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### *Elimination of Regulations for Written Statement of Intent (SOI)*

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

All Medicare Providers

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is May 24, 2004.
- The implementation date is July 19, 2004.
- Medicare regulations at 42 CFR Part 424.45 allowed for the submission of written SOIs to claim Medicare benefits.
- The purpose of a SOI is to extend the timely filing period for the submission of an initial claim.
- Medicare will no longer accept a SOI to extend the timely filing limit for filing initial claims, effective with period ending on December 31, 2004.
- Medicare filing requirements are in Chapter 1, Section 70 (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c01.pdf>) of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*.
- A Final Rule published in the Federal Register amended 42 CFR Part 424 by removing the SOI provision at 424.45, effective May 24, 2004.
- Medicare carriers, intermediaries, and Medicare Regional Offices will no longer accept a SOI to extend the timely filing period for claims.

## Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/mm3310.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have questions regarding this issue, they may contact their carrier/intermediary at their toll-free number which may be found at

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

The official instruction (CR3310) issued to the carrier/intermediary regarding this change may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R211CP.pdf> on the CMS website.