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Recovering Overpayments from Providers Who Share Tax Identification Numbers

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for providers of services and suppliers who share the same Tax Identification Number (TIN) even though they may have different National Provider Identifiers or other billing numbers used to bill Medicare.

What You Need to Know

Section 1866j(6) of the Social Security Act authorizes the Secretary to make any necessary adjustments to the payments of a provider of services or supplier who shares a TIN with a provider of services or supplier that has an outstanding Medicare overpayment. The Secretary of Health and Human Services is authorized to adjust the payments of such a provider of services or supplier regardless of whether it has been assigned a different billing number or NPI from that of the provider of services or supplier with the outstanding Medicare overpayment.

In January 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) enhanced its financial accounting system to include a function that allows CMS to recover payments made to a provider of services or supplier that shares the same TIN with a provider of services or supplier that has an outstanding Medicare overpayment across multiple states within a Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) jurisdiction.

Additional Information

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-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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You may review section 1866j(6) at

https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1866.htm.

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