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### *MMA - Expansion of Coverage for Chiropractic Services Demonstration - Information Relevant to Outpatient Hospitals and Independent Clinical Laboratories*

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

Outpatient hospital and independent clinical laboratories that will be able to accept referrals from chiropractors who practice in the states of Maine, New Mexico, Scott County, Iowa, 26 counties in Illinois (including Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, Will, Boone, Bureau, Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Kankakee, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Mercer, Ogle, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago), and 17 counties in central Virginia (including Pittsylvania, Campbell, Appomattox, Nelson, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Louisa, Caroline, Hanover, New Kent, Henrico, Richmond City, Danville City, Goochland, Cumberland, Powhatan, and Amelia)

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 1, 2005.
- Beginning April 1, 2005, CMS is conducting a demonstration to evaluate the feasibility and advisability of expanding the coverage of diagnostic and other chiropractic services under Medicare.
- This means that, under this demonstration, chiropractors may order clinical laboratory services and the affected laboratory is allowed to accept these orders.
- These clinical laboratory services are listed in the clinical lab fee schedule, which can be found at <http://cms.hhs.gov/ClinicalLabFeeSched> on the CMS website.
- The chiropractor's UPIN should be listed as the ordering physician for the clinical laboratory service claim.
- For private laboratories:
  - On the ASC X12 837P electronic format, the ordering chiropractor's UPIN should be reported in loop 2420E.
  - The value 1G should be entered in REF01 and the UPIN should be entered in REF02.

- If form 1500 is used, the chiropractor's name should be entered on line 17 and their UPIN number on line 17a.
- **For outpatient hospital claims**, on the ASC X12 837I electronic format, the ordering chiropractor's UPIN (REF02 (REF01=G)) must be reported in the 2310C REF (other provider secondary identification) segment.
- To view the four geographic areas in which the demonstration is conducted, please go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0521.pdf> on the CMS website.
- The demonstration applies to Part B services delivered to all Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries and to Medicare Advantage enrollees of plans who choose to participate in the demonstration.
- While **labs can only accept orders from chiropractors located in the** four designated geographic areas, the Medicare patients are not required to live in these areas to receive demonstration services.
- In addition, laboratories are not required to be located in the demonstration areas.

### Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0521.pdf>

If affected providers have additional questions, they may contact their carrier's toll free line. That number may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

Additional information regarding the demonstration can also be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/MD/list.asp#TopOfPage> on the CMS website. At the top of the page do a keyword search for chiropractic.