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SUBJECT: Schedule for Completing the Calendar Year 2006 Fee Updates and the Participating Physician Enrollment Procedures.

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This schedule is provided as a convenience for the carriers. It requires no action and is informational only. Any associated action will be directed through the listed change requests (CRs) and manual instructions. Target dates are subject to change.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :

EFFECTIVE DATE : September 2, 2005

IMPLEMENTATION DATE : September 2, 2005

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / SubSection / Title
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III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One-Time Notification

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Schedule for Completing the Calendar Year (CY) 2006 Fee Schedule Updates and the Participating Physician Enrollment Process

<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Responsible Component</u>	<u>Activity</u>
August, 2005	CMS/DPCP	Issue instruction, "Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) 2006 File Layout," which updates the manual to correspond with the CY 2006 file layout.
September, 2005	CMS/DCPC	Issue "Instructions for Implementing and Updating 2006 Payment Amounts for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)," to notify DMERCs, SADMERC, and local carriers of codes subject to DME gap-filling. Includes instructions on gap-filling, crosswalking and any needed adjustments to base fees as well as instructions for updating 2006 DMEPOS fee schedule. Also includes instructions for the maintenance process for the 2006 DMEPOS.
September 13, 2005	CMS/DDS	Release 2006 MPFSDB Test File.
September 2005	CMS/DPCP	Issue reminder instruction for the annual 2006 update: "2006 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)."
October 1, 2005	CMS/DPCP	HPSA zip code files to carriers available on CMS mainframe. These files are effective 1/1/06.
October 4, 2005	DMERCs Carriers	DMERCs submit base fee changes for 2006 updates.
October 12, 2005	CMS/DDS	Release the 2006 HCPCS file via the CMS mainframe. Available after 8 p.m. e.s.t. (This date is dependent upon receipt of tape from the American Medical Association.)
Mid-October 2005	CMS/DDS	Release the 2006 MPFSDB to carriers via the CMS mainframe. DDS to include 2006 fee schedule amount.
October 14, 2005	CMS/DPCP	Issue instruction regarding, "Calendar Year (CY) 2006 Participation Enrollment and Medicare Participating Physicians and Suppliers Directory (MEDPARD) Procedures," which provides guidance on mailing the PAR DOC information.
October 21, 2005	CMS/DPCP	Mail hard copy of data from 2006 MPFSDB. Files will include procedure codes, status code indicators, relative value units, and payment policy indicators. ROs will use in validation efforts.

<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Responsible Component</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Mid-November, 2005	CMS/DDS/DAS	Release 2006 ambulance fee schedule data file electronically via CMS mainframe to carriers.
November, 2005	CMS/DAS	Issue instruction regarding the ambulance fee schedule update.
November 1, 2005		Final rule implementing CY 2006 relative value units and payment policies to be published.
November 1, 2005	CMS/DCPC/DDS	Release DMEPOS fee schedules.
November 3, 2005	CMS/DDS/DAS	Furnish clinical laboratory fee schedule data file to carriers.
November 9, 2005	Carriers	Begin mailing of participation enrollment information to providers via first class mail or equivalent delivery for receipt no later than November 15, 2005.
November 11, 2005	CMS/DPS/DDS	Make the 2006 physician fee schedule amounts available on the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) Home Page if the final rule has been published.
November 11, 2005	DMERCs Carriers	Submit DME gap-filled amounts to DDS.
	Carriers	Furnish 2006 physician fee schedule amounts to DDS for the carrier priced codes.
November 16, 2005	CMS/DDS	2006 DMEPOS fee schedule available on the CMS Home Page for use by RRB, IHS, UMW, State Medicaid agencies, and general public.
November 18, 2005	CMS/DDS	Furnish clinical laboratory fee schedule data file to Indian Health Service (IHS), United Mine Workers (UMW), RRB, State Medicaid agencies, and general public. Also available on the CMS website on or after this date.
November 22, 2005	Carriers	Furnish reasonable charge pricing files to, intermediaries IHS, UMW, RRB and State Medicaid Agencies. Furnish carrier priced codes to State Medicaid Agencies.

<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Responsible Component</u>	<u>Activity</u>
November 29, 2005	CMS/DDS/DSCP	Furnish 2006 Purchased Diagnostic abstract MPPSDB to carriers.
December 7, 2005	CMS/DDS	Furnish 2006 physician fee schedule amounts to IHS, UMW and RRB for local carrier priced codes.
December 8, 2005	CMS/DDS	Compute 2006 floors, ceilings, and pricing amounts from DME gap-filled amounts for new 2006 codes and release to carriers, DMERCs, SADMERC, RRB, IHS, and UMW.
December 16, 2005	CMS/DDS/DAS	Furnish 2006 ASP fee schedule amounts to carriers/DMERC's.
December 31, 2005	Carriers	Process participation elections and withdrawals postmarked before 01/01/2006.
January 3, 2006	Carriers FIs State Agencies RRB DMERCS	Implement 2006 fee schedule amounts.
	Carriers FIs	Implement 2006 HCPCS update.
January 31, 2006	Carriers	Send updated provider file to RRB.
February, 2006	CMS/DCPC/DDS	Issue instruction related to quarterly DMEPOS Revisions.
February, 2006	CMS/DPS/DDS	Issue instruction, "Changes to the 2006 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database" and transmit files. (First quarterly update.)
February 2006	CMS/DDS/DSCP	Furnish Quarterly Update to Purchased Diagnostic abstract MPPSDB to carriers.
February 14, 2006	Carriers	Submit the Participating Physicians and Supplier Report on Crowd.
May, 2006	CMS/DPS/DDS	Issue instruction, "Changes to the 2006 Medicare Fee Schedule Database" and transmit files. (Second quarterly update.)
May 2006	CMS/DDS/DSCP	Furnish Quarterly Update to Purchased Diagnostic abstract MPPSDB to carriers.
May, 2006	CMS/DDS/DCPC	Issue change request related to quarterly DMEPOS Revisions.

<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Responsible Component</u>	<u>Activity</u>
August, 2006	CMS/DPS	Issue instruction, "Changes to the 2006 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database" and transmit files. (Third quarterly update.)
August 2006	CMS/DDS/DSCP	Furnish Quarterly Update Purchased Diagnostic Abstract MPPSDB to carriers.
August, 2006	CMS/DCPC/DDS	Issue change request related to quarterly DMEPOS Revisions.
October, 2006	CMS/DPCP	Release 2007 HPSA files to carriers.

Acronyms for the responsible components:

DPS–Division of Practitioner Services/Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group
DPCP Division of Practitioner Claims Processing/Provider Billing Group
DCPC-Division of Community Post-acute Care/Chronic Care Policy Group
DSCP-Division of Supplier Claims Processing/Provider Billing Group
DAS–Division of Ambulatory Services/Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group
DDS-Division of Data Systems/Provider Billing Group

Other acronyms:

DME-Durable Medical Equipment
DMEPOS-Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies
DMERC-Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier
HPSA-Health Professional Shortage Area
HCPCS-Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
SADMERC-Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier
MPPSDB-Medicare Purchase Physician Services Database