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Guidance Regarding Elimination of Standard Paper Remittance (SPR) Advice Notices in the Old Format

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Provider Types Affected

All Medicare physicians, providers and suppliers

Key Points

- Effective January 1, 2005, only the 835 version 4010A1 flat file is to be used to produce the SPR Advice notices; no other format for SPRs will be used.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) does not allow the inclusion of data in paper remittance advice notices that is not included in the Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) transactions.
- The same flat file should be used to produce both the SPR and 835 version 4010A1 ERA.
- The latest version of the SPR Advice and the ERA contain the same information in the comparable fields and data elements, including the same codes.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0451.pdf> on the CMS website.

The *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 22 may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c22.pdf> on the CMS website.

Change request (CR) 3344 – Information about the fiscal intermediary Part A 835 flat file, including a sample of the most recent SPR format may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R252CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have any questions regarding receipt of or conversion to ERAs, providers may contact their carrier/intermediary. If the provider bills an intermediary, the intermediary's number may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/Downloads/MedicarePartAEDIHelpline.pdf> on the CMS website.

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