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CHANGE REQUEST 1829

**SUBJECT: Bypassing Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Edits on Indirect Medical Education (IME) Claims for Medicare + Choice Organization (M+CO) Enrollees**

This is to notify you that there are no longer MSP edits on IME claims for M + CO enrollees in the Common Working File (CWF). This poses no burden upon the affected providers - teaching hospitals, because Medicare is the primary payer for IME claims for M + CO enrollees. Therefore, there is no need to edit these claims for MSP.

**The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is September 25, 2001.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is September 25, 2001.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after January 31, 2003.**

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