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What's New

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03/31/2006

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

Transmittal 50 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "External Counterpulsation (ECP) Therapy," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 50 \(PDF - 48 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 898 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "External Counterpulsation (ECP) Therapy," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 898 \(PDF - 97 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 49 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Payment of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) for Diabetes Self-Management Training Services (DSMT) and Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) Services," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 49 \(PDF - 163 KB\)](#)

03/29/2006

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

Transmittal 897 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April Update to the 2006 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 897 \(PDF - 291 KB\)](#)

03/24/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1269-N7, entitled "Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act(EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG), Announcement of a New Member," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[View CMS-1269-N7](#)

CMS-1281-N, entitled " Medicare Program; Public Meetings in Calendar Year 2006 for All New Public Requests for Revisions to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Coding and Payment Determinations," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1281-N](#)**

CMS-3163-N, entitled "Request for Nominations for Members of the Medicare Coverage Advisory committee and Notice of Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee--May 18, 2006," was released. This regulation affects Meeting Notices. **[View CMS-3163-N](#)**

CMS-4117-PN, entitled "Application for Deeming Authority for Medicare Advantage Health Maintenance Organizations and Local Preferred Provider Organizations Submitted by URAC," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-4117-PN](#)**

CMS-9034-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--October through December 2005," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-9034-N](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 48 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Expansion of Glaucoma Screening Services," was released. This instruction All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 48 \(PDF 119 - KB\)](#)

Transmittal 893 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " 2006 Jurisdiction List," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 893 \(PDF - 100 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 895 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Expansion of Glaucoma Screening Services," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 895 \(PDF - 118 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 896 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April 2006 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 896 \(PDF - 122 KB\)](#)

03/15/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1502-F2, correction, entitled "Medicare Program, Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee schedule for Calendar Year 2006 and Certain Provisions Related to the Competitive Acquisition Program of Outpatient Drugs and Biologicals Under Part B, Correcting Amendment," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-1502-F2, Correction.](#)**

03/10/2006

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

Transmittal 40 of the Medicare Demonstrations Manual, entitled " Amendments to Section 651 Chiropractic Services Demonstration-- Changes to CPT 98943 rate published in CR 4225 Due to Passage of the Deficit Reduction Act, and revisions to CPT codes for 2006," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 40 \(PDF 385 - KB\)](#)

Transmittal 41 of the Medicare Demonstrations Manual, entitled " 2006 Oncology Demonstration Project---Inclusion of Gynecological Oncology (Supplement to CR 4219)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 41 \(PDF 107 - KB\)](#)

Transmittal 883 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Claims Processing Requirements for Medicare Beneficiaries in State or Local Custody Under a Penal Authority - MANUALIZATION," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 883 \(PDF 114 - KB\)](#)

Transmittal 885 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Suppression of Standard Paper Remittance Advice to Providers and Suppliers Also Receiving Electronic Remittance Advice for 45 Days or More," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Ambulance, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, and Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 885 \(PDF 174 - KB\)](#)

Transmittal 887 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to Change Request 4282 - Application of 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)," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 887 \(PDF 209 - KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 886 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " April 2006 Update to the Medicare outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 21.2 for Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under The Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Non-OPPS).," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospitals, Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 886 \(PDF - 1 MB\)](#)**

Transmittal 888 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "April 2006 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 7.1," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospitals, Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 888 \(PDF - 1 MB\)](#)**

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 42 of the Medicare Demonstrations Manual, entitled "2006 Oncology Demonstration Project," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 42 \(PDF 280 - KB\)](#)

03/03/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1306-CN correction, entitled "Medicare Program, Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System Payment Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2006 --RY 2007), Correction and Extension of Comment Period, Correction," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1306-CN](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 80 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Revisions to Chapter 13, Medicare Managed Care Beneficiary Grievances, Organization Determinations, and Appeals Applicable to Medicare Advantage Plans, Cost Plans, and Health Care Prepayment Plans (HCPPs), (collectively referred to as Medicare health plans)," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 80 \(PDF - KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 880 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " April Quarterly Update for 2006 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 880 \(PDF 91 - KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 15 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual - Part2, entitled " PRM, Part 2, Provider Cost Reporting Forms and Instructions Chapter 36, Form CMS-2552-96," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 15 \(PDF 254 - KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 39 of the Demonstrations Manual, entitled " Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Hospital Emergency Room Services Exceeding 24 Hours," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 39 \(PDF 499 - KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 879 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Announcement of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Designation as Urban and Rural - Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) as it Applies to FQHC Services Furnished to Swing-Bed Patients," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 879 \(PDF 162 - KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 881 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Hospital Emergency Room Services Exceeding 24 Hours," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 881 \(PDF 98 - KB\)](#)**

03/02/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 861 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Sunset of the Policies for Provider Nominations for an Intermediary and the Provider Requests for a Change of Intermediary - Revisions to Publication 100-04, Chapter 1, Section 20," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 861 \(PDF 135 - KB\)](#)**

02/24/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1306-CN, entitled "Medicare Program, Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System Payment Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2006 (RY 2007), Correction and Extension of Comment Period," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1306-CN](#)**

CMS-1332-NC, entitled " Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of an Application From a Hospital Requesting a Waiver From Its Designated Organ Procurement Service Area," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. **[View CMS-1332-NC](#)**

CMS-1502-F2, entitled " Medicare Program, Revisions to Payment Policies

Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2006 and Certain provisions Related to the Competitive Acquisition Program of Outpatient Drugs and Biologicals Under Part B, Correcting Amendment," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. [**View CMS-1502-F2**](#)

CMS-2227-FN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs, Approval of Deeming Authority of the Accreditation Commission for Healthcare (ACHC) for Home Health Agencies," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies. [**View CMS-2227-FN**](#)

CMS-4115-N, entitled "Medicare Program, Request for Nominations for the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-4115-N**](#)

CMS-6272-IFC, entitled " Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Amendments," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. [**View CMS-6272-IFC**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 47 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled " Changes to the Covered Indications for Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA 125 to Add Primary Peritoneal Carcinoma," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Medicare + Choice, Rural Health Clinics, Hospitals, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 47 \(PDF - 82 KB\)**](#)

Transmittal 875 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Maintenance and Update of the Temporary Hook Created to Hold OPPTS Claims That Include Certain Drug HCPCS Codes," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 875 \(PDF - 165 KB\)**](#)

Transmittal 877 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Changes in Transitional Outpatient Payments (TOP) for Rural Sole Community Hospitals and Small Rural Hospitals for 2006," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 877 \(PDF - 110 KB\)**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 36 of the Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual, entitled " Scheduled Release for April 2006 Software Programs and Pricing/Coding Files," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 36 \(PDF - 193 KB\)**](#)

Transmittal 870 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Type of Service (TOS) Corrections," was released. This instruction affects All

Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 870 \(PDF - 133 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 872 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 872 \(PDF - 134 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 876 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " April 2006 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File and Revisions to January 2005, April 2005, July 2005, October 2005, and January 2006 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 876 \(PDF - 251 KB\)](#)

02/17/2006

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

Transmittal 91 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled " Clarification of Instructions in Pub. 100-6, Chapter 5 Financial Reporting, Section 310.4 - Line 4(a) through (e), Reclassified CNC Debt (Principal & Interest)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 91 \(PDF - 120 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 857 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Update - Payment Limit for J7620 (Albuterol and Ipratropium Bromide, non-compounded)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers .

[View the complete text of Transmittal 857 \(PDF - 85 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 861 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Sunset of the Policies for Provider Nominations for an Intermediary and the Provider Requests for a Change of Intermediary - Revisions to Publication 100-04, Chapter 1, Section 20.," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 861 \(PDF - 81 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 862 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Appeals of Claims Decisions: Administrative Law Judge; Departmental Appeals Board; U.S. District Court Review," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 862 \(PDF - 79 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 863 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Update to Chapter 20, Billing for Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment, Section 130.6," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 863 \(PDF - 80 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 867 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Elimination of the Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERC) Information Form (DIF)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 867 \(PDF - 72 KB\)**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 79 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Changes in MCM Chapter 11, Medicare Advantage Application Procedures and Contract Requirements," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 79 \(PDF - 320 KB\)**](#)

Transmittal 859 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 859 \(PDF - 137 KB\)**](#)

Transmittal 864 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for April 2006," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 864 \(PDF - 52 KB\)**](#)

02/15/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 856 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " January 2006 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective January 1, 2006, and Revisions to April 2005, July 2005, and October 2005 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 856 \(PDF - 137 KB\)**](#)

02/10/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1126-RCN, entitled "Medicare Program; Provider Bad Debt Payment; Extension of Timeline for Publication of Final Rule," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. [**View CMS-1126-RCN**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 210 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Creation of a Second Participation Enrollment Period for 2006," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 210 \(PDF - 156 KB\)**](#)

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

Transmittal 35 of the Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual, entitled "Revisions to Instructions for Contractors Other Than the Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institution (RNHCI) Specialty Contractor Regarding Claims for Beneficiaries with RNHCI Elections," was released. This instruction affects Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 35 \(PDF - 66 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 44 of the Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Update to the ESRD Composite Payment Rates," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 44 \(PDF - 106 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 45 of the Benefit Policy Manual, entitled " Revisions to Instructions for Contractors Other Than the Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institution (RNHCI) Specialty Contractor Regarding Claims for Beneficiaries with RNHCI Elections," was released. This instruction affects Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 45 \(PDF - 106 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 207 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "New 2006 Payment Rate for Services Paid Under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 207 \(PDF - 167 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 209 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Q4080 - Change in HCPCS Code Descriptor," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 209 \(PDF - 107 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 211 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 the HH PPS Calendar Year (CY) 2006 Update from that of 2.8 Percent Update (Home Health Market Basket Update of 3.6 Minus 0.8 Percentage Point) to that of a Zero Percent Update," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 211 \(PDF - 43 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 846 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Web site Address," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 846 \(PDF - 107 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 849 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to the ESRD Composite Payment Rates," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 849 \(PDF - 153 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 850 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Change Payment Floor Date for Paper Claims," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 850 \(PDF - 129 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 851 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revisions to Instructions for Contractors Other Than the Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institution (RNHCI) Specialty Contractor Regarding Claims for Beneficiaries with RNHCI Elections," was released. This instruction affects Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 851 \(PDF - 399 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 852 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Ambulance Fee Schedule - CY 2006 Update: Correction to CR 4061," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 852 \(PDF - 121 KB\)](#)

02/01/2006

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

Transmittal 201 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Calculation of the Interim Payment of Indirect Medical Education (IME) Through the Inpatient PPS PRICER for Hospitals That Received an Increase to Their Full-time Equivalent Resident Caps Under Section 422 of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA), P.L. 108-173," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 201 \(PDF - 229 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 203 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Revision for PPS Payment for Blood Clotting Factor Administered to Hemophilia Inpatients," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 203 \(PDF - 110 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 204 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Stage 1 Use and Editing of National Provider Identifier Numbers Received in Electronic Data Interchange Transactions, via Direct Data Entry Screens, or on Paper Claim Forms," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 204 \(PDF - 110 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 824 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, V12.1, Effective April 1, 2006," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 824 \(PDF - 142 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 826 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " April Quarterly Update to the 2006 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 826 \(PDF - 125 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 136 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled " Policy Changes to Program Integrity Manual," was released. This instruction affects hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 136 \(PDF - 117 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 825 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "System Edits for Respiratory Assist Devices (RADs) with Bi-Level Capability and a Back-Up Rate," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 825 \(PDF - 999 KB\)](#)

01/27/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1167-F, entitled " Medicare Program; Payment for Respiratory Assist Devices With Bi-Level Capability and a Backup Rate," was released. This regulation affects REG_PROVIDERS. **[View CMS-1167-F](#)**

CMS-1318-N, entitled " Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, March 6, 2006," was released. This regulation affects REG_PROVIDERS.

[View CMS-1318-N](#)

CMS-1328-N, entitled " February 15, 2006 Town Hall Meeting on the Practice Expense Methodology Including the Proposal From the Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule for Calendar Year 2006," was released. This regulation affects REG_PROVIDERS. **[View CMS-1328-N](#)**

CMS-1485-N, entitled " Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals RY 2007: Proposed Annual Payment Rate Updates, Policy Changes, and Clarification," was released. This regulation affects REG_PROVIDERS.

[View CMS-1485-P](#)

CMS-2228-PN, entitled " Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the TUV Healthcare Specialists for Deeming Authority for Hospitals," was

released. This regulation affects REG_PROVIDERS. [**View CMS-2228-PN**](#)

CMS-3144-FN, entitled " Medicare Program; Approval of adjustment in Payment Amounts for New Technology Intraocular Lenses Furnished by Ambulatory Surgical Centers," was released. This regulation affects REG_PROVIDERS. [**View CMS-3144-FN**](#)

CMS-3162-N, entitled " Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee--March 30, 2006," was released. This regulation affects REG_PROVIDERS. [**View CMS-3162-N**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 46 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Cardiac Catheterization Performed in Other Than a Hospital Setting," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 46 \(PDF - 77 KB\)**](#)

Transmittal 819 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Modification to QR Modifier Edit for Automatic Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator (ICD) Services," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Outpatient Physical Therapy.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 819 \(PDF - 104 KB\)**](#)

01/23/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1306-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System Payment Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2006 (RY 2007)," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[**View CMS-1306-P**](#)

01/20/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 37 of Demonstrations, entitled "Revisions to CR 3816 - Low Vision Rehabilitation Demonstration," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 37 \(PDF - 143 KB\)**](#)

Transmittal 813 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Instructions for the Payment of Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and Physician Scarcity Area (PSA) Bonuses When the Place of Service (POS) is "Home"," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[**View the complete text of Transmittal 813 \(PDF - 95 KB\)**](#)

Transmittal 816 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Coverage and Billing for Ultrasound Stimulation for Nonunion Fracture Healing," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 816 \(PDF - 101 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 817 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to the Inpatient Provider Specific File (IPSF) and the Outpatient Provider Specific File (OPSF) to Retain Provider Information," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 817 \(PDF - 484 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 78 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Revisions to Chapter 5, "Quality Improvement.,"" was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 78 \(PDF - 601 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 814 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Claim Status Category Code and Claim Status Code Update," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 814 \(PDF - 106 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 815 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTC) Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 815 \(PDF - 101 KB\)](#)**

01/19/2006

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 90 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Recurring Update Notification for the Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 90 \(PDF - 117 KB\)](#)

01/17/2006

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1501-CN2 -- Correction, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2006

Payment Rates; Correction," was released. This regulation affects Physicians.
[View CMS-1501-CN2 \[correction\]](#)

01/13/2006

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

Transmittal 200 of the Medicare One-Time Special Notification Manual, entitled "Mandatory Transition to New Registry That Satisfies Medicare Data Reporting Requirements for Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICDs)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 200 \(PDF - 121 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 809 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to Payment Rates for Religious Non medical Health Care Institution Services Furnished in the Home, Calendar Year 2006," was released. This instruction affects Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 809 \(PDF - 144 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 811 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Teaching Physician Services," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 811 \(PDF - 165 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 811 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Teaching Physician Services," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 812 \(PDF - 123 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 89 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Mandated Use of Autoload Program in STAR, System Tracking for Audit and Reimbursement," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 89 \(PDF - 125 KB\)](#)

01/12/2006

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

Transmittal 9 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 2, entitled "Renal Dialysis Facility for Cost Reporting Form CMS-265-94," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 9 \(PDF - 381 KB\)](#)

01/10/2006

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

Transmittal 16 of the Medicare State Operations Manual, entitled " Revisions to Chapter 2, "The Certification Process," Appendix E-- "Providers of Outpatient Physical Therapy or Outpatient Speech Language Pathology (OPT/OSP) Services," and Appendix K-- "Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities", " was released. This instruction affects Outpatient Physical Therapy.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 16 \(PDF - 649 KB\)](#)

01/06/2006

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

Transmittal 805 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Annual Update to the Therapy Code List," was released. This instruction affects Outpatient Physical Therapy, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 805 \(PDF - 372 KB\)](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 808 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Nursing Facility Services (Codes 99304 - 99318)," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 808 \(PDF - 333 KB\)](#)

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

Transmittal 803 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Administration of Drugs and Biologicals in a Method II Critical Access Hospital (CAH)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 803 \(PDF - 139 KB\)](#)

Transmittal 804 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled " January 2006 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes, OPPS PRICER Logic Changes, and Instructions for Updating the Outpatient Provider Specific File (OPSF)," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 804 \(PDF - 1 MB\)](#)