

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



News Flash –

CMS is accepting Notices of Intent to Apply for the Medicare Shared Savings Program, Program Start Date January 1, 2014 – NOI Due by May 31. If you are interested in applying for participation for the January 1, 2014 program start date of the Medicare Shared Savings Program, please submit a Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) by May 31, 2013. For more information, visit the [Shared Savings Program Application](#) web page. To learn more about the application process, [register](#) to attend upcoming National Provider Calls on June 20 and July 18.

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Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 8219

Related CR Release Date: May 17, 2013

Effective Date: June 18, 2013

Related CR Transmittal #: R465PI

Implementation Date: June 18, 2013

Use of a Rubber Stamp for Signature

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for all physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

For medical review purposes, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that services ordered/provided be authenticated by a handwritten or electronic signature. With few exceptions, stamped signatures are not acceptable as described in Chapter/Section 3.3.2.4 of the "Medicare Program Integrity Manual." Change Request (CR) 8219 adds another exception to that manual. Under the added exception, CMS will permit the use of a rubber stamp for signature in accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in the case of an author with a physical disability that

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can provide proof to a CMS contractor of his/her inability to sign their signature due to their disability. By affixing the rubber stamp, the provider is certifying that they have reviewed the document.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR8219 issued to your Medicare contractor regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R465PI.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare contractor at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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