



**News Flash** - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that a new educational resource has been posted to the PQRI webpage on the CMS website and is available for ordering through the Medicare Learning Network product ordering system. The *2008 PQRI Reporting Options Quick Reference Chart* is a two-sided laminated reference chart, which gives eligible professionals and practice staff a quick reference to the new reporting options available for 2008 PQRI with their corresponding alternative reporting periods. To access this new educational resource, visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> on the CMS website and click on the Educational Resources tab. Once on the *Educational Resources* page, scroll down to the "Downloads" section and click on the "2008 PQRI Quick Reference Chart" link. To order the laminated product, visit [http://cms.meridianksi.com/kc/main/kc\\_frame.asp?kc\\_ident=kc0001&loc=5](http://cms.meridianksi.com/kc/main/kc_frame.asp?kc_ident=kc0001&loc=5) on the CMS website and click on the 2008 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Reporting Quick Option Reference Chart (ICN# 900843)(May 2008) link.

MLN Matters Number: MM6124

Related Change Request (CR) #: 6124

Related CR Release Date: August 15, 2008

Effective Date: Claims processed on or after January 5, 2009

Related CR Transmittal #: R1577CP

Implementation Date: January 5, 2009

## Revisions to the Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) for Part B Drugs and Biologicals

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians and other providers who bill Medicare carriers and Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MAC) for competitive acquisition program (CAP) claims for part B drugs and biologicals provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### What You Need to Know

CR 6124, effective with claims processed on or after January 5, 2009, revises Medicare systems to allow individual Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) claims with different prescription order numbers to not be denied as duplicate claims though they are for the same patient, contain the same date of service, and contain the same Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) drug code. This will also apply to an individual CAP claim that contains multiple lines

#### Disclaimer

This article was prepared as a service to the public and is not intended to grant rights or impose obligations. This article may contain references or links to statutes, regulations, or other policy materials. The information provided is only intended to be a general summary. It is not intended to take the place of either the written law or regulations. We encourage readers to review the specific statutes, regulations and other interpretive materials for a full and accurate statement of their contents. CPT only copyright 2007 American Medical Association.

that appear to be duplicates except for different prescription order numbers.

## Background

---

Because of a systems error, Medicare carriers and A/B MACs may be denying CAP claims that contain the same beneficiary, date of service, and HCPCS drug code, but have different prescription order numbers.

CR 6124, effective for claims processed on or after January 5, 2009, instructs Medicare carriers, A/B MACs, and the CAP Designated Carrier to revise duplicate claim edits to allow separate CAP claims with different prescription order numbers to be considered as non-duplicative claims even though they are for the same beneficiary, date of service, and HCPCS drug code. This will also apply to an individual claim that contains multiple lines that appear to be duplicates except for different prescription order numbers. If you have claims that were incorrectly denied prior to January 5, 2009, your contractor will adjust those claims if you bring them to their attention.

## Additional Information

---

You can view CR 6124 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1577CP.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

### Disclaimer

This article was prepared as a service to the public and is not intended to grant rights or impose obligations. This article may contain references or links to statutes, regulations, or other policy materials. The information provided is only intended to be a general summary. It is not intended to take the place of either the written law or regulations. We encourage readers to review the specific statutes, regulations and other interpretive materials for a full and accurate statement of their contents. CPT only copyright 2007 American Medical Association.