

## **2012 Archive**

### **December 17, 2012 – Use of CDC's 2008 Table 1: Life Table**

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has published its 2008 United States Life Tables. Effective January 19, 2013, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will begin referencing the CDC's Table 1: Life table for the total population: United States, 2008, for WCMSA life expectancy calculations. This means that for any newly submitted WCMSA proposal received by CMS' Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC), uploaded via the Web portal, or where any WCMSA case is reopened on or after January 19, 2013, CMS will apply the CDC's 2008 Table 1 for life expectancy calculations. As a courtesy, a link to the CDC's United States Life Tables 2008 will be provided, at a later date, in the related links section outside of CMS section of this page.

### **November 4, 2012 – Update regarding WCCCS and WCMSAP Outage**

The Workers' Compensation Case Control System (WCCCS) and the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-aside Portal (WCMSAP) are currently operational. The Workers' Compensation Review Contractor (WCRC) has resumed its duties. Thank you for your patience during this natural disaster.

### **October 31, 2012 – Notification of WCCCS and WCMSAP Outage**

Due to the recent hurricane that impacted the East Coast of the United States of America, the Workers' Compensation Case Control System (WCCCS) and the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-aside Portal (WCMSAP) are currently not operational. We are working diligently to restore these systems. We will provide additional updates to all stakeholders, via this web site, as warranted.

### **September 13, 2012 – CMS response to inquiries regarding WCMSA proposals dated prior to 7/2/2012**

The Centers' for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has received a number of inquiries regarding proposals previously submitted to the Agency. Please be assured that the Workers' Compensation Review Contractor (WCRC) is reviewing proposed WCMSA amounts submitted to CMS prior to July 2, 2012. We are confident that submitters, Medicare beneficiaries and other program stakeholders will soon begin to see an increase in CMS' communications regarding WCMSA proposals dated prior to July 2, 2012, and after. The CMS strives to provide all WCMSA stakeholders the best customer service possible; and CMS is continually working to improve the WCMSA process.

### **August 9, 2012 – CMS determination related to TENS Units for CLBP**

Information regarding the application of CMS' recent determination related to TENS Units for Chronic Low Back Pain (CLBP) and the WCMSA review process has been posted, as a download document, to the WCMSA-Related Topics page.

### **June 22, 2012 – Notification of WCRC's new phone number**

**Effective July 2, 2012**, you may contact the Workers' Compensation Review Contractor (WCRC) at its NEW toll free telephone number 1-855-280-3550. The WCRC's hours of operation will be 9:00am to 5:00pm EST, Monday thru Friday.