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Surrogate Unique Physician Identification Numbers (UPINs) Reported on Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities (IDTFs) Claims

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities (IDTFs) billing Medicare carriers for services

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 3, 2006.
- The implementation date is January 3, 2006.
- IDTFs have been allowed to bill for diagnostic services with the use of Surrogate UPINs.
- To help ensure future program integrity, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will no longer accept the Surrogate UPINs on IDTF claims.
- Effective for dates of service of January 3, 2006, and later:
 - IDTFs must submit the UPIN assigned to the ordering physician; and
 - Carriers must return as unprocessable all IDTF claims submitted with Surrogate UPINs.

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<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R769CP.pdf>

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