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What's New

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12/30/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1249-CN2, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Corrections," was released. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View CMS-1249-CN2](#)

CMS-1285-N, entitled "Medicare Program: Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups (Panel)--February 23, 24, and 25, 2005, and Re-chartering of APC Panel on November 8, 2004," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [View CMS-1285-N](#)

CMS-1292-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on the Fiscal Year 2006 Applications for New Medical Services and Technologies Add-on Payments Under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System Scheduled for February 23, 2005," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. [View CMS-1292-N](#)

CMS-1427-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2005 Payment Rates; Wage Index Tables and Corrections," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-1427-CN](#)

CMS-1428-F2, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2005 Rates; Correcting Amendment," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1428-F2](#)

CMS-2490-N, entitled "CLIA Program; Continued Approval of the American Association of Blood Banks for Deeming Authority," was released. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories. [View CMS-2490-N](#)

CMS-4041-IFC, entitled "This interim final rule with comment period corrects a technical error made in the August 22, 2003 final rule "Modifications to Medicare Rules" (68 FR 50840).," was released. This regulation affects Medicare+Choice. [**View CMS-4041-IFC**](#)

CMS-4077-FN, entitled "Medicare Program; Approval of the National Committee for Quality Assurance Deeming Authority for Medicare Advantage Local Preferred Provider Organizations," was released. This regulation affects Medicare+Choice. [**View CMS-4077-FN**](#)

CMS-9024-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--July 2004 Through September 2004," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-9024-N**](#)

CMS-9026-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Timeline for Publication of Medicare Final Regulations After Proposed or Interim Final Regulations" was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business. [**View CMS-9026-N**](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 7 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual, Part 2, entitled "Cost Reporting Forms, Chapter 18," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 7**](#) (PDF - 176 KB)

Transmittal 14 of Demonstrations, entitled "Chemotherapy Demonstration Project," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 14**](#) (PDF - 53 KB)

Transmittal 420 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Good Cause Waiver of Late Claim Filing Payment Reduction Penalty and Monitoring of Late Claims Submissions. Full Replacement of CR 3402, Which Was Rescinded," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 420**](#) (PDF - 32 KB)

Transmittal 421 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to January 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 421**](#) (PDF - 26 KB)

Transmittal 422 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to FY 2005 Wage Index for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Hospitals," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [**View the complete text of Transmittal 422**](#) (PDF - 171 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 419 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January

2005 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 419](#) (PDF - 146 KB)

12/23/2004

REGULATION PUBLISHED

CMS-5036-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Solicitation for Proposals for the Cancer Prevention and Treatment Demonstration for Ethnic and Racial Minorities," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[View CMS-5036-N](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 417 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE)-(Note: This is a full replacement of CR 3413, transmittal 294, dated September 3, 2004. CR 3413 is rescinded.)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 417](#) (PDF - 82 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 411 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF)," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 411](#) (PDF - 70 KB)

Transmittal 414 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Emergency Update to the 2005 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 414](#) (PDF - 101 KB)

Transmittal 415 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Temporary Change in Carrier Jurisdictional Pricing Rules for Purchased Diagnostic Services," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 415](#) (PDF - 120 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 412 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing Service Furnished under an "Arrangement" with an Outside Entity," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 412](#)** (PDF - 94 KB)

Transmittal 413 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update FY 2005 for 9 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) with New Wage Index Values Effective January 1, 2005," was released. This instruction affects

Skilled Nursing Facilities. [View the complete text of Transmittal 413](#) (PDF - 66 KB)

Transmittal 416 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Interest Payment on Clean Non-PIP Claims Not Paid Timely," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 416](#) (PDF - 87 KB)

12/21/2004

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

Transmittal 399 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "", was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 399](#) (PDF - 287 KB)

Transmittal 401 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "2005 Part B Deductible Update to the Back Page of Medicare Summary Notices," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 401](#) (PDF - 205 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 409 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Diabetes Screening Tests," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 409](#) (PDF - 177 KB)

12/17/2004

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 131 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Coverage of Routine Costs of Clinical Trials Involving Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) Category A Devices," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 131](#) (PDF - 93 KB)

Transmittal 408 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Cardiovascular Disease Screening," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 408](#) (PDF - 162 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 402 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January Update to the Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 20.1 for Bills From Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under The Outpatient Prospective Payment System (Non-OPPS)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 402](#) (PDF - 555 KB)

Transmittal 403 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Billing for Devices that do not have Transitional Pass-Through Status, and that are not Classified as New Technology Ambulatory Payment Classification

(APC) Groups," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [View the complete text of Transmittal 403](#) (PDF - 175 KB)

Transmittal 407 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Hospital Billing for Repetitive Services," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. [View the complete text of Transmittal 407](#) (PDF - 123 KB)

12/10/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 129 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "2005 Drug Administration Coding Revisions," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. [View the complete text of Transmittal 129](#) (PDF - 98 KB)

Transmittal 394 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Dispensing/Supply Fee Codes for Oral Anti-Cancer, Oral Ant-Emetic, Immunosuppressive, and Inhalation Drugs," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. [View the complete text of Transmittal 394](#) (PDF - 52 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 390 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Announcement of Medicare Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Payment Rate Increases - Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) as it Applies to RHC and FQHC Service," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics. [View the complete text of Transmittal 390](#) (PDF - 31 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 26 of the National Coverage Determination Manual, entitled "Electrocardiographic Services," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 26](#) (PDF - 35 KB)

Transmittal 90 of the Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Prepayment Review of Claims for MR Purposes," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 90](#) (PDF - 68 KB)

Transmittal 91 of the Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Revision of Program Integrity Manual (PIM), Section 3.11.1.4," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 91](#) (PDF - 29 KB)

Transmittal 392 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2003 for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. [View the complete text of Transmittal 392](#) (PDF - 45 KB)

Transmittal 393 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "2005 Part B Deductible Update to the Back Page of Medicare Summary Notices," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 393](#)** (PDF - 110 KB)

Transmittal 12 of Demonstrations, entitled "Chemotherapy Demonstration Project," was released. This instruction affects Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 12](#)** (PDF - 43 KB)

12/03/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 64 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Surveys, Contracting Strategy, Grievances and Appeals," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 64](#)** (PDF - 202 KB)

Transmittal 385 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of OPPS Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Data Changes and OPPS PRICER Logic Changes; Changes to Payment for Diagnostic Mammography," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 385](#)** (PDF - 453 KB)

Transmittal 387 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "This instruction is to inform the fiscal intermediaries that the January 2005 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Outpatient Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications have been updated with new additions, changes, and deletions," was released. This instruction affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities, and Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospice and Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 387](#)** (PDF - 801 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 28 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Hospice Pre-Election Evaluation and Counseling Services," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 28](#)** (PDF - 32 KB)

Transmittal 386 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Hospice Pre-Election Evaluation and Counseling Services," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 386](#)** (PDF - 30 KB)

11/30/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1374-GNC, entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2005; Correction," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View CMS-1265-CN2](#)

CMS-1428-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2005 Rates; Extension for the Hospital Applications To Receive Increases in Full Time Equivalent Resident Caps for Graduate Medical Education Payment," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1428-N](#)**

11/26/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1374-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 2005 ," was released. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies. **[View CMS-1374-GNC](#)**

CMS-1478-PN, entitled "Medicare Program; Update of Ambulatory Surgical Center List of Covered Procedures ," was released. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers. **[View CMS-1478-PN](#)**

CMS-2175-F, entitled "Medicaid Program; Time Limitation on Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Drug Rebate Program ," was released. This regulation affects Suppliers. **[View CMS-2175-F](#)**

CMS-2202-FN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Approval of Application for Deeming Authority for Ambulatory Surgical Centers by the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc. ," was released. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers. **[View CMS-2202-FN](#)**

CMS-3149-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee--January 25, 2005 ," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-3149-N](#)**

CMS-4004-FC, entitled "Medicare Program; Expedited Determination Procedures for Provider Service Terminations ," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-4004-FC](#)**

CMS-5011-WN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Notice of Withdrawal of the Solicitation of Proposals for the Private, for-Profit Demonstration Project for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

(PACE) ," was released. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[View CMS-5011-WN](#)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 377 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Misclassified Drugs and Biologicals, Ganciclovir Long Act Implant, Bcg Live Intravesical Vac, and Gallium ga 67; Adjustments Due to Misclassification," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 377](#) (PDF - 29 KB)

Transmittal 378 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Full Replacement of CR 3308, Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Changes to Allow for Provider Liability Days on Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) and Swing Bed Facility Inpatient Bills," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 378](#) (PDF - 39 KB)

Transmittal 382 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Independent Laboratory Billing for the Technical Component (TC) of Physician Pathology Services to Hospital Patients," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 382](#) (PDF - 59 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 380 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) edit Software for January 2005," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Medicare + Choice, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Hospitals and Rural Health Clinics.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 380](#) (PDF - 23 KB)

11/19/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 5 of the Static Operations Provider Certifications Manual, entitled "Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 5](#) (PDF - 815 KB)

Transmittal 373 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New ESRD Composite Payment Rates Effective January 1, 2005," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 373](#) (PDF - 350 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 369 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Fee

Schedule Update for 2005 for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 369](#) (PDF - 149 KB)

11/17/2004

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

Transmittal 4 of the Static Operations Provider Certifications Manual, entitled "Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 4](#) (PDF - 279 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 339 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Calendar Year (CY) 2005 Participation Enrollment and Medicare Participating Physicians and Suppliers Directory (MEDPART) Procedures ," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 339](#) (PDF - 265 KB)

11/15/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1213-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1213-F](#)

CMS-1267-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Coverage and Payment of Ambulance Services; Recalibration of Conversion Factor; Inflation Update for CY 2005," was released. This regulation affects Ambulances.

[View CMS-1267-N](#)

CMS-1427-FC, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2005 Payment Rates," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1427-FC](#)**

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

11/12/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 63 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Chapter 5 and Chapter 17B," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 63](#) (PDF - 148 KB)

11/05/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 363 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "2005 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 363](#) (PDF - 159 KB)

11/04/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 59 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 59](#) (PDF - 24 KB)

Transmittal 361 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "MMA Drug Pricing Update - Payment Limit for J0207 (Amifostine)," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 361](#) (PDF - 129 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 362 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to the Prospective Payment System (PPS) for Home Health Agencies for Calendar Year (CY) 2005 ," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 362](#) (PDF - 42 KB)

10/29/2004

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 338 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Removal of the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) No Pay File," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 338](#) (PDF - 145 KB)

Transmittal 340 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Home Health Consolidated Billing Enforcement," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 340](#) (PDF - 31 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 123 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Instructions For Pricing Trepostinil (Q4077)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 123](#) (PDF - 128 KB)

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

Transmittal 24 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Revision of §300.5.1, Chapter 15 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual to include 22x TOB as an applicable TOB for Diabetes Self-Management Training.," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 24](#)** (PDF - 24 KB)

Transmittal 347 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Classification Requirements," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 347](#) (PDF - 97 KB)

Transmittal 351 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Editing of Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities Part B Inpatient Services (Full Replacement of Change Request 3366)," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 351](#) (PDF - 52 KB)

10/22/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1265-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2005," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies. **[View CMS-1265-F](#)**

CMS-1302-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on the Medicare Provider Feedback Group (MPFG) November 16, 2004," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1302-N](#)**

CMS-1484-N, entitled "Medicare Program; November 22, 2004, Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1484-N](#)**

CMS-4078-N, entitled "Medicare Program: Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education--November 30, 2004," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-4078-N](#)**

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

Transmittal 11 of the Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual, entitled "Manual Revision Regarding Waiver of Annual Deductible and Coinsurance for Both ASC Facility, and ASC/Hospital Outpatient Department Physician Services," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 11](#)** (PDF - 68 KB)

Transmittal 315 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled

"Temporary Change in Carrier Jurisdictional Pricing Rules for Purchased Diagnostic Services," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 315](#) (PDF - 84 KB)

Transmittal 316 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification of Messages in Chapter 1, Section 10.1.1.1 to Match Official Listing on the WPC-EDI Web Site," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 316](#) (PDF - 53 KB)

Transmittal 317 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification to Chapter 26 of the Internet Only Manual (IOM)," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 317](#) (PDF - 99 KB)

Transmittal 318 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Clarification of CR 3176 - Payment amounts for ESRD drug administration supplies: HCPCS A4657 and A4913," was released. This instruction affects Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 318](#) (PDF - 82 KB)

Transmittal 322 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Release Medlearn Article for Change Request (CR) 2813 (End Stage Renal Disease Reimbursement for Automated Multi-channel Chemistry Test(s)).," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 322](#) (PDF - 57 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 320 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reminder Notice of the Implementation of the Ambulance Transition Schedule," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 320](#) (PDF - 85 KB)

Transmittal 324 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) edits, Version 11.0, Effective January 1, 2005," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 324](#) (PDF - 86 KB)

Transmittal 325 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests-January 1, 2005," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 325](#) (PDF - 604 KB)

Transmittal 328 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "2005 Annual Update for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing for the Common Working File (CWF) and Medicare Carriers," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 328](#) (PDF - 138 KB)

INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZED

Transmittal 334 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment of Beneficiary Submitted Flu Claims and Flu Claims Submitted by Non-Enrolled Providers," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. [View the complete text of Transmittal 334](#) (PDF - 55 KB)

10/15/2004

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

Transmittal 25 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 25](#) (PDF - 45 KB)

Transmittal 314 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 314](#) (PDF - 119 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 313 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 313](#) (PDF - 163 KB)

10/13/2004

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

Transmittal 311 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Instructions for Completion of Form CMS-1450," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 311](#) (PDF - 2 MB)

10/08/2004

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

Transmittal 426 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual - Part 1, entitled "For Assets Acquired On or After May 1, 2004," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 426](#) (PDF - 34 KB)

10/07/2004

REGULATIONS PUBLISHED

CMS-1249-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and

Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Corrections," was released. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities. [View CMS-1249-CN](#)

CMS-1360-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Fiscal Year 2005; Correction," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-1360-CN](#)

CMS-1428-CN2, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2005 Rates; Corrections," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. [View CMS-1428-CN2](#)

10/04/2004

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --
ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZED**

Transmittal 114 One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Payment Allowances for the Influenza Virus Vaccine (CPT 90658) and the Pneumococcal Vaccine (CPT 90732)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 114](#) (PDF - 72 KB)

10/01/2004

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

Transmittal 23 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Treatment of Obesity," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 23](#) (PDF - 56 KB)

Transmittal 24 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Update to Chapter 1, Section 220.6 - Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 24](#) (PDF - 55 KB)

Transmittal 306 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Full Replacement of CR 3415, 3rd Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 306](#) (PDF - 122 KB)

INSTRUCTION RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 309 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS), Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) and Other Bill Processing Changes Related to the IPPS Final Rule," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

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