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SUBJECT: Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments - 1st Notification for FY 2009.

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This Change Request provides for a quarterly update of the interest rate for Medicare overpayments and underpayments. The attached Recurring Update Notification applies to Chapter 3, Section 10.

NEW / REVISED MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: *October 22, 2008

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 22, 2008

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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:

SECTION A: For Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

SECTION B: For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below:

Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
6238.1	This reaffirms interest rates for prior periods:
Period	Interest Rate
February 7, 2001 – April 25, 2001	14.125%
April 26, 2001 - August 6, 2001	13.75%
August 7, 2001 – October 30, 2001	13.25%
October 31, 2001 – January 31, 2002	13.25%
February 1, 2002 – May 7, 2002	12.625%
May 8, 2002 – August 7, 2002	11.75%
August 8, 2002 – November 18, 2002	12.625%
November 19, 2002 – February 10, 2003	11.25%
February 11, 2003 – April 27, 2003	10.75%
April 28, 2003 – August 10, 2003	11.625%
August 11, 2003 – November 2, 2003	12.125%
November 3, 2003 –February 3, 2004	12.00%
February 4, 2004 – May 6, 2004	12.00%
May 7, 2004 – August 8, 2004	11.875%
August 9, 2004 – November 11, 2004	11.75%
November 12, 2004 – February 7, 2005	12.00%
February 8, 2005 – April 24, 2005	11.875%
April 25, 2005 – July 21, 2005	12.00%
July 22, 2005 – November 2, 2005	12.00%
November 3, 2005 – January 24, 2006	12.25%
January 25, 2006 – April 23, 2006	11.875%
April 24, 2006 – July 18, 2006	12.125%
July 19, 2006 – October 17, 2006	12.625%
October 18, 2006 – January 18, 2007	12.375%
January 19, 2007 – April 19, 2007	12.5%
April 20, 2007 – July 19, 2007	12.375%
July 20, 2007 – October 18, 2007	12.625%
October 19, 2007 – January 17, 2008	12.5%
January 18, 2008 – April 17, 2008	12.125%
April 18, 2008 – July 23, 2008	11.375%
July 24, 2008 – October 21, 2008	11.125%
October 22, 2008	11.375%

Section B: For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space:

V. CONTACTS

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VI. FUNDING

Section A: For *Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)*, *Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)*, and/or *Carrier*:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

Section B: For *Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)*:

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