

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



New Product

“The Medicare Home Health Benefit” Web-Based Training Course – Released

- “The Medicare Home Health Benefit” Web-Based Training Course (WBT) was released and is now available. This WBT is designed to provide education on Medicare home health services. It includes information on qualifying for home health services, consolidated billing, therapy services, and billing and payment. Continuing education credits are available to learners who successfully complete this course. See course description for more information.

To access the WBT, go to [MLN Products](#), scroll to the bottom of the web page and under “Related Links” click on “Web-Based Training Courses.”

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Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 9153

Related CR Release Date: May 8, 2015

Effective Date: October 1, 2015

Related CR Transmittal #: R14990TN

Implementation Date: October 5, 2015

Section 504: Implement National Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) in Alternate Formats

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is informational only and intended for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

Change Request (CR) 9153 alerts providers that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has designated the MACs as responsible for printing requests for large print

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Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) that are sent to beneficiaries in alternate formats, and to have a third party contractor responsible for requests for Braille, CD-ROM, and Audio alternate formats. MACs are required to produce large print MSNs for beneficiaries in their respective jurisdictions who prefer large print MSNs.

Background

CMS has an obligation to provide the MSN in alternate formats for beneficiaries who elect one of the formats as a preference. CMS has been working on the alternate format project for several years. Most recently, CMS has directed MACs to provide MSNs to a subset of beneficiaries through a manual process. CR9153 implements the MAC requirements to produce large print MSNs for beneficiaries with that preference in their respective jurisdictions.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), 29 U.S.C. 794 forbids Executive Agencies and recipients of Federal financial assistance from excluding individuals with disabilities or denying them an equal opportunity to receive program benefits and services.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR9153 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1499OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Net/work-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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