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Telehealth Originating Site Facility Fee Payment Amount Update

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

All providers who bill Medicare for the telehealth originating site facility fee

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is January 18, 2006.
- Beginning on and after January 1, 2006, the telehealth originating site facility fee is \$22.47.
- The 2006 Medicare Economic Index (MEI) increase is 2.8%.
- For calendar year 2006, the payment amount for HCPCS code Q3014 (telehealth originating site facility fee) is 80% of the lesser of the actual charge or \$22.47 (2.8% x \$21.86 [the 2005 fee] + \$21.86).
- The beneficiary is responsible for any unmet deductible amount or coinsurance.
- For reference, the Medicare telehealth originating site facility fees and MEI increases by the applicable time period are shown in the table on page 2 of Medlearn Matters article MM4201.

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