
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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SUBJECT: Delay of Carrier and Intermediary Action Required in Change Request (CR) 1412, Transmittal AB-00-112 dated November 16, 2000, Consolidated Billing for Home Health Agencies

This Program Memorandum (PM) is notification that implementation of the autocancel function in the Medicare claims processing systems as described in CR 1412, Transmittal AB-00-112, is postponed until further notice. However, this does not relieve providers and suppliers of their responsibilities to comply with all requirements for home health consolidated billing as described in CR 1350, Transmittal B-00-50 dated October 12, 2000, and CR 514, Transmittal AB-00-65 dated June 2000.

CWF edits that were installed in October 2000 will continue to reject any claims for beneficiaries who are currently in a home health episode. A subsequent PM is planned to outline details pertaining to new remittance advices, and a revised listing of the codes that apply for therapy and DME.

The *effective date* for this PM is April 1, 2001.

The *implementation date* for this PM is April 1, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after April 1, 2002.

If you have any questions, contact the appropriate regional office.

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