



Medicare Part A Cost Report Overpayments: Default Recoupment Date Extension

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Affected Providers

- Home health agencies
- Hospices
- Hospitals
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for Medicare Part A services

Action Needed

Make sure your billing staff knows about changes to Part A cost report overpayments, effective January 4, 2027.

Key Updates

CMS is extending the Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System default recoupment date for Part A cost report overpayments from 16 to 41 calendar days after the demand date. This change more closely aligns with the schedule for other recoupments, such as Part A and Medicare Part B claim overpayments, which start on day 41. We expect this change to reduce the financial burden of administrative processes in the Medicare Program that increase costs and reduce efficiency.

If you don't repay an overpayment in full by day 40, we start overpayment recoupment, subject to provisions found in section 935(f)(2) of the [Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003](#), unless the overpayment is an excluded category, such as:

- Extended repayment schedule (ERS) request
- Approved ERS
- Appeal
- Bankruptcy

More Information

We issued CR 14457 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change. For more information, find your [MAC's website](#).

Document History

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