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The Number of Durable Medical Equipment Pricing Files That Must Be Maintained Online for Medicare – DMERC, FI, and RHHI Only

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Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers billing Medicare durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) and fiscal intermediaries (FIs), including regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs) for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS)

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is October 1, 2005.
- The implementation date is October 3, 2005.
- The new minimum standard for the number of online price determination files that a Medicare DMERC or RHHI will maintain is eight fee screens/pricing files (i.e., the current period and seven prior files) for payment on a fee-for-service DMEPOS that is billed.
- This will allow Medicare to be more accurate in paying the rate in effect at the time services are provided.
- This change will not change Medicare's timely filing requirements, and providers/suppliers should bill Medicare as promptly as possible.

Important Links

MM3792: "The Number of Durable Medical Equipment Pricing Files That Must Be Maintained Online for Medicare – DMERC, FI, and RHHI Only" can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3792.pdf> on the CMS web site.

CR3792, Transmittal #546: "The Number of Durable Medical Equipment Pricing Files That Must Be Maintained Online for Medicare – DMERC, FI, and RHHI Only" can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R546CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.