

# Program Memorandum Carriers

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## CHANGE REQUEST 1190

**SUBJECT: DMERCs - Common Working File (CWF) Edit #5211 - Services After the Date of Death (DOD) for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Rental Items**

The Office of the Inspector General did an evaluation on Medicare payments to beneficiaries after their DOD. The report pointed out several problem areas. One of the problems we can fix is for DME rental items. CWF will begin checking the **Afrom@** date and not just the **Athrough@** date. Rentals are allowed after the DOD for the remainder of the month, but only if the **Afrom@** date of the rental claim is prior to the DOD. CWF will check both the **Athrough@** date to make sure it is within 30 days of the DOD, and the **Afrom@** date to ensure it is equal to or less than the DOD.

This will more accurately reflect the beneficiary is deceased and no further payments should be made.

**The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2001.**

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

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

**This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2002.**

**DMERC contractors should contact the appropriate lead regional office project officer with any questions related to this PM.**