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### *Revised Guidance for Completing Form CMS-1500*

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

All physicians, providers, and suppliers who submit claims using Form CMS-1500 to Medicare Carriers, Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), and Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME/MACs)

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2008.
- The implementation date is January 7, 2008.
- The Form CMS-1500 claim completion instructions are being revised in order to provide guidance related to the submission of service facility identifiers.
- The Form CMS-1500 answers the needs of many health insurers.
- It is the basic form prescribed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Medicare program and is only accepted from physicians and suppliers that are excluded from the mandatory electronic claims submission requirements set forth in the Administrative Simplification Compliance Act and the implementing regulation at 42 Code of Federal Regulations 424.32.
- Providers may review the changes in Chapter 26 of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* that impact the Form CMS-1500 boxes 32a and 32b as follows:
  - **Box 32a:** If required by Medicare claims processing policy, providers must enter the National Provider Identifier of the service facility.
  - **Box 32b:** If required by Medicare claims processing policy, providers must enter the legacy Provider Identification Number (PIN) of the service facility preceded by the ID qualifier 1C. There should be one blank space between the qualifier and the PIN.

## Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5749.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5749) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R1393CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have questions regarding this issue, they may contact their Medicare Carrier, DME MAC, 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.