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## *MMA – Extension of the Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) Physician Election Period*

### Key Words

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### Provider Types Affected

Physicians who wish to bill Medicare Carriers for certain Part B drugs and biologicals under the Medicare CAP and have not yet elected to participate in the program

### Key Points

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced an extension of the election period for physician enrollment in the CAP for Part B Drugs and Biologicals. The initial physician election period from May 8 - June 2, 2006, was established on April 27, 2006.
- The election period for physician enrollment in the CAP for Part B drugs and biologicals has been extended till June 30, 2006, to provide physicians a greater opportunity to evaluate the program and determine if it is right for them.
- CAP claims processing will start July 1, 2006, for physicians who submitted their forms by June 2, 2006.
- By extending the election period until June 30, 2006, all physicians, as defined by Change Request (CR) 4404, who have not already submitted election forms to their local carriers can elect to participate in CAP. (CR4404 can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R932CP.pdf> on the CMS website.)
- The effective date for elections postmarked by June 30, 2006 will be August 1, 2006. Completed election forms must be returned by mail to the physician's local carrier.
- By July 28, the approved CAP vendor, Bioscrip Inc., will contact any physicians who submit their election forms during this extended period, to let them know that they may begin ordering CAP drugs as of August 1, 2006.

## Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0639.pdf>

Further information regarding the CAP program is available at

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/02\\_infophys.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/02_infophys.asp#TopOfPage) on the CMS website. The following additional MLN Matters articles are also available:

- MLN Matters MM4064 provides a complete overview of the CAP and background material for SE0639. It can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4064.pdf> on the CMS website.
- MLN Matters MM4309 builds on the business requirements outlined in MM4064, related to SE0639, and can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4309.pdf> on the CMS website.
- MLN Matters MM4404, which relates to CR4044, can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4404.pdf> on the CMS website.

If affected providers have questions, they may contact their Medicare Carrier at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.