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Subject: Schedule for Completing the Calendar Year (CY) 2007 Fee Schedule Updates and the Participating Physician Enrollment Process

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This schedule is provided as a convenience for the carriers. It requires no action and is informational only. Any associated action will be directed through the listed change requests (CRs) and manual instructions. Target dates are subject to change.

New / Revised Material

Effective Date: August 25, 2006

Implementation Date: August 25, 2006

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / Subsection / Title
N/A	

III. FUNDING: No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2007.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One-Time Notification

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

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<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Responsible Component</u>	<u>Activity</u>
August, 2006	CMS/DPCP	Issue instruction, "Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) 2007 File Layout," which updates the manual to correspond with the CY 2007 file layout.
September, 2006	CMS/DCPC	Issue "Instructions for Implementing and Updating 2007 Payment Amounts for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)," to notify DMERCs, DME MACs, SADMERC, and local carriers of codes subject to DME gap-filling. Includes instructions on gap-filling, crosswalking and any needed adjustments to base fees as well as instructions for updating 2007 DMEPOS fee schedule. Also includes instructions for the maintenance process for the 2007 DMEPOS.
September 2006	CMS/DPCP	Issue reminder instruction for the annual 2007 update: "2007 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)."
September 13, 2006	CMS/DDS	Release 2007 MPFSDB Test File.
October 2, 2006	CMS/DPCP	Release HPSA zip code files to carriers. These files are effective 1/1/07.
October 4, 2006	DMERCs Carriers DME MACs	DMERCs and DME MACs submit base fee changes for 2007 updates.
October 14, 2006	CMS/DPCP	Issue instruction regarding, "Calendar Year (CY) 2007 Participation Enrollment and Medicare Participating Physicians and Suppliers Directory (MEDPAR) Procedures," which provides guidance on mailing the PAR DOC information.
October 18, 2006	CMS/DDS	Release the 2007 HCPCS file. Available after 8 p.m. e.s.t. (This date is dependent upon receipt of tape from the American Medical Association.)
Mid-October 2006	CMS/DDS	Release the 2007 MPFSDB to carriers. DDS to include 2007 fee schedule amount.
October 21, 2006	CMS/DPCP	Mail hard copy of data from 2007 MPFSDB to ROs and carriers. Data includes procedure codes, status code indicators, relative value units, and payment policy indicators.

<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Responsible Component</u>	<u>Activity</u>
November, 2006	CMS/DAS	Issue instruction regarding the ambulance fee schedule update.
November 1, 2006		Final rule implementing CY 2007 relative value units and payment policies to be published.
November 1, 2006	CMS/DCPC/DDS	Release DMEPOS fee schedules.
November 2, 2006	CMS/DDS/DAS	Furnish clinical laboratory fee schedule data file to carriers.
November 9, 2006	Carriers	Begin mailing of participation enrollment information to providers via first class mail or equivalent delivery for receipt no later than November 15, 2006.
November 9, 2006	CMS/DPS/DDS	Make the 2007 physician fee schedule amounts available on the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) Home Page if the final rule has been published.
November 9, 2006	DMERCs Carriers DME MACs	Submit DME gap-filled amounts to DDS.
	Carriers	Furnish 2007 physician fee schedule amounts to DDS for the carrier priced codes.
November 16, 2006	CMS/DDS	2007 DMEPOS fee schedule available on the CMS Home Page for use by Indian Health Service (IHS), United Mine Workers (UMW), Rail Road Board (RRB), State Medicaid agencies, and general public.
November 16, 2006	CMS/DDS	Furnish clinical laboratory fee schedule data file to IHS, UMW, RRB, State Medicaid agencies, and general public. Also available on the CMS website on or after this date.
Mid-November, 2006	CMS/DDS/DAS	Release 2007 ambulance fee schedule data file.
November 22, 2006	Carriers	Furnish reasonable charge pricing files to, intermediaries, IHS, UMW, RRB and State Medicaid Agencies. Furnish carrier priced codes to State Medicaid Agencies.

<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Responsible Component</u>	<u>Activity</u>
November 30, 2006	CMS/DDS/DSCP	Furnish 2007 Purchased Diagnostic abstract Medicare Purchase Physician Services Database (MPPSDB) to carriers.
December 7, 2006	CMS/DDS	Furnish 2007 physician fee schedule amounts to IHS, UMW and RRB for local carrier priced codes.
December 8, 2006	CMS/DDS	Compute 2007 floors, ceilings, and pricing amounts from DME gap-filled amounts for new 2007 codes and release to carriers, DMERCs, DME MACs, SADMERC, RRB, IHS, and UMW.
December 18, 2006	CMS/DDS/DAS	Furnish 2007 ASP fee schedule amounts to carriers, DMERCs and DME MACs.
December 31, 2006	Carriers	Process participation elections and withdrawals postmarked before 01/01/2007.
January 2, 2007	Carriers State Agencies RRB DMERCs DME MACs	Implement 2007 fee schedule amounts.
	Carriers	Implement 2007 HCPCS update.
January 31, 2007	Carriers	Send updated provider file to RRB.
February, 2007	CMS/DCPC/DDS	Issue instruction related to quarterly DMEPOS Revisions.
February, 2007	CMS/DPS/DDS	Issue instruction, "Changes to the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database" and transmit files. (First quarterly update.)
February 2007	CMS/DDS/DSCP	Furnish Quarterly Update to Purchased Diagnostic abstract MPPSDB to carriers.
February 14, 2007	Carriers	Submit the Participating Physicians and Supplier Report on Crowd.
May, 2007	CMS/DPS/DDS	Issue instruction, "Changes to the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database" and transmit files. (Second quarterly update.)
May 2007	CMS/DDS/DSCP	Furnish Quarterly Update to Purchased Diagnostic abstract MPPSDB to carriers.
May, 2007	CMS/DDS/DCPC	Issue instruction related to quarterly DMEPOS Revisions.

<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Responsible Component</u>	<u>Activity</u>
August, 2007	CMS/DPS	Issue instruction, "Changes to the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database" and transmit files. (Third quarterly update.)
August 2007	CMS/DDS/DSCP	Furnish Quarterly Update Purchased Diagnostic Abstract MPPSDB to carriers.
August, 2007	CMS/DCPC/DDS	Issue instruction related to quarterly DMEPOS Revisions.

Acronyms for the responsible components:

DPS–Division of Practitioner Services/Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group
DPCP Division of Practitioner Claims Processing/Provider Billing Group
DCPC-Division of Community Post-acute Care/Chronic Care Policy Group
DSCP-Division of Supplier Claims Processing/Provider Billing Group
DAS–Division of Ambulatory Services/Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group
DDS-Division of Data Systems/Provider Billing Group

Other acronyms:

DME-Durable Medical Equipment
DMEPOS-Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies
DMERC-Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier
HPSA-Health Professional Shortage Area
HCPCS-Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
SADMERC-Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier
MPPSDB-Medicare Purchase Physician Services Database