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New Website for Approved Transplant Centers

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Provider Types Affected

All hospital transplant programs that submit claims to Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), carriers, or Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for organ transplants provided to Medicare beneficiaries

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is June 28, 2007.
- The implementation date is October 22, 2007.
- Change Request (CR) 5724 states that on March 30, 2007, the Department of Health and Human Services established a regulation authorizing the survey and certification of transplant programs.
- All hospital transplant programs covered by the regulation, whether currently approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) or seeking initial approval, must submit a request for approval under the new regulations to CMS by December 26, 2007 (180 days from the effective date of the regulation).
- Those programs that were already approved by Medicare for participation at the time of the effective date (June 28, 2007) of the regulation will continue to be covered under National Coverage Determination or end-stage renal disease conditions for coverage (as applicable) until they are notified in writing by CMS of their approval or denial under the new regulations.
- CMS is responsible for monitoring compliance with the Medicare conditions of participation for transplant hospitals.
- CMS will review the information that transplant hospitals submit and conduct onsite surveys as necessary to determine compliance with the conditions of participation.
- Transplant programs must be in compliance with the conditions of participation to continue Medicare approval or to receive initial approval for participation.

- On or about September 1, 2007, Medicare approved transplant centers for all Medicare approved transplant programs will be listed at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CertificationandCompliance/20_Transplant.asp#TopOfPage on the CMS website.
- Transplant hospitals should review the above website and send applications to the following address:
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Survey and Certification Group
7500 Security Blvd. Mailstop: S2-12-25
Baltimore, MD 21244
- Medicare providers should be aware that the new CMS Certification Number (CCN) series 9800-9899 established via Transmittal 25 (CR5490 on April 20, 2007) is not for billing.
- **Providers are not to bill with the CCN number.**
- CR5724 will not change the way Medicare contractors process providers' claims.
- Providers' contractor will, however, continue to check to determine if providers are an approved transplant center and check the effective approval date.
- Medicare contractors will also check to determine if a provider facility is certified for adults and/or pediatric transplants dependent upon the patient's age.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5724.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5724) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1341CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction for CR5490 may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R25SOMA.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have questions, they may contact their Medicare FI, carrier, or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.