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Medical Review Matching of Electronic Claims and Additional Documentation in the Medical Review Process

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Provider Types Affected

All Medicare physicians, providers, and suppliers

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is February 10, 2006.
- The implementation date of the instruction is February 10, 2006.
- Medicare contractors may use any information they deem necessary to make a prepayment or post-payment claim review determination, but they may not require providers or suppliers to file initial claims on paper to Medicare when the claim requires additional documentation.
- The Administrative Simplification Compliance Act requires providers, with very few exceptions, to submit claims electronically.
- Medicare contractors may not require or request of any provider the submission of supporting documentation with the initial claim(s) through contractor developed forms, local policies, or any other communication with providers.
- Medicare contractors may only request supporting documentation through the Additional Documentation Request (ADR) process or alternate contractor process that enables matching of the documentation to the initial claim.

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