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What's New

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03/30/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 132 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April 2004 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [View the complete text of Transmittal 132](#) (PDF - 1.4 MB)

03/26/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1219-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC) Service Areas and Related Matters," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [View CMS-1219-P](#)

CMS-1372-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Medicare Payment for Drugs for Calendar Year 2004; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Physicians. [View CMS-1372-CN](#)

CMS-1476-CN2, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2004: Correction," was published. This regulation affects Physicians. [View CMS-1476-CN2](#)

CMS-1810-IFC, entitled "Medicare Program; Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships (Phase II)," was published. This regulation affects Physicians. [View CMS-1810-IFC](#)

CMS-2062-N, entitled "Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-2062-N](#)

CMS-2179-F, entitled "Grants to States for Operation of Qualified High Risk Pools," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. [**View CMS-2179-F**](#)

CMS-2183-N, entitled "Funding Opportunity Title: Medicaid Program; Medicaid Infrastructure Grant Program To Support the Competitive Employment of People With Disabilities," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid. [**View CMS-2183-N**](#)

CMS-4071-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Listening Session on Performance Measures for Public Reporting on the Quality of Hospital Care--April 27, 2004," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-4071-N**](#)

CMS-9020-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--October 2003 Through December 2003," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-9020-N**](#)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 131 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Payment Allowance Percentages for DMERC Drugs," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 131**](#) (PDF - 322 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 63 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) - DeWall Posture Protector Orthotic Body Jacket (L0430): Continuation of CMS' Policy Stated in CR 2711 (B-03-025) dated April 11, 2003," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 63**](#) (PDF - 200 KB)

Transmittal 129 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Additional Information and Corrections to Previous Transmittals Regarding Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes and Modifiers for Low Osmolar Contrast Material, Orthotics, and Durable Medical Equipment," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Home Health Agencies. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 129**](#) (PDF - 183 KB)

Transmittal 130 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Chapter 32, Billing Instructions for Special Services," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 130**](#) (PDF - 218 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 128 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Manualization of Deep Brain Stimulation," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospitals. [**View the complete text**](#)

of Transmittal 128 (PDF - 233 KB)

Transmittal 64 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Implementation of Sections 401, 402, 504 and 508(a) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-173)," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers. **View the complete text of Transmittal 64** (PDF - 298 KB)

Transmittal 65 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Implementation of Section 508(f) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-173)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 65 (PDF - 223 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION

Transmittal 125 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Manualization of the Sacral Nerve Stimulation," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, and Rural Health Clinics.

View the complete text of Transmittal 125 (PDF - 202 KB)

03/19/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 12 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 2, entitled "Home Health Agency Cost Report," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

View the complete text of Transmittal 12 (PDF - 702 KB)

Transmittal 121 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Manualization of Place of Service (POS) Code Set Program Memorandum; Revision to Group Home Code Description ," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

View the complete text of Transmittal 121 (PDF - 537 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 5 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 2, entitled "Electronic Reporting Specifications for Form CMS-1984-99," was released. This instruction affects Hospice.

View the complete text of Transmittal 5 (PDF - 109 KB)

Transmittal 62 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Physician Self-Referral Prohibition; 18-Month Moratorium on Physician Investment in Specialty Hospitals ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

View the complete text of Transmittal 62 (PDF - 266 KB)

Transmittal 120 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April Update to the January Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 19.1 R1 For Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under The Outpatient Prospective Payment System," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 120](#) (PDF - 255 KB)

Transmittal 123 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 5.1 ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 123](#) (PDF - 1.1 MB)

03/12/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CORRECTION AND/OR CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 119 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "MMA Drug Pricing Update-Drug Exceptions," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 119](#) (PDF - 83 KB)

03/05/2004

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-2200-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Establishment of the State Pharmaceutical Assistance Transition Commission," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-2200-N2](#)**

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 117 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Instructions for downloading the Medicare zip code file.," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 117](#) (PDF - 84 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 8 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Policy Changes to Reflect Billing for Darbepoetin Alfa and Epoetin," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 8](#) (PDF - 91 KB)

Transmittal 118 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Frequency Limitations for Darbepoetin Alfa (trade name Aranesp) For Treatment Of Anemia In End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Patients On Dialysis.," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 118](#) (PDF - 114 KB)

02/27/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1268-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on the Fiscal Year 2005 Applications for New Medical Services and Technologies Add-On Payments Under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-1268-N**](#)

CMS-2200-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for the State Pharmaceutical Assistance Transition Commission," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-2200-N**](#)

CMS-3112-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Calendar Year 2004 Review of the Appropriateness of Payment Amounts for New Technology Intraocular Lenses (NTIOLs) Furnished by Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)," was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers. [**View CMS-3112-N**](#)

CMS-3121-P, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities; Nursing Services; Posting of Nurse Staffing Information," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-3121-P**](#)

CMS-4070-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-4070-N**](#)

CMS-4090-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on Proposed Collection-- Comment Request for Skilled Nursing Facility Advance Beneficiary Notice (SNFABN)," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-4090-N**](#)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 105 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Updated Policy and Claims Processing Instructions for Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 109**](#) (PDF - 105 KB)

Transmittal 111 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment For Services Provided Under a Contractual Agreement," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Medicare + Choice, Rural Health Clinics, Hospitals, Physicians, and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 111**](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

Transmittal 112 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April 2004 Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Payment for Drugs, Biologicals and Radiopharmaceuticals, Generic Versus Brand Name," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 112**](#) (PDF - 103 KB)

Transmittal 113 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Claims Requiring Adjustment As a Result of April 2004 Changes to the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 113](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 11 of the Medicare Secondary Payer Manual , entitled "General Policy," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 11](#) (PDF - 105 KB)

02/20/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 7 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Restoring Composite Rate Exceptions for Pediatric Facilities Under the ESRD Composite Rate System," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 7](#) (PDF - 99 KB)

Transmittal 47 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 7-- Medicare+Choice-Enrollment and Disenrollment," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 47](#) (PDF - 1.6 MB)

Transmittal 59 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Temporary 5 Percent Payment Increase for Home Health Services Furnished in a Rural Area for One Year Under the Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS), Change of HH PPS Annual Update from a Fiscal Year Update to a Calendar Year Update, and Adjustment of HH PPS Annual Update to the Home Health Market Basket Percentage Increase Minus 0.8 Percent," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 59](#) (PDF - 101 KB)

Transmittal 101 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Restoring Composite Rate Exceptions for Pediatric Facilities Under the ESRD Composite Rate System," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 101](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

Transmittal 102 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests--April 1, 2004," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 102](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

Transmittal 104 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "DMERCs and VIPS, Processing NDC Numbers," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 104](#) (PDF - 93 KB)

Transmittal 105 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "1st Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was

released. This instruction affects All Providers.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 105](#) (PDF - 96 KB)

02/13/2004

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1373-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to the One-Time Appeal Process for Hospital Wage Index Classification; Notice," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1373-N2](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 45 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 13, Grievances Organization Determinations and Appeals," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 45](#) (PDF - 131 KB)

Transmittal 46 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 19, Managed Care and M+C Systems Requirements," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 46](#) (PDF - 300 KB)

02/06/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 92 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Updates to the January 2004 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement.," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 92](#) (PDF - 366 KB)

Transmittal 93 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 93](#) (PDF - 171 KB)

02/05/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 54 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Introduction of "Medlearn Matters...Information for Medicare Providers" and Instructions for Carrier/Intermediary Use of This New Provider Education Vehicle," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 54](#)** (PDF - 102 KB)

Transmittal 77 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Change in Methodolgy fir Determining Payment for Outliers," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 77](#)** (PDF - 331 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 51 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Changes in Payment for Services Furnished in Ambulatory Surgical Centers for Fiscal Year 2004," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 51](#)** (PDF - 174 KB)

Transmittal 76 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "SNF Inpatient Part A Billing," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 76](#)** (PDF - 449 KB)

01/30/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1213-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities; Extension of Comment Period," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1213-N](#)**

CMS-1263-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals: Proposed Annual Payment Rate Updates and Policy Changes," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1263-P](#)**

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 48 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Transfer of "WW" Codes for Oral Anti-Cancer Drugs Billed Using National Drug Codes (NDCs) on Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC) Claims," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 48](#)** (PDF - 103 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 49 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Announcement of Medicare Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Payment Rate Increases," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers and Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 49](#)** (PDF - 86 KB)

Transmittal 65 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Fiscal Intermediaries to Perform Medical Review on Long Term Care Hospitals," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View Transmittal 65](#)** (PDF - 264 KB)

Transmittal 75 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "MMA

Pricing File Clarifications," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 75](#) (PDF - 99 KB)

01/28/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 30 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Notice of New Interest Rates for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 30](#) (PDF - 101 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 68 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Requirements for Critical Access Hospitals," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 68](#) (PDF - 109 KB)

01/23/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-0045-F, entitled "HIPAA Administrative Simplification: Standard Unique Health Identifier for Health Care Providers," was published. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-0045-F](#)**

CMS-1362-N, entitled "Medicare Program; February 23-24, 2004, Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council," was published. This regulation is Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1362-N](#)**

CMS-1375-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classifications Groups," was published. This regulation affects Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners and Suppliers. **[View CMS-1375-N](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 45 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Emergency Correction to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Low Osmolar Contrast Material," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 45](#) (PDF - 143 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 6 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Intravenous Immune Globulin," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 6](#) (PDF - 264 KB)

Transmittal 43 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Correction To The Effective Date On 9 Code Pairs in Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Version

9.3 (Cardiology edits)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 43](#) (PDF - 157 KB)

Transmittal 44 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Correction-CWF Edits for Inserts for Therapeutic Shoes," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 44](#) (PDF - 171 KB)

Transmittal 47 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Implementation of the Occupational Mix Survey," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 47](#) (PDF - 91 KB)

Transmittal 69 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Criteria for Using the CB Modifier," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Outpatient Physical Therapy, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 69](#) (PDF - 274 KB)

Transmittal 73 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "MCE and IPPS Transfers Between Hospitals," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 73](#) (PDF - 238 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 71 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Medicare + Choice, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, and Rural Health Clinics. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 71](#)** (PDF - 322 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 74 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Intravenous Immune Globulin," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 74](#) (PDF - 99 KB)

01/16/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 42 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Payment to Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) for G0260 and to Physicians for 27096 When 27096 is Performed in an ASC," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 42](#) (PDF - 100 KB)

Transmittal 62 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2004 annual update of HCPCS codes used for Home Health Consolidated

Billing Enforcement," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 62](#) (PDF - 92 KB)

Transmittal 67 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revision to CR 2912: Coding, Testing, and Implementation Phases of CR 2631 for Jurisdiction," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 67](#) (PDF - 97 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 61 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Diagnosis coding instructions for anticipated payment and claims to conform with HIPAA requirements," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 61](#) (PDF - 99 KB)

Transmittal 66 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 10.1, Effective April 1, 2004," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 66](#) (PDF - 98 KB)

01/09/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION

Transmittal 60 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Chapter 18, Preventive and Screening Services," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Renal Dialysis Facilities, and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 60](#) (PDF - 116 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 41 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 2, Enrollment and Disenrollment," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 41](#) (PDF - 506 KB)

Transmittal 42 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 3, Marketing," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 42](#) (PDF - 412 KB)

Transmittal 43 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 4, Benefits and Beneficiary Protection," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 43](#) (PDF - 139 KB)

Transmittal 44 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 6, Relationships With Providers," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 44](#) (PDF - 111 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 5 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Chapter 15, Covered Medical and Other Health Services," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 5](#) (PDF - 214 KB)

Transmittal 41 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Provider Education Article: New Enrollee Rights, New Provider Responsibilities in M+C Program," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 41](#) (PDF - 88 KB)

01/07/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1372-IFC, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to Medicare Payment for Drugs and Physician Fee Schedule Payments for Calendar Year 2004," was published. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1372-IFC](#)**

01/06/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- CORRECTIONS AND/OR CLARIFICATIONS

Transmittal 39 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Change in Coding on Medicare Claims for Darbepoetin Alfa (trade name Aranesp) and Epoetin Alfa (trade name Epogen, EPO) For Treatment Of Anemia In End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Patients On Dialysis," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 39](#) (PDF - 80 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 40 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Provider Education Article: Renewed Moratorium on Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapy Caps," was released. This instruction affects Outpatient Physical Therapy.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 40](#) (PDF - 98 KB)

01/06/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1371-IFC, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System; Payment Reform for Calendar Year 2004," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1371-IFC](#)**

CMS-1373-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Notice of One-Time Appeal Process for Hospital Wage Index Classification," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1373-N](#)**

CMS-2175-IFC, entitled "Medicaid Program; Time Limitation on Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Drug Rebate Program," was published. This regulation affects Suppliers. **[View CMS-2175 IFC](#)**

CMS-2188-P, entitled "Medicaid Program; Time Limitation on Recordkeeping

Requirements Under the Drug Rebate Program," was published. This regulation affects Suppliers.

[**View CMS-2188-P**](#)

CMS-4065-N, entitled "Medicare Program: Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-4065-N**](#)

01/02/2004

****NEW RELEASE - January 2004**

The January 2004 issue of the CMS Quarterly Provider Update (QPU) was released.

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED - MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 4 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Dentists, podiatrists, and optometrists are added to the definition/list of physicians who may opt out of Medicare," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[**View Transmittal 4**](#) (PDF - 314 KB)

Transmittal 37 of One-Time Notification, entitled "Home Health Cost Reporting Processes," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[**View Transmittal 37**](#) (PDF - 94 KB)

Transmittal 58 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April Quarterly DMEPOS Fee Schedule Update," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [**View Transmittal 58**](#) (PDF - 241 KB)

Transmittal 61 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Clarification of Proof of Delivery Requirements," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [**View Transmittal 61**](#) (PDF - 281 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED - CLARIFICATION/CORRECTION

Transmittal 38 of One-Time Notification, entitled "Provider Education Article: 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Increase and Extension of the Annual Participation Enrollment Period," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View Transmittal 38**](#) (PDF - 576 KB)

Transmittal 59 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New HCPCS Code for Ambulance Night Differential Charges," was released. This instruction affects Ambulances. [**View Transmittal 59**](#) (PDF - 387 KB)