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Ambulance Fee Schedule - Conversion Factor File for Calendar Year (CY) 2009 Ambulance Inflation Factor

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Ambulance providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for ambulance services provided to Medicare beneficiaries

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is July 1, 2009.
- The implementation date is October 6, 2008.
- Change Request (CR) 6000 revises the ambulance fee schedule file layout for CY2009. Specifically, only the conversion factor field is being modified to:
 - Remove the sign in the numeric field; and
 - Expand the length of the Conversion Factor field.
- For claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2009, Medicare contractor(s) will recognize the new Ambulance Fee Schedule file layout.
- For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2009, Medicare contractors will recognize the current layout.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6000.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6000) issued regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1499CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

The ambulance fee schedule public use files are available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AmbulanceFeeSchedule/02_afspuf.asp on the CMS.