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### *Fiscal Intermediary 835 Flat File and Companion Document Change*

#### Keywords

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#### Provider Types Affected

Providers who bill Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2005.
- The implementation is January 3, 2005.
- A new field has been added to the FI Part A 835 flat file to accommodate the forced balancing amount in the standard paper remittance (SPR).
- The FI companion document has been changed to show that the total Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) reported charges amount in TS317 equals the sum of all reported charges with the HC qualifier.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) policy is to make the standard paper remittance advice mimic the electronic remittance advice for those data elements contained in both the SPR and the electronic remittance advice (ERA).
- The SPR report format will be modified to include a new field, the presumptive payment adjustment (PRE PAY ADJ).
- This field will be added below the interest field in Part A and Part B claim detail sections.
- FIs will place A7 (Presumptive Payment Adjustment) in the reason code field to reflect the forced balancing amount in the SPR.
- FIs will ensure that the total HCPCS reported charge amount in TS317 is equal to the sum of reported charge amount(s) when the qualifier is HC.

## Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3344.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR3344) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R252CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have any questions, they may contact their FI at their toll-free number, which may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.