

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 363</b>	<b>Date: AUGUST 8, 2008</b>
	<b>Change Request 6126</b>

**Subject: FY 2006 Supplementary Security Income (SSI) Data**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** Since the FY 2006 SSI ratios are currently under review, as of May 5, 2008, a hospital may elect to use either its FY 2005 or its FY 2006 SSI ratio from the files published on the CMS Web site to file its cost report that would otherwise be submitted with the FY 2006 SSI ratio. This change request provides instructions to contractors to accept and issue tentative settlements for these cost reports.

**New / Revised Material**

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**Implementation Date: September 8, 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:**

**One-Time Notification**

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

# Attachment – One-Time Notification

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## **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. Background:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is currently in the process of reviewing the Medicare/SSI ratio file for fiscal year (FY) 2006.

Since the FY 2006 SSI ratios are currently under review, as of May 5, 2008, for purposes of submitting cost reports, a hospital (including an acute care hospital paid under the inpatient prospective payment system and an inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF)) may elect to use either its FY 2005 or FY 2006 SSI ratio from the files published on the CMS Web site to file its cost report that would otherwise be submitted with the FY 2006 SSI ratio. Once the FY 2007 SSI ratios are published on the CMS Web site, hospitals will no longer have the option of submitting cost reports using the published FY 2005 or FY 2006 SSI ratio. While a hospital, at this time (and until the FY 2007 SSI ratios are available), has the option of filing its cost report using either its FY 2005 or FY 2006 SSI ratio, such cost reports will be settled using the appropriate SSI ratio.

Until the FY 2007 SSI ratios are published, if a hospital submitted its cost report using the FY 2006 SSI ratio but would like to use the published FY 2005 SSI ratio instead, the hospital should submit a written request, signed by an official of the hospital, to its Fiscal Intermediary (FI) or Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). After receiving such a written request, the FI/MAC shall issue (or re-issue, to the extent a tentative settlement has already been issued) a tentative settlement using the selected FY SSI ratio.

**B. Policy: N/A**

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

“Shall” denotes a mandatory requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		A / B M A C	D M M A C	F I	C a r r i e r	R H I	Shared System Maintainers			
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
6126.1	<p>Until the FY 2007 SSI ratios have been published, when issuing a tentative settlement, FIs and MACs shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use the SSI ratio that was included on the as-filed cost report if such cost report was submitted using either the published FY 2005 or FY 2006 SSI ratio; or</li> <li>• use the SSI ratio that was included on the as-filed cost report unless it exceeds the higher of the published FY 2005 or FY 2006 SSI ratio; or</li> <li>• use the higher of the published FY 2005 or FY 2006 SSI ratio if the SSI ratio that was included on the as-filed cost report exceeds the higher of the published FY 2005 or FY 2006 SSI ratio.</li> </ul>	X		X						
6126.2	<p>If a provider submits a written request to use the published FY 2005 SSI ratio and a tentative settlement has already been issued for that cost report, FIs and MACs shall issue another tentative settlement within 60 days of the receipt of the provider’s written request to use the published FY 2005 SSI ratio.</p>	X		X						

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)							
		A / B  M A C	D M E  M A C	F I	C a r r i e r	Shared System Maintainers			
					F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
6126.3	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/</a> shortly after this CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established “MLN Matters” listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X		X					

### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
6126.4	Published SSI ratios are located in the Downloads section of the following Web page: <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AcuteInpatientPPS/05_dsh.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AcuteInpatientPPS/05_dsh.asp#TopOfPage</a>
6126.5	Published IRF SSI ratios are located in the Downloads section of the following Web page: <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/InpatientRehabFacPPS/05_SSIData.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/InpatientRehabFacPPS/05_SSIData.asp#TopOfPage</a>

**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A**

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## **VI. FUNDING**

### **Section A: For *Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)*:**

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