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## *MMA - Payment for Islet Cell Transplantation in NIH-Sponsored Clinical Trials*

### Key Words

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### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, suppliers, and providers billing Medicare contractors (carriers and fiscal intermediaries (FIs))

### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is May 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is July 31, 2006.
- As a result of section 733 of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (P.L. 108-173), for services performed/discharges on or after October 1, 2004, Medicare covers islet cell transplantation for patients with Type I diabetes who are participating in an NIH-sponsored clinical trial.
- The islet cell transplantation may be done alone or in combination with kidney transplantation.
- Effective for services on or after **May 1, 2006**, Medicare will **accept the QR modifier** for payment on claims for patients who participate in an NIH-sponsored clinical trial in conjunction with:
  - Islet cell transplantation; and
  - Routine follow-up care related to islet cell transplantation, when:
    - Performed in an outpatient department of a hospital; and
    - Billed on type of bill (TOB) 13X or 85X.
- For additional information, providers may refer to MLN Matters article MM3385, "*MMA-Billing Requirements for Islet Cell Transplantation for Beneficiaries in a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Trial*," which can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3385.pdf> on the CMS web site.

- Also, providers may refer to the *Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual*, publication 100-03, Chapter 1, Part 4, Section 260.3.1 "Islet Cell Transplantation in the Context of a Clinical Trial (Effective October 1, 2004)," located at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/ncd103c1\\_Part4.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/ncd103c1_Part4.pdf) on the CMS web site.

## Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5140.pdf>

The manual attachment to Change Request (CR) 5140, the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Publication 100-4, Chapter 32, "Billing Requirements for Special Services," Section 70 "Billing Requirements for Islet Cell Transplantation for Beneficiaries in a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Trial." may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R986CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If providers have questions, they may contact their Medicare carrier or FI at their toll-free number, which may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS web site.