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**09/29/2009**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1418-P entitled “Medicare Programs; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System; Town Hall Meeting on End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System; Proposed Rule and Notice,” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

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CMS-1508-N entitled “Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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**09/25/2009**

**TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 562, entitled “Activation of New Coordination of Benefits Agreement (COBA) Trading Partner Dispute Error Code Within the National Crossover Process” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 1821, entitled “Billing for an Ambulance Transport with More Than One Patient Onboard” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

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**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1336-N entitled “Medicare Program; Medicare Provider Feedback Group Town Hall Meeting—October 29, 2009,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-1410-CN entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Correction,” was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**View CMS-1410-CN**

CMS-1814-N entitled “Medicare Program; Listening Session Regarding: Defining an Episode Logic for the Medicare Physician Resource Use Measurement Program; November 10, 2009,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-2487-FN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the American Osteopathic Association for Continued Deeming Authority for Ambulatory Surgical Centers,” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

**View CMS-2487-FN**

CMS-3215-N entitled “Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee—November 18, 2009,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-3216-N entitled “Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for Members for the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee,” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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CMS-4141-N entitled “Medicare Appeals; Adjustment to the Amount in Controversy Threshold Amounts for Calendar Year 2010,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**View CMS-4141-N**

CMS-7015-N entitled “Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education, October 20, 2009,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**View CMS-7015-N**

CMS-9053-N entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—April through June 2009,” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

**View CMS-9053-N**

**09/18/2009**

**TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED - CORRECTION**

Transmittal 106, entitled “FDG PET for Solid Tumors and Myeloma” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Independent Testing Facilities, Medicare Advantage and Outpatient Physical Therapy.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 106**

Transmittal 1817, entitled “FDG PET for Solid Tumors and Myeloma” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Independent Testing Facilities, Medicare Advantage and Outpatient Physical Therapy.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1817**

**09/16/2009**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-2291-P entitled "Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); Allotment Methodology and States' Fiscal Year 2009 CHIP Allotments," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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CMS-6025-F entitled "Medicare Program; Limitation on Recoupment of Provider and Supplier Overpayments," was published. This regulation affects Suppliers.

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**09/04/2009**

## **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED**

Transmittal 550, entitled "Implementation of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) version 5010 for Transaction 835 - Health Care Claim Payment/Advice" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 550](#)**

Transmittal 1814, entitled "2010 Annual Update of Healthcare Common Procedure Code System (HCPCS) Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Update" was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Hospices, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1814](#)**

## **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 110, entitled "Claims Submitted for Items or Services Furnished to Medicare Beneficiaries in State or Local Custody Under a Penal Authority and Examples of Application of Government Entity Exclusion" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 110](#)**

**08/28/2009**

## **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 1801, entitled "October Update to the 2009 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)" was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1801](#)**

Transmittal 1803, entitled "October 2009 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 1804, entitled "Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC), Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC), and Medicare Remit Easy Print

(MREP) Update” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1804](#)**

Transmittal 1805, entitled “Addition/Deletion of HCPCS Codes--October 2009 Qtrly Update” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Rural Health Clinics.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1805](#)**

Transmittal 1806, entitled “October 2009 Update to the ASC Payment System; Summary of Payment Policy Changes” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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Transmittal 1807, entitled “Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update FY 2010” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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Transmittal 1808, entitled “Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Annual Update: Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Changes for FY 2010” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 1809, entitled “October 2009 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 10.3” was published. This regulation affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitative Facilities, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1809](#)**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-2299-FN, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application of the American Osteopathic Association for Continued Deeming Authority for Hospitals,” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[View CMS-2299-FN](#)**

CMS-3214-N, entitled “Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee--October 21, 2009,” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[View CMS-3214-N](#)**

CMS-7016-N, entitled “Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**[View CMS-7016-N](#)**

**08/27/2009**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1406-F & IFC; CMS-1493-F; CMS-1337-F, entitled “Medicare Program;

Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and Fiscal Year 2010 Rates; and Changes to the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Rate Years 2010 and 2009 Rates,” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[View CMS-1406-F & IFC; CMS-1493-F; CMS-1337-F](#)**

**08/26/2009**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-9061-N, entitled “Electronic Public Comment Transmission Error for Two Medicare Program Rules,” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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**08/21/2009**

**TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED**

Transmittal 538, entitled “PC Print Update for ASC X12 835 Version 005010” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Organ Procurement, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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**TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 1799, entitled “New Waived Tests” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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**08/14/2009**

**TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED**

Transmittal 531, entitled “Additional Instructions on Processing Claims for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Items Submitted Under the Guidelines Established in Change Request (CR) 5917” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 531](#)**

Transmittal 532, entitled “Deactivation Letter for the Multi-Carrier System (MCS)” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Independent Testing Facilities, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 532](#)**

**TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 1798, entitled “Indian Health Services (IHS) Hospital Payment Rates for Calendar year 2009” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1798](#)**

**TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 1795, entitled "October 2009 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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Transmittal 1796, entitled "Update to the Hospice Payment Rates, Hospice Cap, Hospice Wage Index, and the Hospice Pricer for FY 2010" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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Transmittal 1797, entitled "Claim Status Category and Claim Status Code Update" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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**08/13/2009**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1560-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2010," was published. This regulation affects HHA.

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**08/11/2009**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1410-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities—Update for FY 2010; Minimum Data Set, Version 3.0 for Skilled Nursing Facilities and Medicaid Nursing Facilities; Final Rule," was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**[View CMS-1410-F](#)**

**08/07/2009**

#### **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED**

Transmittal 1789, entitled "2010 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payments" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Physicians.

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#### **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 109, entitled "Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) Certified Diabetic Educator" was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

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Transmittal 297, entitled "Compliance Standards for Consignment Closets and Stock and Bill Arrangements" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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## **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 1790, entitled “Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule - Medicare Travel Allowance Fees for Collection of Specimens” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1538-F, entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities for FY 2010,” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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**08/06/2009**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1420-F, entitled “Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2010,” was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1495-CN, entitled “Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System Payment Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2009 (RY 2010); Correction,” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1560-P, entitled “Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2010,” was published. This regulation affects HHA.

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**08/05/2009**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1413-CN2, entitled “Medicare Program; Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2010; Correction,” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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**07/31/2009**

## **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED**

Transmittal 1787, entitled “Fractional Mileage Amounts Submitted on Ambulance Claims” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

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## **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 20, entitled "Hospital and Hospital IHealth Care Complex Cost Report IForm CMS-2552-96" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.  
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#### **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 1785, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 15.3, Effective October 1, 2009" was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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#### **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED**

Transmittal 1773, entitled "Revised Processing of Osteoporosis Drugs Under the Home Health Benefit" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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Transmittal 1775, entitled "Point of Origin Codes Update to the UB-04 (CMS-1450) Manual Code List" was published. This regulation affects Hospices, Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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#### **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 1774, entitled "The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2007 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs)" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1774](#)**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1415-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Announcement of 5 New Members of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Group," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-1564-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations and Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, August 31, 2009," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-2305-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) for Approval of Deeming Authority for Hospices," was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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CMS-5050-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Resolicitation of Proposals for the Private, For-Profit Demonstration Project for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and Announcement of Closing Date," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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**07/20/2009**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1414-P, entitled "Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System for CY 2010," was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospitals.

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**07/17/2009**

**TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 104, entitled "FDG PET for Solid Tumors and Myeloma and Additional Manual Updates," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Medicare Advantage, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 104](#)**

Transmittal 1772, entitled "FDG PET for Solid Tumors and Myeloma and Additional Manual Updates," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Medicare Advantage, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Physicians.

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**07/15/2009**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-6150-P, entitled "Revisions to the Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control and Payment Error Rate Measurement Programs," was published. This regulation Affects Medicaid.

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**07/13/2009**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1413-P, entitled "Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2010; Proposed Rule," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies, ESRD, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, and Suppliers.

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CMS-1413-CN, entitled "Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2010; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics,

Orthotics, and Supplies, ESRD, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, and Suppliers.

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**07/10/2009**

#### **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 103, entitled "Sleep Testing for Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 1766, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for October 2009," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 515, entitled "2009 Reminder for Roster Billing and Centralized for Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccinations," was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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#### **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 154, entitled "Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments--Fourth Notification for FY 2009," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 1770, entitled "Medicare Contractor Annual Update of the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1770](#)**

Transmittal 1765, entitled "2009 Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supply Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code Jurisdiction List," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1765](#)**

**07/06/2009**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1412-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Second Semi-Annual Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Panel Meeting for--August 5-7, 2009," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**[View CMS-1412-N](#)**

**07/02/2009**

#### **TRANSMITTALS(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 513, entitled "Coding and Reporting Principles for the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) and the Electronic Prescribing (E-Prescribing)

Incentive Programs” was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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Transmittal 1762, entitled “Appeals Revisions” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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