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## *Medicare Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) Coverage*

### Key Words

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### Provider Types Affected

Medicare Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs)

### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is June 30, 2004.
- The implementation date is October 25, 2004.
- A CORF is a facility that is primarily engaged in providing diagnostic, therapeutic, and restorative services to outpatients for the rehabilitation of the injured and disabled or to patients recovering from illness.
- A service may be covered as a CORF service only if it would be covered as an inpatient hospital service provided to a hospital patient.
- Policy changes in the CORF manual touch on the following:
  - Rules for provision of services;
  - Place of treatment;
  - Personnel qualification requirements;
  - Services furnished under arrangements (including physicians, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, respiratory therapy, social, psychological and nursing services);
  - Referral for treatment;
  - Plan of treatment;
  - Prosthetic and orthotic devices and supplies;
  - Drugs and biologicals;

- Home environment evaluation; and
- Outpatient mental health treatment limitation.
- Providers may refer to pages 2 and 3 of MLN Matters article MM3315 for a discussion of the CORF manual changes in regard to the following:
  - Physicians;
  - Therapists/Social Services;
  - Respiratory Therapy;
  - Prosthetics and Orthotics;
  - Drugs and Biologicals; and
  - Home Visits.
- Providers may refer to Chapter 12 of Publication 100-2 (*Medicare Benefit Policy Manual*) attached to Change Request (CR) 3315 for all the CORF manual changes.

### Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3315.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR3315) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R21BP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have any questions, they may contact their fiscal intermediary (FI) at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.