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### *Change Payment Floor Date for Paper Claims*

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers who use paper claims to bill Medicare Carriers, including Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs), and Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), including Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2006.
- The implementation date for the instruction is March 13, 2006.
- The Social Security Act Section 1816b (c) (3) (B) (ii) and Section 1842 (c) (3) (B) (ii) provides for payment waiting periods for Medicare claims before a claim is paid by the Medicare contractor.
- Congress has amended the Social Security Act to extend the waiting period for paper claims from 27 to 29 days, effective January 1, 2006.
- CR4284 changes the payment floor date for paper claims from the 27th day to the 29th day after receipt of a claim.
- Effective January 1, 2006, Medicare carriers, DMERCs, FIs, and RHHIs will not pay paper claims prior to the 29th day after receipt of the claim.

#### Important Links

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