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Title: THE FEDERAL REGISTER AS A HELPFUL RESOURCE

Key Words:

FR: The Federal Register (published daily)

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations

Statute: the law/the Act/the USC Code. (Title 18 of the Social Security Act contains Medicare provisions)

Provider Types Affected: All

Key Points:

- It is useful at times to cite the statute or regulations when addressing provider inquiries.
- Information published by CMS in the Federal Register includes proposed or final rules.
 - These include important background information such as the legislative history, questions/answers and impact.
 - Final rules also include comments from providers and other groups.
- The CMS website links to the statute (Social Security Law) and federal regulations.
 - These links are provided below.
 - Check the professional/provider page of the provider you're assisting first for a link to the regulations that most directly affect this provider.

Important Links:

- <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/default.asp?1=pros&2=>
- <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providerupdate/>
- <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/>