



MEDICARE DRUG AND HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION GROUP

MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations

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SUBJECT: Providing Hospitals with FY 2006 Data Necessary for Calculating Medicare DSH and LIP Payments

On March 6, 2009, CMS instructed hospitals to submit fiscal year 2006 inpatient claims data for their Medicare Advantage (MA) patients so that their MA inpatient hospital days could be included in the calculation of the Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital and the Low Income Patient adjustments. CMS has learned from several hospitals that some MA plans have not yet provided the requested data, such as the Medicare beneficiary Health Insurance Claim (HIC) number based on a patient's Medicare Advantage ID number. As a result, CMS is notifying plans that they should make every effort to submit the information to hospitals when asked. Hospitals must submit the data no later than November 30, 2009.

A copy of the March 2009 notification to hospitals, which includes background information on this issue, is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R1695CP.pdf>.