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Medical Review Additional Documentation Requests (ADRs)

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Provider Types Affected

All Medicare providers and suppliers

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is December 30, 2005.
- The implementation date is December 30, 2005.
- CR4022 allows Medicare contractors (carriers, durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs), and fiscal intermediaries) to request additional documentation about the patient's condition before and after a specific service to gain a more complete picture of the patient's clinical condition.
- If a Medicare contractor cannot make a coverage or coding determination from the information that has been provided on a claim and its attachments, they may ask for additional documentation by issuing an Additional Document Request (ADR).
- Medicare contractors will not deny other claims related to the documentation of the patient's condition before and after the claim in question, unless they review and give appropriate consideration to the actual additional claims and associated documentation.

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