



**News Flash** - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced that 2007 PQRI Final Feedback Reports are available on a secure website. To access the reports, you must first register for access through a CMS security system known as the Individuals Authorized Access to CMS Computer Services (IACS). Do not register if you did not report PQRI quality measures in 2007. There are two categories of user types in IACS: individual practitioner and organization. The CMS approval process differs depending on the type of user you are; therefore, it is important to register correctly. Summary information about accessing the 2007 PQRI feedback reports for those registering as organizations and individual practitioners will soon be posted on <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI> on the CMS website.

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## Part B Drug Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) Quarterly Drug Update

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MAC) and carriers for Medicare Part B drugs, and approved CAP vendors billing the CAP designated carrier.

### What Providers Need to Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 6158, which provides notice that there will be a Part B CAP Quarterly Drug List Update effective October 1, 2008. When available, the October 2008 list of drugs supplied under the CAP will be posted at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/02\\_infophys.asp#TopofPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/02_infophys.asp#TopofPage) on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

### Background

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The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003 (Section 303 (d), which can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MMAUpdate> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website) required the implementation of a CAP for Medicare Part B drugs and biologicals not paid on a cost or prospective payment system basis. Beginning with drugs administered on or after July 1, 2006, physicians were given a choice between buying and billing these drugs under the average sales price (ASP) system, or obtaining these drugs from vendors selected in a competitive bidding process.

## Key Points of CR6158

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- A quarterly update of the CAP drug list will become effective on October 1, 2008.
- Payment amounts for drugs added to the CAP drug list as a result of the update will be implemented for claims with dates of service beginning October 1, 2008 per the new file.

## Additional Information

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To see the official instruction (CR6158) issued to your Medicare A/B MACs and carriers visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1576CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare A/B MAC or carrier at their toll-free number which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

For more information about the Competitive Acquisition for Part B Drugs & Biologicals, refer to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcquisforBios> on the CMS website.

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