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Change Payment Floor Date for Paper Claims

Note: This article was updated on October 24, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers who use paper claims to bill Medicare carriers, including durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs), and fiscal intermediaries (FIs), including regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs)

Important Points to Remember

- CR4284 changes the payment floor date for paper claims from the 27th day to the 29th date after receipt of a claim.
- Effective January 1, 2006, Medicare carriers, DMERCs, FIs, and RHHIs will not pay paper claims prior to the 29th day after receipt of the claim.

Background

The Social Security Act Section 1816b (c) (3) (B) (ii) and Section 1842 (c) (3) (B) (ii) provides for payment waiting periods for Medicare claims before a claim is paid by the Medicare contractor. Congress has amended the Social Security Act to extend the waiting period for paper claims from 27 to 29 days, effective January 1, 2006.

Additional Information

The official instructions issued to your carrier regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R850CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare Carrier, DMERC, FI, or RHHI at their toll-free number which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research->

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[Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html](#) on the CMS website.

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