

Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement What's New Archive

December 4, 2023 – New Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside (WCMSA) Fiscal Year Statistics 2023 Now Available.

A new report titled Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside (WCMSA) Fiscal Year Statistics 2023 is now available on the Reports page.

July 3, 2023 – Updated Self-Administration Toolkit for WCMSAs Now Available

An updated Self-Administration Toolkit for WCMSAs version 1.4 is now available in the Download section of the WCMSA Self-Administration page. See Chapter 1 for a summary of changes.

May 15, 2023 – Updated Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangements (WCMSA) Reference Guide Now Available

Version 3.9 of the WCMSA Reference Guide is now available in the Download section of the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements page. Please refer to Chapter 1 for a summary of changes.

April 24, 2023 - Use of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) 2020 Life Tables

Beginning April 29, 2023, CMS will utilize the CDC's "Table 1: Life Table for the total population: United States, 2020" for the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside life expectancy calculations. A link to the CDC's 2020 Life Tables can be found in the Related Links section at the bottom of this page.

November 14, 2022 – Update Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements (WCMSA) Reference Guide is Now Available

The WCMSA Reference Guide version 3.8 is now available in the Download section of the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements page. Please review section 1.1 for a summary of updates in this version of the guide.

June 6, 2022 – Update Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements (WCMSA) Reference Guide is Now Available

The WCMSA Reference Guide version 3.7 is now available in the Download section of the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements page. Please review section 1.1 for a summary of changes in this version of the guide.

May 31, 2022 - Use of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) 2019 Life Tables

Beginning June 4, 2022, CMS will utilize the CDC's "Table 1: Life Table for the total population: United States, 2019" for the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside life expectancy calculations. A link to the CDC's 2019 Life Tables can be found in the Related Links section at the bottom of this page.

March 21, 2022 – Update Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements (WCMSA) Reference Guide is Now Available

The WCMSA Reference Guide version 3.6 is now available in the Download section of the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements page. Please review section 1.1 for a summary of changes in this version of the guide.

February 7, 2022 – CMS to Host Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside (WCMSA) Webinar

CMS will be hosting a WCMSA webinar covering a variety of topics on Thursday February 17th, 2022. Full webinar details are available in the announcement in the Download section below.

June 15, 2021- Updated CMS Regional Office Contacts List Now Available

An updated CMS Regional Office contacts list is now available in the Downloads section of the WCMSA Submission page.

April 21, 2021 – Updated Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements (WCMSA) Reference Guide Now Available

The WCMSA Reference Guide version 3.3 is now available in the Download section of the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements page.

March 3, 2021 - Use of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) 2018 Life Tables

Beginning March 27, 2021, CMS will convert to the CDC's "Table 1: Life Table for the total population: United States, 2018" for the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside life expectancy calculations. A link to the CDC's 2018 Life Tables can be found in the Related Links section at the bottom of this page.

October 5, 2020 – Updated Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements (WCMSA) Reference Guide Now Available

The WCMSA Reference Guide version 3.2 is now available in the Download section of the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements page.

March 17, 2020 - Use of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) 2017 Life Tables

Beginning April 25, 2020, CMS will convert to the CDC's "Table 1: Life Table for the total population: United States, 2017" for the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside life expectancy calculations. A link to the CDC's 2017 Life Tables can be found in the Related Links section at the bottom of this page.

February 21, 2020 – Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside (WCMSA) Attestation Enhancements Questions and Answers Documents Now Available

New documents titled Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside (WCMSA) Attestation Enhancements Questions and Answers for Beneficiaries and Self-Administrators and Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside (WCMSA) Attestation Enhancements Questions and Answers for Professional Administrators are now available in the Downloads section below.

November 18, 2019 –Workers' Compensation Attestation Enhancement Webinar for Professional Administration and Corporate Account Users Now Available

The presentation for the November 6, 2019 Workers' Compensation Attestation Enhancement Webinar for Professional; Administration and Corporate Account Users is now available in the Download section below.

November 8, 2019 –Workers' Compensation Attestation Enhancement Webinar for Self-Administration and Representative Account Users Now Available

The presentation for the October 30, 2019 Workers' Compensation Attestation Enhancement Webinar for Self-Administration and Representative Account Users is now available in the Download section below.

October 28, 2019 - Revised Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement (WCMSA) Reference Guide Now Available

Version 3.0 of the WCMSA Reference Guide is now available in the Download section of the Worker's Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements page.

October 28, 2019 - Revised Self-Administration Toolkit for WCMSAs Now Available

A revised version of the Self-Administration Toolkit for WCMSAs is now available in the Download section of the WCMSA Self-Administration page.

October 4, 2019 – CMS to Host Two Webinars to Highlight New Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside (WCMSA) Electronic Attestation Enhancements.

CMS will be hosting two webinars to highlight new Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside (WCMSA) Electronic Attestation Enhancements. The first webinar, to be held on October 30, 2019, will be for Medicare beneficiaries and their representatives. The second webinar, to be held on November 6, 2019, will be for Professional Administrators. Complete details for the two webinars are available in the Downloads section below.

September 16, 2019 - Use of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) 2016 Life Tables Correction

Please note that this posting includes a date correction. Beginning October 12, 2019, CMS will convert to the CDC's "Table 1: Life Table for the total population: United States, 2016" for the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside life expectancy calculations. A link to the CDC's 2016 Life Tables may be found in the Related Links section at the bottom of this page.

January 7, 2019 - Revised Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement Reference Guide

Version 2.9 of the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement (WCMSA) Reference Guide is now available in the Download section of the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements page. This version includes updates for CDC Life Tables 2015, in addition to providing clarifications to existing policies. See section 1.1 of the guide for a summary of changes.

December 5, 2018 - Use of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) 2015 Life Tables

Beginning January 5, 2019, CMS will convert to the CDC's "Table 1: Life Table for the total population: United States, 2015" for the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside life expectancy calculations. A link to the CDC's 2015 Life Tables may be found in the Related Links section at the bottom of this page.

December 14, 2017 - WCMSAs and Opioids

CMS understands the concerns regarding the opioid crisis occurring in the United States. We are committed to ensuring the determination of Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangement (WCMSA) amounts are an adequate projection of claimant's needs for future medical services and prescription drugs. CMS continually evaluates all policies and procedures related to WCMSA amounts. Any changes that Medicare pursues related to this issue will be reflected in our WCMSA amount review process.

More information on the WCMSA process can be found in the WCMSA Reference Guide.

December 11, 2017 - Use of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) 2014 Life Tables

CMS will begin referencing the CDC's Table 1: Life Table for the total population: United States, 2014, for WCMSA life expectancy calculations on December 11, 2017. A link to the CDC's 2014 Life Tables can be found in the Related Links section at the bottom of the page.

October 24, 2017 – Consideration for Expansion of Medicare Set-Aside Arrangements (MSA)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to consider expanding its voluntary Medicare Set-Aside Arrangements (MSA) review process to include liability insurance (including self-insurance) and no-fault insurance MSA amounts. CMS will work closely with the stakeholder community to identify how best to implement this potential expansion of voluntary MSA reviews. Please continue to monitor this website for updates and announcements of town hall meetings in the near future.

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July 31, 2017 – Revised Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement Reference Guide

Version 2.6 of the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement (WCMSA) Reference Guide is now available in the Download section of the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Arrangements page. In addition to providing clarifications to existing policies, CMS has expanded the criteria for submission of a WCMSA re-review. Effective 07/31/2017, submitters can submit a re-review request where CMS has provided an approved amount, but settlement has not occurred and the medical care that supported the approved amount has changed substantially. The clarifications also address situations where certain states rely on Utilization Review processes to justify proposed WCMSA amounts. Please refer to the revised WCMSA Reference Guide for more details.

March 8, 2017 - Use of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) 2012 Life Tables

CMS will begin referencing the CDC's Table 1: Life Table for the total population: United States, 2012, for WCMSA life expectancy calculations on April 1, 2017. A link to the CDC's 2012 Life Tables may be found in the Related Links section near the bottom of the page.