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*Clarification for Carriers and Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) About Correction and Recoupment of Payments for Previously Processed Claims*

### Key Words

Recoupment, Payment, Claim, CR3772, MM3772, R618CP, Adjustment

### Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers who bill Medicare carriers, including DMERCs

### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is January 3, 2006.
- MLN article MM3772 provides clarification regarding the correction and recoupment of payments for previously processed Medicare claims.
- When a previously processed claim needs to be adjusted, a full claim adjustment must be done regardless of whether Medicare is primary or secondary.
- If money needs to be recouped, the previous payment is negated, and a new payment is recognized if payment is being reduced, and Medicare creates an account receivable in the amount that was overpaid.
- If there is no payment due, the previous payment is reversed, and an account receivable is created in the same amount as that previously paid.

### Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3772.pdf>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R618CP.pdf>