

The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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What's New

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06/27/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1257-N, entitled "Medicare Program: Notice of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council Rechartering" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-1257-N](#)

CMS-1259-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meeting in Calendar Year 2003 for New Clinical Laboratory Tests Payment Determinations" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories. [View CMS-1259-N](#)

CMS-2152-F, entitled "Amendment to the Interim Final Regulation for Mental Health Parity" was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[View CMS-2152-F](#)

CMS-4062-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Solicitation for Information on the Hospital CAHPS" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-4062-N](#)

CMS-5003-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Extension of Date of Submissions and Informational Meeting on the Application Process for the End-Stage Renal Disease - Disease Management Demonstration" was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis/ESRD Facilities. [View CMS-5003-N2](#)

CMS-6012-N6, entitled "Medicare Program; Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Special Payment Provisions and Requirements for Prosthetics and Certain Custom-Fabricated Orthotics; Meeting Announcement" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [View CMS-6012-N6](#)

CMS-9017-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances-January 2003 Through March 2003" was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [View CMS-9017-N](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal A-03-055, entitled "Disclosure of Information Requirements Related to Hospice Claims" was released. This instruction affects Hospice. [View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-055](#) (PDF - 116 KB)

Transmittal A-03-056, entitled "Payment Update for Long-term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System Rate Year 2004" was released. This instruction affects Hospital.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-056](#) (PDF - 250 KB)

Transmittal A-03-093, entitled "Correction: Coverage and Billing Requirements for Electrical Stimulation for the Treatment of Wounds" was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facility.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-093](#) (PDF - 147 KB)

Transmittal 172 of Coverage Issues Manual, entitled "Section 35-104, Intestinal and Multi-Visceral Transplantation" was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 172](#) (PDF - 162 KB)

Transmittal 1806 of the Medicare Carriers Manual, Part 3, entitled "Intestinal and Multi-Visceral Transplantation" was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1806](#) (PDF - 169 KB)

06/20/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID QUARTER

Transmittal B-03-048, entitled "Addition of Temporary Codes Q4052 and Q4053" was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-048](#) (PDF - 112 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal A-03-053, entitled "Nurse Practitioner Services Under Medicare Hospice" was released. This instruction affects Hospices.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-053](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

Transmittal A-03-054, entitled "3-Day Payment Window Refinements Under the Short-Term Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System" was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-054](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

Transmittal 68 of the Hospice Manual, entitled "Nurse Practitioner Services Under Medicare Hospice" was released. This instruction affects Hospices.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 68](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

Transmittal 43 of the Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Chapter 9, MR Information Reported Electronically" was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 43](#) (PDF - 103 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION

Transmittal 1890 of the Medicare Intermediary Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "Section 3668.3, Coverage and Billing of Sacral Nerve Stimulation" was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1890](#) (PDF - 274 KB)

06/13/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID QUARTER

Transmittal 25, entitled "Initial issuance of Chapter 8 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual" was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 25](#) (PDF - 431 KB)

Transmittal A-03-051, entitled "July 2003 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)" was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-051](#) (PDF - 370.5 KB)

06/11/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal B-03-046, entitled "Provider Education: Establishing New Requirements for ICD-9-CM Coding on Claims Submitted to Medicare Carriers - Increased Role for Physicians/Practitioners" was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-046](#) (PDF - 129 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-085, entitled "Beneficiary Notice of Implementation of Outpatient Therapy Service Limitations" was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Skilled Nursing Services, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Hospitals, Hospices, Non-Physicians and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-085](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

06/10/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1469-P2, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities--Update" was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View CMS-1469-P2](#)**

06/09/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1243-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Change in Methodology for Determining Payment for Extraordinarily High-Cost Cases (Cost Outliers) Under the Acute Care Hospital Inpatient and Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment Systems" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-1243-F](#)

REGULATION PUBLISHED - CORRECTION

CMS-1470-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2004 Rates; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View Correction to CMS-1470-P](#)

06/06/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1472-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals: Annual Payment Rate Updates and Policy Changes" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-1472-E](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal A-03-048, entitled "July Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version (V4.2)," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-048](#) (PDF - 927 KB)

Transmittal A-03-050, entitled "July Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 18.2 For Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-050](#) (PDF - 144 KB)

Transmittal 1888 of the Medicare Intermediary Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "Section 3628.1, Screening Pap Smears and Screening Pelvic Examinations," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Physicians, and Rural Health Clinics.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1888](#) (PDF - 157 KB)

Transmittal 804 of the Hospital Manual, entitled "Section 437.1, Screening Pap Smears and Screening Pelvic Examinations," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 804](#) (PDF - 160 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION

Transmittal 1889 of the Intermediary Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "UB-92 HCFA-1450 Coding Updates," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified

Health Centers, Hospitals, Physicians and Rural Health Clinics.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 1889](#) (PDF - 215 KB)

Transmittal 1802 of the Carriers Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "UB-92 HCFA-1450 Coding Updates," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Physicians and Rural Health Clinics. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 1802](#)** (PDF - 215 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal AB-03-084, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for July 1, 2003," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Physicians, and Rural Health Clinics.
[View the complete text of AB-03-084](#) (PDF - 99.2 KB)

Transmittal 23 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 4, Benefits and Beneficiary Protections," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 23](#) (PDF - 511 KB)

Transmittal 24 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 6, Relations With Providers," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.
[View the complete text of Transmittal 24](#) (PDF - 269 KB)

06/04/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED - CORRECTION

CMS-1470-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2004 Rates; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View Correction to CMS-1470-P](#)**

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-5003-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Demonstration: End-Stage Renal Disease--Disease Management" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.
[View CMS-5003-N](#)

05/30/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1204-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2003 and Inclusion of Registered Nurses in the Personnel Provision of the Critical Access Hospital Emergency Services Requirement for Frontier Areas and Remote Locations" was published. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1204-CN](#)**

CMS-1885-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Update of Ambulatory Surgical Center List of Covered Procedures Effective July 1, 2003; Final Rule

Correction" was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers. [View CMS-1885-CN](#)

CMS-2177-FN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Approval of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) for Deeming Authority for Hospices" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

[View CMS-2177-FN](#)

CMS-3116-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for Members for the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [View CMS-3116-N](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal AB-03-081, entitled "Data Center Testing and Production - Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECSR) User Manual 6.0," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-081](#) (PDF - 450 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 1887 of the Medicare Intermediary Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "Clarification of Medicare Intermediary Manual Instructions Requiring Timely Filing of Medicare Claims," was released. This instruction affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospices, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Renal Dialysis/ESRD Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1887](#) (PDF - 450 KB)

05/29/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-2185-N, entitled "Fiscal Year 2003 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications, " was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

[View CMS-2185-N](#)

05/23/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal A-03-043, entitled "Diabetes Outpatient Self-Management Training (DSMT) and the "Incident to" Provision," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-043](#) (PDF - 31.9 KB)

Transmittal B-03-043, entitled "Diabetes Outpatient Self-Management Training (DSMT) and the "Incident to" Provision," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy,

and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-043](#) (PDF - 107 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-073, entitled "Provider Education Article: Financial Limitation of Claims for Outpatient Rehabilitation Services," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-073](#) (PDF - 128 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-075, entitled "Provider Education Article: Quarterly Provider Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-075](#) (PDF - 99.4 KB)

Transmittal 41 of the Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Chapter 10, Healthcare Provider/Supplier Enrollment," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 41](#) (PDF - 523 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal A-03-042, entitled "Updated Revision to Change Request (CR) 2508, Suspension, Offset, and Recoupment of Medicare Payments to Providers and Suppliers of Services," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-042](#)** (PDF - 90.8 KB)

Transmittal B-03-041, entitled "National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Batch Transaction Standard 1.1 Billing Request Companion Document," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-041](#) (PDF - 706 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-078, entitled "Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) Contractor Guidance on the HIPAA Privacy Rule Business Associate Provisions," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-078](#) (PDF - 91.7 KB)

05/19/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1470-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2004 Rates," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1470-P](#)**

05/16/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1469-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities--Update; Proposed Rule," was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View CMS-1469-P](#)**

CMS-1474-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for FY 2004; Proposed Rule," was published.

This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-1474-P](#)

CMS-4060-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on the Refinement of the Minimum Data Set (MDS), Version 3.0," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [View CMS-4060-N](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal AB-03-072, entitled "Mammography Computer Aided Detection (CAD) Equipment," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-072](#) (PDF - 85.6 KB)

05/09/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal AB-03-070, entitled "Second Update to the 2003 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-070](#) (PDF - 156 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-071, entitled "July Quarterly Update for 2003 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, and Federally Qualified Health Centers. [View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-071](#) (PDF - 118 KB)

Transmittal 22 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Medicare+Choice Beneficiary Grievances, Organization Determinations and Appeals," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 22](#) (PDF - 749 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 170 of the Coverage Issues Manual, entitled "Magnetic Resonance Angiography," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 170](#) (PDF - 132 KB)

Transmittal 1883 of the Medicare Intermediary Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "Magnetic Resonance Angiography," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1883](#) (PDF - 157 KB)

Transmittal 1795 of the Medicare Carriers Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "Magnetic Resonance Angiography Coverage Summary," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 1795](#) (PDF - 132 KB)

Transmittal 38 of the Rural Health Clinic and Federally Qualified Health Manual, entitled "Magnetic Resonance Angiography," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 38](#) (PDF - 165 KB)

Transmittal A-03-040, entitled "Clarification of Bill Types 22x and 23x Submitted by Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-040](#)** (PDF - 98.5 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-069, entitled "Clarification of the Criteria for a Valid Written Statement of Intent (SOI) To File a Medicare Claim," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-069](#)** (PDF - 83.7 KB)

05/02/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-2179-FC, entitled "Grants to States for Operation of Qualified High Risk Pools," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

[View Correction to CMS-2179-FC](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 801 of the Hospital Manual, entitled "Section 312, Notice to Beneficiaries," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 801](#) (PDF - 310 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal B-03-038, entitled "Oral Anti-Cancer Drugs," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-038](#) (PDF - 89.9 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-056, entitled "New Waived Tests - March 21, 2003," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-056](#) (PDF - 695 KB)

04/28/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED - CORRECTION

CMS-0010-IFC, entitled "Civil Money Penalties: Procedures for Investigations, Imposition of Penalties, and Hearings - Correction," was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View Correction to CMS-0010-IFC](#)

[View CMS-0010-IFC](#)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED - MID-QUARTER

Transmittal AB-03-051, entitled "Notice of Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-051](#) (PDF - 73 KB)

04/25/2003

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1203-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2003 Rates; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals. [**View CMS-1203-CN**](#)

CMS-1251-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council - May 19, 2003," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[**View CMS-1251-N**](#)

CMS-1809-F3, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships: Extension of Partial Delay of Effective Date," was published. This regulation affects Physicians. [**View CMS-1809-F3**](#)

CMS-2182-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) for Continued Approval of Deeming Authority for Hospices," was published. This regulation affects Hospices. [**View CMS-2182-PN**](#)

CMS-4024-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Improvements to the Medicare+Choice Appeal and Grievance Procedures; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Medicare+Choice. [**View CMS-4024-CN**](#)

CMS-4052-N, entitled "Medicare Program: Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education - May 21, 2003," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[**View CMS-4052-N**](#)

CMS-6002-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Requirements for Establishing and Maintaining Medicare Billing Privileges," was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

[**View CMS-6002-P**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal 169 of the Coverage Issues Manual, entitled "Section 35-30.1, Stem Cell Transplantation," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Medicare+Choice, and Physicians. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 169**](#) (PDF - 128 KB)

Transmittal 1880 of the Medicare Intermediary Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "Section 3614.2, Autologous Stem Cell Transplantation," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Medicare+Choice, and Physicians. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 1880**](#) (PDF - 161 KB)

Transmittal B-03-029, entitled "Managed Care Reasonable Charge Data Disclosure Requirements for Ambulance Services," was released. This instruction affects Ambulances. [**View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-029**](#) (PDF - 147 KB)

04/18/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 800 of the Hospital Manual, entitled "Section 437.1, Screening Pap Smears and Screening Pelvic Examinations," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Hospital, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 800](#) (PDF - 94.3 KB)

Transmittal 1879 of the Medicare Intermediary Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process, entitled "Section 3628, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services Other Than To Inpatients," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Hospital, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1879](#) (PDF - 108 KB)

Transmittal A-03-030, entitled "Provider-based Status On or After October 1, 2002," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospital, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-030](#) (PDF - 341 KB)

Transmittal B-03-028, entitled "Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERC) - ICD-9-CM Coding," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-028](#) (PDF - 84 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-047, entitled "Single Drug Pricer (SDP) Clarifications," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-047](#) (PDF - 80.4 KB)

04/17/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-0010-IFC, entitled "Civil Money Penalties: Procedures for Investigations, Imposition of Penalties, and Hearings," was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-0010-IFC](#)

04/16/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1256-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Notice of Ambulance Fee Schedule in Accordance With Federal District Court Order," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances. **[View CMS-1256-N](#)**

04/11/2003

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 20 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 3, Marketing," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 20](#) (PDF - 236 KB)

Transmittal 21 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 11,

Contracts With Medicare+Choice Organizations," was released. This instruction affects Medicare+Choice. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 21](#)** (PDF - 153 KB)

Transmittal A-03-027, entitled "Updated Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Requirements for Provider Education and Training," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-027](#)** (PDF - 70.2 KB)

Transmittal A-03-028, entitled "January Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version 18.1R1 For Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-028](#)** (PDF - 97.3 KB)

Transmittal B-03-023, entitled "Correct Payment of January and February 2003 Physician Services," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-023](#)** (PDF - 98 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-043, entitled "Addition of "K" Codes for Surgical Dressings," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Home Health Agencies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-043](#)** (PDF - 75.1 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-044, entitled "Addition of Temporary "K" Codes," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Home Health Agencies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-044](#)** (PDF - 91 KB)

Transmittal AB-03-045, entitled "Addition of Temporary "K" Codes," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Home Health Agencies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-045](#)** (PDF - 86.8 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal A-03-029, entitled "Corrections to: Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Rates and Costs of Graduate Medical Education, etc.; as Published in the Federal Register, FY 2003 (67 FR 49982, August 1, 2002)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-029](#)** (PDF - 89.9 KB)

Transmittal B-03-024, entitled "Follow up to Implementation of the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Telecommunications Standard Version 5.1 and the Equivalent Batch Standard Version 1.1 for Retail Pharmacy Drug Transactions," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal B-03-024](#)** (PDF - 114 KB)

04/04/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-4024-FC, entitled "Medicare Program; Improvements to the

Medicare+Choice Appeal and Grievance Procedures," was published. This regulation affects Medicare+Choice. [View CMS-4024-FC](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal A-03-020, entitled "April 2003 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-020](#) (PDF - 139 KB)

Transmittal A-03-026, entitled "April Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Specifications Version (V4.1)," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal A-03-026](#) (PDF - 352 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- CLARIFICATION AND/OR CORRECTION

Transmittal AB-03-042, entitled "Coverage and Billing for Percutaneous Image-Guided Breast Biopsy," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal AB-03-042](#) (PDF - 14.1 KB)

04/02/2003

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-2132-P, entitled "Medicaid Program; Provider Qualifications for Audiologists," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid. [View CMS-2132-P](#)

04/01/2003

****NEW RELEASE - April 2003**

The April 2003 issue of the CMS Quarterly Provider Update (QPU) was released.