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Information for Medicare Fee-For-Service Health Care Professionals

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## *Claims Status Code/Claims Status Category Code Update*

### Provider Types Affected

All providers submitting Health Care Claim Status Transactions to Medicare carriers, including Durable Medical Equipment Carriers (DMERCs), and Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

### Provider Action Needed

This is a reminder item regarding the periodic update of certain code sets used as a result of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Effective July 1, 2005, the Medicare Claims processing system will update its lists of Health Care Claims Status Codes and Health Care Claims Status Category Codes with all applicable code changes posted online with the "new as of 10/04" and prior date designations.

### Background

Under HIPAA, code sets that characterize a general administrative situation, rather than a medical condition or service, are referred to as non-clinical or non-medical code sets.

Claim Status Category Codes and Claim Status Codes are used in the Health Care Claim Status Response (277) transaction:

- Claim Status Category Codes indicate the general payment status of the claim.
- Claim Status Codes provide more detail about the status communicated in the general Claim Status Category Codes.

These codes are available online at <http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/Codes.asp> on the WPC website.

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## Additional Information

The official instruction issued regarding this change can be found at: <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R490CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions regarding this issue, you may also contact your carrier or intermediary 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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