

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
October 2004**

Mid-Quarter Instructions

Listed below are instructions for the October Quarter that will not be released by October 1, 2004. Due to the nature of these routine or recurring items, a full 90-day advance notice could not be given. Unless noted below, these instructions have an implementation date of January 1, 2005.

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SUBJECT	DATE RELEASED
<u>January 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes</u> Transmittal 419, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 146 KB)	Released: 12/30/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF)</u> Transmittal 411, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 70 KB)	Released: 12/23/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>Emergency Update to the 2005 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database</u> Transmittal 414, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 101 KB)	Released: 12/23/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>Temporary Change in Carrier Jurisdictional Pricing Rules for Purchased Diagnostic Services</u> Transmittal 415, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 120 KB)	Released: 12/23/2004 Impl. Date: 01/25/2005
<u>Emergency Changes to Carrier Instructions for the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) 50/50 Rule Implementation</u> Transmittal 407, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 123 KB)	Released: 12/17/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>January 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Billing for Devices that do not have Transitional Pass-Through Status, and that are not Classified as New Technology Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups</u> Transmittal 403, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 175 KB)	Released: 12/17/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>January Update to the Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 20.1 for Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under The Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Non-OPPS)</u> Transmittal 402, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 555 KB)	Released: 12/17/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>Announcement of Medicare Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Payment Rate Increases - Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) as it Applies to RHC and FQHC Service</u> Transmittal 390, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 31 KB)	Released: 12/10/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>Surveys, Contracting Strategy, Grievances and Appeals</u> Transmittal 64, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 202 KB)	Released: 12/03/2004 Impl. Date: N/A

<u>January 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of OPPS Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Data Changes and OPPS PRICER Logic Changes; Changes to Payment for Diagnostic Mammography</u> Transmittal 385, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 453 KB)	Released: 12/03/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>This instruction is to inform the fiscal intermediaries that the January 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Outpatient Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications have been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions</u> Transmittal 387, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 801 KB)	Released: 12/03/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) edit Software for January 2005</u> Transmittal 380, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 23 KB)	Released: 11/26/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>Fee Schedule Update for 2005 for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)</u> Transmittal 369, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 149 KB)	Released: 11/19/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>Calendar Year (CY) 2005 Participation Enrollment and Medicare Participating Physicians and Suppliers Directory (MEDPARD) Procedures</u> Transmittal 339, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 265 KB)	Released: 11/17/2004 Impl. Date: 11/10/2004
<u>Chapter 5 and Chapter 17B</u> Transmittal 63, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 148 KB)	Released: 11/12/2004 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Update to the Prospective Payment System (PPS) for Home Health Agencies for Calendar Year (CY) 20</u> Transmittal 362, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 42 KB)	Released: 11/04/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>2005 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment</u> Transmittal 363, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 159 KB)	Released: 11/04/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Home Health Consolidated Billing Enforcement</u> Transmittal 340, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 31 KB)	Released: 10/29/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2004
<u>Removal of the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) No Pay File</u> Transmittal 338, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 149 KB)	Released: 10/29/2004 Impl. Date: 11/26/2004
<u>2005 Annual Update for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing for the Common Working File (CWF) and Medicare Carriers</u> Transmittal 328, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 138 KB)	Released: 10/22/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>New Waived Tests-January 1, 2005</u> Transmittal 325, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 604 KB)	Released: 10/22/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/05
<u>Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 11.0, Effective January 1, 2005</u> Transmittal 324, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 86 KB)	Released: 10/22/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/05
<u>Reminder Notice of the Implementation of the Ambulance Transition Schedule</u> Transmittal 320, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 85 KB)	Released: 10/22/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005
<u>Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update</u> Transmittal 313, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 163 KB)	Released: 10/15/2004 Impl. Date: 01/03/2005

Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS), Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) and Other Bill Processing Changes Related to the IPPS Final Rule Transmittal 309, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 229 KB)	Released: 10/01/2004 Impl. Date: 10/04/2004
Managed Care Manual Updates	Not yet released
FDG-PET for 6 Cancers	Not yet released
Annual Lab Pricing Fee Schedule Carrier/FI	Not yet released
Annual Reasonable Charge Update-Ambulance Services, Certain DME Supplies & Blood Supplies/Transfusions	Not yet released
Physician Fee Schedule Database Quarterly Update	Not yet released
Physician Participation Enrollment (PARDOC) Annual Update	Not yet released
Hospital Outpatient PPS - Annual Update: Outpatient PPS, OCE, and PRICER Instructions	Not yet released
Type of Service Annual Update	Not yet released
Update Medicare Co-pay and Deductible Amounts	Not yet released
Update of Codes and Payments for ASCs-Annual Update	Not yet released
Annual Update for SNF No Pay File & SNF Abstract of the MPFS	Not yet released
Home Health Consolidated Billing HCPCS Code -Annual Update	Not yet released
PECOS Fixes	Not yet released
CWF Provider Inquiry Screen-Update to "H" Number Table	Not yet released
New ZIP Code File	Not yet released
Update to List of CLIA Waived Tests	Not yet released
Update to Claims Status Code	Not yet released
Remittance Advice Reason and Remark Code	Not yet released
Payment of Immunosuppressive Drug Therapy	Not yet released
Medicare Termination of Beneficiaries with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Overpayment Instructions to Contractors	Not yet released
Temporary Instructions for Processing Home Health Agency Claims for Beneficiaries Eligible for Medicare and the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan.	Not yet released
Upcoding/Downcoding	Not yet released
Revisions to Instructions for Contractors Other Than the Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions (RNHCI) Specialty Contractor Regarding Claims for Beneficiaries with RNHCI Elections	Not yet released
Clarification of Contractor Enrollment Procedures for Purchased Diagnostic Tests and Procedures	Not yet released
New Requirements for Low Vision Rehabilitation Demonstration	Not yet released
Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 30 Edits	Not yet released

Psychotherapy Notes	Not yet released
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