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### *Mammography Facility Certification File - Updated Procedures and Content*

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

Providers (facilities certified by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)) who submit screening and diagnostic mammography claims to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and to carriers

**Note:** MLN Matters article MM4303 was revised to add a reference to Change Request (CR) 5577. CR5577 instructs FIs, carriers and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors to deny claims for mammography services (rather than returning them as unprocessable) if the appropriate FDA certification status is not listed on the FDA-created, CMS-supplied, Mammography Quality Standard Act (MQSA) data file. The link to the related MLN Matters article (MM5577) is at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/mm5577.pdf> on the CMS website.

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is July 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is July 3, 2006.
- The MQSA ensures that all facilities that provide mammography services meet national quality standards.
- The FDA Center for Devices and Radiological Health is responsible for collecting certificate fees and surveying mammography facilities (screening and diagnostic).
- The FDA provides CMS with a file that contains a listing of all facilities that have been issued certificates to perform mammography services.
- Currently, the FDA file does not contain information on terminated facilities.
- CR4303 and related MLN article MM4303 provides guidelines for carriers/intermediaries to download the most recent Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) file **on a weekly basis** and use it to adjudicate claims.
- Effective July 1, 2006, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be populating a new Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) file with terminated FDA-certified facilities (designated with a "T" value).

- This will enable carriers/intermediaries to pay for screening and diagnostic mammography services for terminated facilities prior to the date of termination and to deny services furnished after the date of termination.

### Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4303.pdf> on the CMS website.

More information about the updated procedures and content of the mammography facility certification file may be found in CR4303 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R828CP.pdf> on the CMS website.