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MMA - Implementation of Changes in End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Payment for Calendar Year (CY) 2006

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Providers billing Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) services

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is January 3, 2006.
- The Social Security Act (Section 1881(b)), as amended by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA, Section 623), directed the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to make a number of revisions to the composite rate payment system, including payment for separately billable drugs furnished by ESRD facilities.
- For CY 2006, CMS is making several changes to payment to ESRD facilities and revising the following:
 - Geographic Designation and Wage Index Adjustment
 - Drug Payment Methodology
 - Drug Add-On Adjustment
 - Height and Weight Reporting Requirements for Double Amputee Dialysis Patients

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