

The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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What's New

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06/30/2005

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-4064-IFC2, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Medicare Claims Appeal Procedures: Correcting Amendment to an Interim Final Rule," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View CMS-4064-IFC2](#)

06/24/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1478-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Update of Ambulatory Surgical Center List of Covered Procedures; Correction," was released. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View CMS-1478-CN](#)

CMS-1480-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Compliance Criteria," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1480-N](#)

CMS-2219-N, entitled "State Children's Health Insurance Program; Final Allotments to States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories and Commonwealths for Fiscal Year 2006," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid.

[View CMS-2219-N](#)

CMS-5022-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Solicitation for Applications for the Medical Adult Day-Care Services Demonstration," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View CMS-5022-N](#)

CMS-5033-N5, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Board on

the Demonstration of a Bundled Case-Mix Adjusted Payment System for End-Stage Renal Disease Services--July 14 Through July 15, 2005," was released. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis/ESRD Facilities.

[View CMS-5033-N5](#)

CMS-9028-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--January Through March 2005," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[View CMS-9028-N](#)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 594 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Preliminary Instructions: Expedited Determinations/Reviews for Original Medicare," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Hospice, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 594](#) (PDF - 346 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 40 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Coverage of Aprepitant for Chemotherapy-Induced Emesis," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 40](#) (PDF - 56 KB)

Transmittal 590 of the Medicare Coverage Issues Manual, entitled "Aprepitant for Chemotherapy-Induced Emesis," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 590](#) (PDF - 144 KB)

Transmittal 595 of the Medicare Coverage Issues Manual, entitled "Implementation of Carrier Guidelines for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Reimbursement for Automated Multi-Channel Chemistry (AMCC) Tests (Supplemental to Change Request 2813)," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 595](#) (PDF - 290 KB)

Transmittal 596 of the Medicare Coverage Issues Manual, entitled "Indian Health Service (IHS) or Tribal Hospitals Including Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Payment Methodology for Inpatient Social Admissions and Outpatient Services Occurring During Concurrent Stays," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 596](#) (PDF - 117 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 36 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Pub. 100-02, Chapter 15, Sections 220 and 230 Therapy Services - Correction," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, and Skilled Nursing Facilities .

[View the complete text of Transmittal 36](#) (PDF - 206 KB)

Transmittal 589 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Cochlear Implantation," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Hospitals, and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 589](#) (PDF - 133 KB)

Transmittal 39 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Cochlear Implantation," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Hospitals, and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 39](#) (PDF - 133 KB)

06/17/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-6030-P2, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Integrity Program, Fiscal Intermediary and Carrier Functions, and Conflict of Interest Requirements," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-6030-P2](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 38 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Coverage of Colorectal Anti-Cancer Drugs Included in Clinical Trials," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 38](#) (PDF - 46 KB)

Transmittal 588 of the Manual Name, entitled "Coverage of Colorectal Anti-Cancer Drugs Included in Clinical Trials," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 588](#) (PDF - 142 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 584 of the Medicare Coverage Issues Manual, entitled "Update of HCPCS Codes and File Names, Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2005 ASC HCPCS Additions, Deletions and Master Listing," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 584](#) (PDF - 125 KB)

Transmittal 585 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 585](#) (PDF - 185 KB)

06/15/2005

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 583 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Access Process for HIPAA 270/271 (Extranet Only)," was released. This instruction

affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 583](#) (PDF - 316 KB)

06/10/2005

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 14 of the Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 2, entitled "Cost Reporting Forms and Instructions, Form CMS-2552-96," was released. This instruction affects Hospice. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 14](#)** (PDF - 707 KB)

Transmittal 579 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to the National Council for Prescription Drug Program (NCPDP) Batch 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 579](#) (PDF - 500 KB)

Transmittal 582 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Remittance Advice (RA) Message for Referred Clinical Diagnostic/Purchased Diagnostic Service Duplicate Claims," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 582](#) (PDF - 94 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 578 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update-Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) Rate Year 2006," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 578](#) (PDF - 150 KB)

Transmittal 580 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug Codes," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 580](#) (PDF - 111 KB)

06/03/2005

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 35 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Automated Multi-Channel Chemistry (AMCC) for Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) and Non-CAPD Patients ," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 35](#) (PDF - 161 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 577 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "

Preliminary Instructions: Expedited Determinations/Reviews for Original Medicare ," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Hospice, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 577](#) (PDF - 566 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 37 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Mobility Assistive Equipment (MAE)," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 37](#) (PDF - 284 KB)

Transmittal 573 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarifying Manual Instructions for Coding and Payment for Drug Administration Under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 573](#) (PDF - 182 KB)

Transmittal 574 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Mobility Assistive Equipment (MAE)," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 574](#) (PDF - 85 KB)

Transmittal 575 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Remittance Advice (RA) Message for Referred Clinical Diagnostic/Purchased Diagnostic Service Duplicate Claims," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 575](#) (PDF - 71 KB)

Transmittal 576 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to Chapter 17, Section 80.2.3, MSN/ANSI X12N Denial Messages for Anti-Emetic Drugs," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 576](#) (PDF - 31 KB)

06/01/2005

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 572 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 6.2," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospice, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities and Rural Health Clinics.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 572](#) (PDF - 1 MB)

05/27/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1199-IFC, entitled "Medicare Program; Electronic Submission of Cost

Reports: Revision to Effective Date of Cost Reporting Period , " was released. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities. [**View CMS-1199-IFC**](#)

CMS-1293-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meeting in Calendar Year 2005 for New Clinical Laboratory Tests Payment Determinations," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-1293-N**](#)

CMS-3144-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Calendar Year 2005 Review of the Appropriateness of Payment Amounts for New Technology Intraocular Lenses (NTIOLs) Furnished by Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)," was released. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers. [**View CMS-3144-N**](#)

CMS-3844-P, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospice Conditions of Participation , " was released. This regulation affects Hospice. [**View CMS-3844-P**](#)

CMS-4095-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education, June 21, 2005 , " was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-4095-N**](#)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 571 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Remittance Advice (RA) Message for Referred Clinical Diagnostic/Purchased Diagnostic Service Duplicate Claims," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities and Physicians.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 571**](#) (PDF - 75 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 568 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July Quarterly Update to 2005 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 568**](#) (PDF - 82 KB)

Transmittal 569 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 6.2," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospice, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities and Rural Health Clinics. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 569**](#) (PDF - 612 KB)

05/24/2005

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-2214-N, entitled "Medicaid Program; Establishment of the Medicaid

Commission and Request for Nominations for Members," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [View CMS-2214-N](#)

05/20/2005

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 36 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Smoking and Tobacco-Use Cessation Counseling," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 36](#) (PDF - 48 KB)

Transmittal 562 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Smoking and Tobacco-Use Cessation Counseling," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 562](#) (PDF - 211 KB)

Transmittal 567 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Coverage of Colorectal Anti-Cancer Drugs Included in Clinical Trials," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 567](#) (PDF - 138 KB)

**INSTRUCTION RELEASED --
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 565 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Access Process for HIPAA 270/271 (Extranet Only)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 565](#) (PDF - 247 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 563 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 11.2, Effective July 1, 2005," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 563](#) (PDF - 102 KB)

Transmittal 564 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July Update to the Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 20.3 for Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under The Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Non-OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers; Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities; Federally Qualified Health Centers; Home Health Agencies; Hospice; Hospitals; Outpatient Physical Therapy; Renal Dialysis Facilities; Rural Health Clinics; Skilled Nursing Facilities and Suppliers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 564](#) (PDF - 108 KB)

05/19/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1269-N4, entitled "Medicare Program; Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting--June 15, 2005 Through June 17, 2005," was released. This regulation is a Meeting

Notice. [View CMS-1269-N4](#)

CMS-1282-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2006," was released. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. [View CMS-1282-P](#)

05/13/2005

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 559 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Override of Automated Health Professional Shortage Area (HRSA) and/or Physician Scarcity Area (PSA) Bonus Payments for Globally Billed Services," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 559](#) (PDF - 148 KB)

Transmittal 561 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New April 2005 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File and Revisions to January 2005 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File ," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 561](#) (PDF - 259 KB)

05/09/2005

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 155 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Payment to Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) for New CPT Code 66711," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 155](#) (PDF - 54 KB)

05/06/2005

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1483-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals: Annual Payment Rate Updates, Policy Changes, and Clarification," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-1483-F](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 34 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Pub. 100-02, Chapter 15, Sections 220 and 230 Therapy Services," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 34](#) (PDF - 366 KB)

Transmittal 153 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Payment to Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) for New CPT Code 66711," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 153](#) (PDF - 68 KB)

Transmittal 154 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Correction 2005 Clinical Laboratory Travel Fee (P9603 P9604)," was released. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 154](#) (PDF - 75 KB)

Transmittal 558 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July Update to the 2005 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 558](#) (PDF - 196 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 35 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations, entitled "Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) Therapy for Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 35](#) (PDF - 100 KB)

Transmittal 557 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarifying Manual Instructions for Coding and Payment for Drug Administration Under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 557](#) (PDF - 182 KB)

05/04/2005

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1500-P, entitled "Proposed Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2006 Rates," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1500-P](#)**

04/29/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1286-P, entitled "Proposed Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2006," was released. This regulation affects Hospice. **[View CMS-1286-P](#)**

CMS-1314-N, entitled "Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, May 23, 2005," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1314-N](#)**

CMS-2207-N, entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and CLIA Programs; Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988; Continuance of Exemption of Laboratories Licensed by the State of Washington ," was released. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories. **[View CMS-2207-N](#)**

CMS-5033-N4, entitled "Meeting of the Advisory Board on the Demonstration of a Bundled Case-Mix Adjusted Payment System for End- Stage Renal Disease Services--May 24, 2005 ," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-5033-N4](#)

**INSTRUCTION RELEASED --
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 541 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to the use of Group Codes for The Enforcement of Mandatory Electronic Submission of Medicare Claims," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 541](#) (PDF - 86 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 534 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for July 2005," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 534](#) (PDF - 85 KB)

Transmittal 536 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July Quarterly Update for 2005 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 536](#) (PDF - 154 KB)

Transmittal 538 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests ," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 538](#) (PDF - 642 KB)

Transmittal 540 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Addition to Chapter 6 of the Claims Processing Manual - Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Inpatient Part A Billing: SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Software ," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 540](#) (PDF - 154 KB)

04/25/2005

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 34 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations, entitled "Abarelix for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 34](#) (PDF - 56 KB)

Transmittal 532 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Abarelix for the Treatment of Prostate Cancer," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 532](#) (PDF - 36 KB)

04/22/2005

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-4107-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-4107-N](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 33 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations, entitled "Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 33](#)** (PDF - 78 KB)

Transmittal 530 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Billing Requirements for Physician Services Rendered in Method II Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 530](#) (PDF - 155 KB)

Transmittal 531 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 531](#) (PDF - 131 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 528 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "July 2005 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective July 1, 2005," was released. This instruction affects Physicians; Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities; Non-Physician Practitioners; Rural Health Clinics and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 528](#) (PDF - 101 KB)

Transmittal 529 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to Current National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) Codes," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance; Ambulatory Surgical Centers; Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities; Home Health Agencies; Hospice; Hospitals; Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions; Rural Health Clinics and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 529](#) (PDF - 2 MB)

04/19/2005

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 67 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 67](#) (PDF - 94 KB)

04/15/2005

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 32 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations, entitled "Autologous Stem Cell Transplantation (AuSCT)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 32](#)** (PDF - 64 KB)

Transmittal 148 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Revised Coding Guidelines for Drug Administration Codes," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 148](#)** (PDF - 103 KB)

Transmittal 524 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification to the Health Professional Shortage Area Language in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 524](#) (PDF - 112 KB)

Transmittal 525 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Flu/PPV Revision," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 525](#) (PDF - 134 KB)

Transmittal 526 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Updated Requirements for Autologous Stem Cell Transplantation (AuSCT)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 526](#) (PDF - 163 KB)

Transmittal 527 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Coding for FDG PET Scans and Billing Requirements for Specific Indications of Cervical Cancer," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 527](#) (PDF - 431 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 523 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Implementation of the Physician Scarcity Areas and Revision to the Health Professional Shortage (HPSA)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 523](#) (PDF - 369 KB)

04/12/2005

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-5033-N6, entitled "Cancellation of the April 13, 2005 Advisory Board Meeting on the Demonstration of a Bundled Case-Mix Adjusted Payment System for End-Stage Renal Disease Services ," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-5033-N6](#)

04/08/2005

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-1296-N2, entitled "Request for Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups; Extension of Nominations Deadline," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [**View CMS-1296-N2**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 519 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Flu/PPV Revisions," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 519**](#) (PDF - 130 KB)

Transmittal 520 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment Policy Clarification Regarding the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Q3001 Performed in an Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 520**](#) (PDF - 74 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 521 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Hemophilia Blood Clotting Factors," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Ambulance, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 521**](#) (PDF - 82 KB)

04/07/2005

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-5029-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Rural Hospice Demonstration ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [**View CMS-5029-N**](#)

04/01/2005

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1213-CN, entitled "Prospective Payment System for Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities; Final Rule; Correction ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [**View CMS-1213-CN**](#)

CMS-1429-F2, entitled "Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2005: Correcting Amendment ," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. [**View CMS-1429-F2**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 31 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations, entitled

"PET for Brain, Cervical, Ovarian, Pancreatic, Small Cell Lung, and Testicular Cancers," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 31](#) (PDF - 276 KB)

Transmittal 515 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to 100-04 an Therapy Code List," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioner and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 515](#) (PDF - 300 KB)

Transmittal 518 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Coding for FDG PET Scans and Billing Requirements for Specific Indications of Cervical Cancer," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 518](#) (PDF - 301 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 31 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "List of Medicare Telehealth Services," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Hospitals and Rural Health Clinics.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 31](#) (PDF - 118 KB)

Transmittal 517 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "List of Medicare Telehealth Services," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Hospitals and Rural Health Clinics.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 517](#) (PDF - 104 KB)

04/01/2005

****NEW RELEASE - April 2005**

The April 2005 issue of the CMS Quarterly Provider Update (QPU) was released.