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Information for Medicare Fee-For-Service Health Care Professionals

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Elimination of Regulations for Written Statement of Intent

Note: This article was updated on May 9, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

All Medicare providers

Provider Action Needed



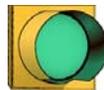
STOP – Impact to You

Effective with the claims filing period ending on December 31, 2004 and thereafter, Medicare will no longer accept Statements of Intent (SOIs) to extend the timely filing limit for filing initial claims.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Know the Medicare timely filing requirements for submitting claims. These requirements are in Chapter 1, Section 70 of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c01.pdf> on the CMS website.



GO – What You Need to Do

To ensure accurate claims processing, please submit filings in a timely manner and make certain that you will no longer utilize SOIs.

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Background

Medicare regulations at 42 CFR Part 424.45 allowed for the submission of written SOIs to claim Medicare benefits. The purpose of an SOI was to extend the timely filing period for the submission of an initial claim. An SOI, by itself, did not constitute a claim, but rather was used as a placeholder for filing a timely and proper claim.

A Final Rule published in the Federal Register, dated April 23, 2004, Volume 69, Number 79, pages 21963-21966, amended 42 CFR Part 424 by removing the SOI provision at 424.45, effective May 24, 2004. Therefore, for the claims filing period ending on December 31, 2004, and all periods thereafter, Medicare carriers, intermediaries, and Medicare Regional Offices will no longer accept SOIs to extend the timely filing period for claims.

Additional Information

If you have questions regarding this issue, contact your carrier/intermediary at their toll-free number. You may find their number at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

The official instruction issued to the carrier/intermediary regarding this change can be found online, referenced via CR3310, at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R211CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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