstration, chiropractors are allowed to order X-rays, MRIs, and CT scans.
- The demonstration will be conducted in four geographic areas; two rural and two urban.

- One rural and one urban geographic area will be located in a designated Health Professional Shortage Area.
- The areas are listed above and on Page 1 of MLN Matters article SE0522, under Provider Types Affected.
- The demonstration applies to Part B services delivered to all Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries and to Medicare Advantage enrollees of plans who choose to participate in the demonstration.
- Radiologists can accept orders only from chiropractors located in the four designated geographic areas.
- The Medicare patients are not required to live in these areas to receive demonstration services.
- Radiologists do not need to be located in the demonstration areas.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0522.pdf> on the CMS website.

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<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.