



News Flash - Rejected Claims Reminder - Fee-for-Service Medicare claims can be rejected by Medicare contractors (carriers, fiscal intermediaries (FIs), and Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)) for a variety of reasons including: incorrect billing information, terminated provider, the beneficiary is not eligible for Medicare or the claim was sent to the wrong contractor. If a provider has questions about a claim rejected by an FI/carrier or MAC, the provider should contact the contractor directly. *It is never appropriate to direct the beneficiary who received the service billed on the claim to the 1-800-Medicare toll free line to resolve a claim rejection.*

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Notification of the 2008 Physician Election Period for the Part B Drug Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP)

Provider Types Affected

Physicians participating in the CAP for Part B Drugs and Biologicals and physicians who would like to participate in the program during 2008.

Provider Action Needed

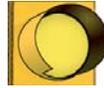


STOP – Impact to You

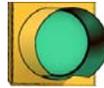
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will hold the 2008 Part B Drug Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) physician election period beginning on October 1, 2007 and concluding on November 15, 2007. **Current participating CAP physicians must re-elect for the 2008 year if they would like to remain in the program.** Interested Medicare physicians may elect to participate in CAP during this timeframe as well. **New Medicare physicians may submit an application for CAP during the fall election period or anytime within 90 days from their enrollment into Medicare.**

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**CAUTION – What You Need to Know**

To participate in CAP in 2008, go to the CAP website and view the CAP drug list. Download the Physician 2008 Election Agreement Form, complete the form, and submit it to your local Medicare carrier or Medicare Administrative Contractor (A/B MAC). All submissions must be postmarked by November 15, 2007. The 2008 Physician Election Agreement will be effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

**GO – What You Need to Do**

Read on for further details.

Background

This article contains information about the Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP). The CAP is mandated by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA, Section 303 (d)), which requires the implementation of a CAP for Medicare Part B drugs and biologicals not paid on a cost or prospective payment system basis. You can review the MMA, Section 303(d) at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/downloads/303d.pdf> on the CMS website.

CAP is an alternative to the Average Sales Price (ASP) system of obtaining drugs for Medicare. The CAP is open to Medicare physicians who administer drugs under the "incident to" provision in their offices. The term "physician" includes individuals who are authorized to provide services under the Social Security Act and who can, within their State's scope of practice, prescribe and order drugs covered under Medicare Part B. Physicians can buy and bill drugs under the Average Sales Price (ASP) system or, through CAP, obtain drugs from an Approved CAP Vendor that has been selected in a competitive bidding process.

The CAP drug list includes nearly 190 injectable and infused Part B drugs. A list of the CAP drugs is available in the Downloads section of the following CMS CAP webpage: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/index.html> on the CMS website. **Be sure to select the most recent list of drugs.**

This article announces the 2008 annual physician election period.

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Annual CAP Physician Election

The 2008 annual fall physician election period for CAP will begin on October 1, 2007 and will conclude on November 15, 2007. **To begin participating in CAP effective January 1, 2008, the 2008 Physician Election Agreement Form must be postmarked by November 15, 2007 and mailed to your local carrier. Please do not mail election forms before October 1, 2007.**

Current participating CAP physicians must re-elect yearly during the annual fall election period if they wish to continue participating in CAP. New Medicare physicians have 90 days to elect into the CAP.

Physicians who are not currently participating in CAP and who do not wish to participate in CAP at this time are not required to take any action.

Physicians/groups must return a completed CAP Physician Election Agreement form by mail to their **local carrier or A/B MAC**. Include "ATTENTION: CAP PHYSICIAN ELECTION" in the address. The address for your local Medicare carrier or A/B MAC may be found at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/downloads/contact_list.pdf on the CMS website.

Additional Information

For additional information on the election process, please review CR4404 at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R932CP.pdf> and its related article at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM4404.pdf> on the CMS website.

For more information on CAP and how to elect to participate in the program, please visit the CAP website at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/index.html> on the CMS website.

The Physician Election Guide and Physician Election Agreement Form can be found at the bottom of that page in the "Downloads" section.

Participating CAP Physicians are encouraged to join the dedicated CAP listserv, CMS-CAP-PHYSICIANS-L, in order to receive pertinent and timely information regarding the CAP program. Please view the "Related Links Inside CMS" section on the "Information for Physicians" page at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/index.html> on the CMS website.

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