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Physicians Billing for Technical Component of Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Must be Accredited

Beginning Jan 1, 2012, suppliers furnishing the technical component of advanced diagnostic imaging services for which payment is made under the physician fee schedule must be accredited by a CMS-designated accreditation organization. In the case where a physician chooses to contract out those services to an accredited mobile unit, the physician must be accredited in order to bill Medicare for such services.

For more information regarding advanced diagnostic imaging, please visit

http://www.CMS.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/03_AdvancedDiagnosticImagingAccreditation.asp.

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Hospital Providers are Excluded from the Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Requirement

For Advanced Diagnostic Imaging furnished in a hospital outpatient setting, hospital outpatient departments would bill for the technical component of the procedure and be paid under Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS). The physician would bill separately for the professional component and be paid under the Physician Fee Schedule for professional service.

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) required all suppliers that are paid under the Physician Fee Schedule and furnishing the technical component of certain advanced diagnostic imaging to be accredited by January 1, 2012. For more information, please visit www.CMS.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll.

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Special Open-Door Forum: Furnishing and Billing for the Technical Component of Advanced Diagnostic Imaging

Tue Mar 22, 2-3:30pm EST

CMS will host a Special ODF on Tue Mar 22 to review the accreditation requirements for all physician offices that bill for the technical component of advanced diagnostic imaging. All those suppliers responsible for any aspect of this program would benefit from this Open Door Forum. During the call, we will review:

- The law governing the requirement for accreditation of advanced diagnostic imaging;
- Who needs to be accredited in order to bill Medicare for the technical component starting Sun Jan 1, 2012;
- The accreditation process – steps to follow and timeline; and
- Why it is necessary to begin preparations now in order to prevent a disruption in payment.

If you wish to participate, dial 800-837-1935 and use conference ID #44761133. For more information and more extensive call-in instructions, please visit

<http://www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/Downloads/032211SODFPRQI.pdf>.

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New FAQs Available Regarding Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation

CMS has posted 10 new FAQs on the topic of Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation. To review these FAQs, visit the CMS FAQ database at <http://questions.CMS.hhs.gov> and search for "[Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation](#)."

For more information on Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation, please visit http://www.CMS.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/03_AdvancedDiagnosticImagingAccreditation.asp.

released Tue June 7, Tue June 14, and Tue June 21, 2011

National Provider Call on Accreditation Requirements for Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Technical Suppliers

Thu June 23, 2:30-4pm ET

CMS will host a national provider call on the upcoming mandatory accreditation program for all suppliers that furnish the technical component of advanced diagnostic imaging. Subject matter experts will discuss what the requirements are to meet the Sun Jan 1, 2012, deadline; who these requirements effect; and how to become accredited. CMS will update information previously discussed on Open Door Forums that will streamline the requirements.

The target audience for this call includes physician office staff and all Medicare fee-for-service providers; the agenda will include:

- the law;
- deadlines;
- suppliers effected;
- the accreditation process;
- the enrollment process; and
- a question and answer session.

A slideshow presentation will be made available in advance of the call at http://www.CMS.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/03_AdvancedDiagnosticImagingAccreditation.asp.

In order to receive the call-in information, you must register for the call. *Registration will close at 2:30pm on Wed June 22* or when available space has been filled; no exceptions will be made, so please register early. For more details, including *instructions on registering for the call*, please visit <http://www.eventsvc.com/palmettogba/062311>.

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Accreditation Deadline for Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Approaching – Sun Jan 1

Are you a Medicare provider or supplier that furnishes the technical component of advanced diagnostic imaging (ADI) services?

(ADI procedures include MRI, CT, nuclear medicine imaging, and positron emission tomography. X-ray, ultrasound, fluoroscopy, and Hospital Outpatient procedures are excluded.)

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regarding Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation (*updated Mon Jan 30, 2012*)

As directed by the *Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA)*, all providers and suppliers of the technical component of ADI who bill Medicare under the Physician Fee Schedule for these services must be accredited by *Sun Jan 1, 2012*. *Those not accredited by that deadline will not be able to bill Medicare until they become accredited.* (The technical component of ADI services includes the performance of such imaging procedures, not their subsequent interpretation.)

CMS has selected three organizations to perform the accreditation of Advanced Diagnostic Imaging providers and suppliers. Those seeking accreditation should note that the process may take up to five months to complete, so should be sure to begin the process as soon as possible.

For more information about ADI Accreditation, including the three accrediting organizations, please visit http://www.CMS.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/03_AdvancedDiagnosticImagingAccreditation.asp.

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**From the MLN: “Important Reminders about Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Requirements”
MLN Matters Article Released**

MLN Matters® Special Edition Article #SE1122 – titled “Important Reminders about Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (ADI) Accreditation Requirements” – which provides guidance in meeting the accreditation requirements established in Section 135(a) of the *Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA)* for physicians, non-physician practitioners, and Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities (IDTF) who are suppliers of imaging services and submitting claims for the Technical Component (TC) of Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (ADI) procedures. This accreditation requirement is mandatory as of Sun Jan 1, 2012. The article is now available at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1122.pdf>; it is informational in nature and supports existing policy.

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Details of Accreditation Requirements for Advanced Diagnostic Imaging – Sun Jan 1 Deadline

If you’re a provider or supplier that furnishes the technical component of advanced diagnostic imaging (ADI) services and bill Medicare under the Physician Fee Schedule for these services, you should know that you must be accredited by *Sun Jan 1, 2012*. *Those not accredited by that deadline will not be able to bill Medicare until they become accredited.*

For those planning on seeking accreditation to continue performing the technical component of ADI services, know that accreditation is dependent on the demonstration of quality standards, including (but not limited to):

- Qualifications and responsibilities of medical directors and supervising physicians;
- Qualifications of medical personnel who are not physicians;
- Procedures to ensure that equipment used meets performance specifications;
- Procedures to ensure the safety of beneficiaries;
- Procedures to ensure the safety of person who furnish the imaging; and
- Establishment and maintenance of a quality assurance and quality control program to ensure the reliability, clarity and accuracy of the technical quality of the image.

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Additionally, the accreditation process may include:

- Un-announced, random site visits;
- Review of phantom images;
- Review of staff credentialing records and maintenance records;
- Review of beneficiary complaints and patient records;
- Review of quality data and ongoing data monitoring; and
- Triennial surveys.

For more information about ADI Accreditation, including details of the accreditation process and the organizations approved by CMS to grant accreditation, please visit http://www.CMS.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/03_AdvancedDiagnosticImagingAccreditation.asp. An MLN Special Edition Article (SE1122) – “Important Reminders about Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (ADI) Accreditation Requirements” – has also been published and is available at <http://www.CMS.gov/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1122.pdf>.

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Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation – Time is Running Out

As a reminder, beginning Sun Jan 1, 2012, suppliers who furnish the technical component of Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (ADI) must be accredited in order to bill Medicare for these services. ADI procedures include MRI, CT, nuclear medicine imaging, and positron emission tomography; x-ray, ultrasound, fluoroscopy, and Hospital Outpatient procedures are excluded. The technical component of ADI services includes the performance of the imaging procedures, not the physician interpretation.

For dates of service on or after Sun Jan 1, Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) will begin denying claims for the technical component of ADI that are submitted under the Physician Fee Schedule by suppliers who have not yet been accredited. Once a provider becomes accredited, they can begin billing Medicare for these services again.

For more information about ADI Accreditation, including a list of accrediting organizations and details of the accreditation process, please visit http://www.CMS.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/03_AdvancedDiagnosticImagingAccreditation.asp. An MLN Special Edition Article on this subject – “Important Reminders about Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Requirements” (MLN SE1122) – is also available at <http://www.CMS.gov/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1122.pdf>.

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Get Accredited Now – Time is Running Out

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regarding Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation (*updated Mon Jan 30, 2012*)

For dates of service on or after Sun Jan 1, 2012, Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) *will begin denying claims* for the technical component of ADI that are submitted under the Physician Fee Schedule by suppliers who have not yet been accredited. Once a provider becomes accredited, they can begin billing Medicare for these services again.

For more information about ADI Accreditation, including a list of accrediting organizations and details of the accreditation process, please visit

http://www.CMS.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/03_AdvancedDiagnosticImagingAccreditation.asp. An MLN Special Edition Article on this subject – “Important Reminders about Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Requirements” (MLN SE1122) – is also available at <http://www.CMS.gov/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1122.pdf>.

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From the MLN: “Important Reminders about Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (ADI) Accreditation Requirements” MLN Matters® Article Revised

The MLN Matters® Special Edition Article (#SE1122) “[Important Reminders about Advanced Diagnostic Imaging \(ADI\) Accreditation Requirements](#)” is designed to provide education on important ADI accreditation requirements. *This article was revised to clarify that providers need not submit their ADI data on their 855 enrollment forms or via the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS).* CMS receives that data from the accrediting organizations. The article also includes a list of Frequently Asked Questions to help providers better understand ADI accreditation requirements.

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From the MLN: “Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Enrollment Procedures” MLN Matters® Article Revised

The MLN Matters® Article (#MM7177) “[Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Enrollment Procedures](#)” is designed to provide education on the accreditation requirements for providers who submit claims for advanced diagnostic imaging services, as outlined in Change Request (CR) 7177. It was revised to add a reference to MLN Matters Article #SE1122 for additional information about these requirements.

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Get Accredited Now for Advanced Diagnostic Imaging

As a reminder, beginning Sun Jan 1, 2012, suppliers who furnish the technical component of Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (ADI) *must be accredited in order to bill Medicare for these services*. ADI procedures include MRI, CT, nuclear medicine imaging, and positron emission tomography. X-ray, ultrasound, fluoroscopy, and Hospital Outpatient procedures are excluded. The technical component of ADI services includes the performance of the imaging procedures, not the physician interpretation.

For dates of service on or after Jan 1, Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) *will begin denying claims* for the technical component of ADI that are submitted under the Physician Fee Schedule by suppliers who

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For more information about ADI Accreditation, including a list of accrediting organizations and details of the accreditation process, please visit

http://www.CMS.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/03_AdvancedDiagnosticImagingAccreditation.asp. An MLN Special Edition Article on this subject – “Important Reminders about Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Requirements” (MLN SE1122) – is also available at <http://www.CMS.gov/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1122.pdf>.

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Providers Not Required to Supply Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (ADI) Certification Information via Enrollment Process

In January 2012, all Part B suppliers including physicians, and non-physician practitioners performing the technical component of advanced diagnostic imaging services—also known as ADI—who are paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule will need to be accredited by one of the CMS-approved accrediting organizations. The accreditation organization will transmit all necessary data to CMS on an ongoing basis. Your Medicare billing contractor will receive these data from CMS. *Due to this file being received at CMS from the accrediting organizations, it is not necessary for the providers to supply the ADI information on their respective 855 form(s) or in the PECOS enrollment system.*

Reminder: When submitting your information to the accrediting organization, make sure you provide the NPI that you used to register the legal business name of the facility in the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). If you provided the incorrect NPI, please notify your accrediting organization as soon as possible.

See the following MLN articles for more information on the ADI certification requirement :

- [Accreditation for Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners Supplying the Technical Component \(TC\) of Advanced Diagnostic Imaging \(ADI\) Services](#)
- [Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Enrollment Procedures](#)

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Reminder: Technical component of Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Requirements Effective Sun Jan 1, 2012

Suppliers of the technical component of Advanced Diagnostic Imaging that are billing with a service date on or after Sun Jan 1, 2012 must evidence an active accreditation date for diagnostic imaging of CPT codes attached to an MRI, CT, and Nuclear Medicine claim. The professional component claims are not affected by the accreditation requirements and must be processed as usual. Refer to Transmittal #380, <http://www.cms.gov/transmittals/downloads/R380PI.pdf> or MLN Matters 7177, <http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM7177.pdf> for further information on claims processing.