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## What's New

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09/30/2005

### REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1269-N6, entitled "Medicare Program; Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG): Announcement of a New Member ," was released. This regulation affects Meeting Notices. [View CMS-1269-N6](#)

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

CMS-1286-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2006," was released. This regulation affects Hospice. [View CMS-1286-CN](#)

CMS-1287-IFC, entitled "Medicare Program; Health Care Infrastructure Improvement Program; Selection Criteria of Loan Program for Qualifying Hospitals Engaged in Cancer-Related Health Care ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-1287-IFC](#)

CMS-1290-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for FY 2006; Correction ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-1290-CN](#)

CMS-1307-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Criteria and Standards for Evaluating Intermediary, Carrier, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Regional Carrier Performance During Fiscal Year 2006; Correction Notice ," was released. This regulation affects Suppliers. [View CMS-1307-CN](#)

CMS-1320-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Health Care Infrastructure Improvement Program; Forgiveness of Indebtedness ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [\*\*View CMS-1320-P\*\*](#)

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

CMS-3144-NC, 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-NC\*\*](#)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 70 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Beneficiary Enrollment and Disenrollment Requirements for Medicare Advantage Plans," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 70\*\*](#) (PDF - 642 KB)

Transmittal 71 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Deletion of MCM Chapter 19 - The Enrollment and Payment User's Guide, and Chapter 20 - Managed Care and MA Systems Business Requirements.," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 71\*\*](#) (PDF - 60 KB)

Transmittal 72 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Changes in Manual Instructions for Benefits and Beneficiary Protections," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 72\*\*](#) (PDF - 468 KB)

Transmittal 73 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Changes in Manual Instructions for Intermediate Sanctions," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 73\*\*](#) (PDF - 63 KB)

Transmittal 125 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Medical Review Additional Documentation Requests," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 125\*\*](#) (PDF - 109 KB)

Transmittal 691 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 691\*\*](#) (PDF - 211 KB)

Transmittal 692 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH PPS) Changes," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 692\*\*](#) (PDF - 215 KB)

**09/29/2005**

## REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-2230-FN, entitled "State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); Redistribution of Unexpended SCHIP Funds From the Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2002 ," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. [\*\*View CMS-2230-FN\*\*](#)

09/27/2005

## INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 124 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Evidence of Medical Necessity: Wheelchair and Power Operated Vehicle (POV) Claims ," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 124 \(PDF - 204 KB\)\*\*](#)

09/23/2005

## REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1269-N5, entitled "Medicare Program; Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting--October 26, 2005 Through October 28, 2005 ," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[\*\*View CMS-1269-N5\*\*](#)

CMS-1307-GNC, entitled "Medicare Program; Criteria and Standards for Evaluating Intermediary, Carrier, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Regional Carrier Performance During Fiscal Year 2006 ," was released. This regulation affects Suppliers. [\*\*View CMS-1307-GNC\*\*](#)

CMS-2198-CN, entitled "Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [\*\*View CMS-2198-CN\*\*](#)

CMS-2227-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the Accreditation Commission for Healthcare for Deeming Authority for Home Health Agencies ," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[\*\*View CMS-2227-PN\*\*](#)

CMS-3159-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee--November 29, 2005," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [\*\*View CMS-3159-N\*\*](#)

CMS-8025-N, entitled "Part A Premium for Calendar Year 2006 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [\*\*View CMS-8025-N\*\*](#)

CMS-8026-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and

Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for Calendar Year 2006," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [\*\*View CMS-8026-N\*\*](#)

CMS-8027-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible for Calendar Year 2006 ," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. [\*\*View CMS-8027-N\*\*](#)

CMS-9032-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--April Through June 2005 ," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Businesses. [\*\*View CMS-9032-N\*\*](#)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED**

Transmittal 181 of the Medicare One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "National Modifier and Condition Code To Be Used To Identify Disaster Related Claims," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 181\*\*](#) (PDF - 95 KB)

Transmittal 688 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Appeals of Claims Decisions: Redeterminations and Reconsiderations (Implementation Dates for All Requests for Redetermination Received by FIs on or After May 1, 2005, And All Requests for Redetermination Received by Carriers on or After January 1, 2006)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 688\*\*](#) (PDF - 266 KB)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 683 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 6.3," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Hospice, Hospitals.

[\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 683\*\*](#) (PDF - 2 MB)

**09/16/2005**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-5017-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Health Care Quality (MHCQ) Demonstration Programs ," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

[\*\*View CMS-5017-N\*\*](#)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 674 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH PPS) Changes ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 674\*\*](#) (PDF - 415 KB)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED**

Transmittal 680 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Annual Update: Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Changes for FY 2006," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 680](#)** (PDF - 103 KB)

**09/14/2005**

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

Transmittal 121 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Evidence of Medical Necessity: Wheelchair and Power Operated Vehicle (POV) Claims," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 121](#)** (PDF - 204 KB)

**09/09/2005**

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

Transmittal 671 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Updated Manual Instructions for the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Regarding Smoking and Tobacco-Use Cessation Counseling Services," 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, Rural Health Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities, and Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 671](#)** (PDF - 126 KB)

Transmittal 672 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October Update to the 2005 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database ," was released. This instruction affects All Providers .

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 672](#)** (PDF - 126 KB)

Transmittal 673 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Manual Update on Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) Services - Manualization," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 673](#)** (PDF - 126 KB)

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal R1P239 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual, Part 2, entitled "Provider Reimbursement Manual, Part 2, Provider Cost Reporting Forms and Instructions Chapter 39, Form CMS 287-05," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal R1P239](#)** (PDF - 252 KB)

**09/07/2005**

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

Transmittal 34 of the Medicare Secondary Payer Manual, entitled "Manualization: Long-Standing MSP Policy in Chapter 1 of the Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Internet Only Manual (IOM)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 34](#)** (PDF - 262 KB)

**09/06/2005**

**REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1325-IFC2, entitled "Medicare Program; Competitive Acquisition of Outpatient Drugs and Biologicals Under Part B: Interpretation and Correction," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1325-IFC2](#)**

**09/02/2005**

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

Transmittal 667 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Home Care and Domiciliary Care Visits (Codes 99321 - 99350)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 667](#)** (PDF - 107 KB)

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 68 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Initial Publication of Chapter 1 - General Provisions," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 68](#)** (PDF - 130 KB)

Transmittal 69 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Revisions to Chapter 12, "Effect of Change of Ownership," and Chapter 14, "Contract Determination and Appeals"," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 69](#)** (PDF - 73 KB)

Transmittal 665 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October 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 665](#)** (PDF - 134 KB)

**09/01/2005**

**REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1308-NC, entitled "Medicare Program; Withdrawal of Ambulance Fee Schedule Issued in Accordance With Federal District Court Order in Lifestar Ambulance, Inc. v. United States, No. 4:02-CV-127-1 (M.D. Ga., Jan. 16,

2003)-- Medicare Covered Ambulance Services ," was released. This regulation affects Ambulance.

**[View CMS-1308-NC](#)**

CMS-1502-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2006; Corrections ," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1502-CN](#)**

CMS-4063-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card; Revision of Marketing Rules for Endorsed Drug Card Sponsors ," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-4063-F](#)**

CMS-4069-F3, entitled "Medicare Program; Establishment of the Medicare Advantage Program ," was released. This regulation affects Medicare + Choice. **[View CMS-4069-F3](#)**

**08/30/2005**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-6024-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Prior Determination for Certain Items and Services ," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-6024-P](#)**

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

Transmittal 664 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 6.3," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Hospice, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 664](#)** (PDF - 2 MB)

**08/26/2005**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1309-NC, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of an Application From a Hospital Requesting Waiver for Organ Procurement Service Area," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1309-NC](#)**

CMS-1330-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on the Medicare Provider Feedback Group (MPFG)--September 12, 2005 ," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1330-N](#)**

CMS-1486-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Announcement of New Members of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups ," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1486-N](#)**

CMS-1501-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2006 Payment Rates; Correction ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [\*\*View the Correction to CMS-1501-CN\*\*](#)

CMS-2198-P, entitled "Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments ," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. [\*\*View CMS-2198-P\*\*](#)  
[\*\*View Corrected Chart for CMS-2198-P\*\*](#)

CMS-2209-N, entitled "Medicaid Program; Fiscal Year Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments and Disproportionate Share Hospital Institutions for Mental Disease Limits ," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. [\*\*View CMS-2209-N\*\*](#)

CMS-2210-IFC, entitled "Medicaid Program; State Allotments for Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals: Federal Fiscal Year 2005 ," was released. This regulation affects medicaid. [\*\*View CMS-2210-IFC\*\*](#)

CMS-3017-IFC, entitled "Medicare Program; Conditions for Payment of Power Mobility Devices, including Power Wheelchairs and Power-Operated Vehicles," was released. This regulation affects Suppliers. [\*\*View CMS-3017-IFC\*\*](#)

CMS-4064-IFC3, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Medicare Claims Appeal Procedures: Correcting Amendment to a Correcting Amendment ," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. [\*\*View CMS-4064-IFC3\*\*](#)

CMS-4106-PN, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes in Medicare Advantage Deeming Authority ," was released. This regulation affects Medicare + Choice. [\*\*View CMS-4106-PN\*\*](#)

CMS-4111-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education, September 27, 2005 ," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [\*\*View CMS-4111-N\*\*](#)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 657 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version V11.3, Effective October 1, 2005 ," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 657\*\*](#) (PDF - 108 KB)

Transmittal 658 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Billing for Devices Under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [\*\*View the complete text of Transmittal 658\*\*](#) (PDF - 111 KB)

Transmittal 660 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 6.3," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Rural Health

Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Hospice, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 660](#)** (PDF - 1 MB)

Transmittal 662 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 662](#)** (PDF - 203 KB)

Transmittal 663 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update To The Hospice Payment Rates, Hospice Cap, Hospice Wage Index and the Hospice Pricer For FY 2006," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 663](#)** (PDF - 129 KB)

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

Transmittal 661 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October Update to the 2005 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 661](#)** (PDF - 123 KB)

**08/19/2005**

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

Transmittal 38 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Services Not Provided Within United States," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 38](#)** (PDF - 97 KB)

Transmittal 651 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for October 2005," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Medicare + Choice, Rural Health Clinics, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Non\_Physician Practitioners, Hospitals and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 651](#)** (PDF - 131 KB)

Transmittal 654 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Services Not Provided Within United States," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 654](#)** (PDF - 198 KB)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 653 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October 2005 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective October 1, 2005 and Revisions to April 2005 and July 2005 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File e," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, Rural Health Clinics, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 653](#)** (PDF - 122 KB)

Transmittal 655 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update To The Hospice Payment Rates, Hospice Cap, Hospice Wage Index and the Hospice Pricer For FY 2006," was released. This instruction affects Hospice.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 655](#)** (PDF - 171 KB)

**08/15/2005**

**REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1290-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for FY 2006," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[View CMS-1290-F](#)**

CMS-3198-P, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Condition of Participation: Immunization Standard for Long Term Care Facilities," was released. This regulation affects All Providers.

**[View CMS-3198-P](#)**

**08/12/2005**

**REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

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

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

Transmittal 11 of the State Operations Manual entitled "Revised Chapter 2-- "The Certification Process," Sections 2180E thru 2200F, and Appendix B-- "Interpretive Guidelines: Home Health Agencies" ," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 11](#)** (PDF - 171 KB)

Transmittal 28 of the Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement, entitled "Conforming Changes for Change Request 3648 to Pub. 100-01," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 28](#)** (PDF - 234 KB)

Transmittal 37 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Conforming Changes for Change Request 3648 to Pub. 100-02," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 37](#)** (PDF - 160 KB)

Transmittal 643 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Nature and Effect of Assignment on Carrier Claims," was released. This instruction

affects Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 643](#)** (PDF - 92 KB)

Transmittal 647 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2004 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 647](#)** (PDF - 80 KB)

Transmittal 650 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Manual Update on Medical Nutrition Therapy Services - Manualization ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Non-Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 650](#)** (PDF - 124 KB)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 67 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Changes in Requirements for Periodic Surveys of Current and Former Enrollees, and in the CMS Method for Calculating Interest on Overpayments and Underpayments to HMOs, CMPs and HCPPS," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 67](#)** (PDF - 74 KB)

Transmittal 644 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October 2005 Non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (Non-OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 21," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospice and Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 644](#)** (PDF - 504 KB)

**08/08/2005**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1502-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2006; Proposed Rule ," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1502-P](#)**

**08/05/2005**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED**

Transmittal 636 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Instructions for Implementation of CMS Ruling 05-01; Presbyopia-Correcting Intraocular Lens (P-C IOLs)," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Hospitals and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 636](#)** (PDF - 144 KB)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 66 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Beneficiary

Enrollment and Disenrollment Requirements for Medicare Advantage Plans," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 66](#)** (PDF - 698 KB)

Transmittal 635 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Financial Liability for Services Subject to Home Health Consolidated Billing," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Non-Physician Practitioners, Home Health Agencies and Outpatient Physical Therapy.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 635](#)** (PDF - 138 KB)

Transmittal 639 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Cessation of Additional \$50 Payment for New Technology Intraocular Lenses (NTIOLs)," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 639](#)** (PDF - 119 KB)

Transmittal 640 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update FY 2006," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 640](#)** (PDF - 80 KB)

Transmittal 641 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "October 2005 Quarterly Update to Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 641](#)** (PDF - 75 KB)

Transmittal 642 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 642](#)** (PDF - 686 KB)

**08/04/2005**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1282-F, 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-F](#)**

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

CMS-2220-N, entitled "Medicaid Program; Meeting of the Medicaid Commission--August 17-18, 2005," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-2220-N](#)**

CMS-6019-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Revised Civil Money Penalties, Assessments, Exclusions, and Related Appeals Procedures ," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-6019-P](#)**

**07/29/2005**

## **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 627 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Low Osmolar Contrast Material (LOCM) HCPCS Codes/Payment Criteria/Payment Level ," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 627](#)** (PDF - 62 KB)

Transmittal 628 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Radiopharmaceutical Diagnostic Imaging Agents Codes Applicable to PET Scan Services Performed on or After January 28, 2005," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospitals and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 628](#)** (PDF - 107 KB)

**07/25/2005**

### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1501-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2006 Payment Rates ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1501-P](#)**

**07/22/2005**

### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1315-N, entitled "Medicare Program; August 22, 2005, Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council and Request for Nominations," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**[View CMS-1315-N](#)**

CMS-3142-FN, entitled "Medicare Program; Evaluation Criteria and Standards for Quality Improvement Program Contracts," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

**[View CMS-3142-FN](#)**

CMS-3153-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee--October 6, 2005," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**[View CMS-3153-N](#)**

CMS-3158-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for Members for the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**[View CMS-3158-N](#)**

CMS-4093-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**[View CMS-4093-N](#)**

## **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 609 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 609](#)** (PDF - 87 KB)

Transmittal 613 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New HCPCS Codes and Systems Edits for Supplies and Accessories for Ventricular Assist Devices - Full Replacement of CR 3761," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 613](#)** (PDF - 156 KB)

Transmittal 615 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revision of Chapter 24, EDI Support Requirements," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

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

Transmittal 166 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Overnight Oximetry Testing," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 166](#)** (PDF - 79 KB)

Transmittal 612 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Abarelix for Treatment of Prostrate Cancer," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 612](#)** (PDF - 121 KB)

Transmittal 617 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Administration of Drugs and Biologicals in a Method II Critical Access Hospital (CAH)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

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**07/18/2005**

#### **INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 71 of the Medicare Financial Management Manual, entitled "Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayment and Underpayments," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 71](#)** (PDF - 111 KB)

**07/15/2005**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 605 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Frequency Instructions for Smoking and Tobacco-Use Cessation Counseling Services," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 605](#)** (PDF - 111 KB)

Transmittal 606 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Program-Update to the Hospice Payment Rates, Hospice Cap, Hospice Wage Index and the Hospice Pricer for FY 2005," was released. This instruction affects Hospices.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 606](#)** (PDF - 94 KB)

**07/14/2005**

**REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1301-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2006," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

**[View CMS-1301-P](#)**

CMS-1288-CN, entitled "Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups--August 17, 18, and 19, 2005; Correction," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**[View CMS-1288-CN](#)**

**07/12/2005**

**REGULATION PUBLISHED**

CMS-2212-N, entitled "Medicaid Program; Meeting of the Medicaid Commission--July 27, 2005 ," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-2212-N](#)**

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

Transmittal 602 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " ," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospice, Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, and Home Health Agencies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 602](#)** (PDF - 100 KB)

**07/08/2005**

**REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1288-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups--August 17, 18, and 19, 2005 ," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1288-N](#)**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 161 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Kansas Blue Cross Blue Shield Carrier Numbering Issue," was released. This instruction

affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 161](#)** (PDF - 140 KB)

**07/07/2005**

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

Transmittal 601 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 601](#)** (PDF - 142 KB)