

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
October 2003**

Mid-Quarter Instructions

Listed below are instructions for the October Quarter that will not be released by October 1, 2003. Due to the nature of these routine or recurring items, a full 90-day advance notice could not be given. Unless noted below, these instructions have an implementation date of January 1, 2004.

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SUBJECT	DATE RELEASED
<u>Emergency Correction to the Fee Schedule Update for 2004 for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)</u> Transmittal 35, One-Time Notification (PDF - 23 KB)	Released: 12/24/2003 Impl. Date: 01/05/2004
<u>Chapter 18, Preventive and Screening Services</u> Transmittal 52, Manual Name (PDF - 89 KB)	Released: 12/23/2004 Impl. Date: 01/05/2004
<u>Chapter 1, Coverage Determinations</u> Transmittal 5, Medicare National Coverage Determination Manual (PDF - 98 KB)	Released: 12/23/2003 Impl. Date: 01/05/2003
<u>Chapter 15, Covered Medical and Other Health Services</u> Transmittal 3, Benefit Policy Manual (PDF - 85 KB)	Released: 12/23/2003 Impl. Date: 01/05/2003
<u>Provider Education Article: Stopping Abuse of the Power Wheelchair Benefit</u> Transmittal 2, Benefit Policy Manual (PDF - 8.90 KB)	Released: 12/12/2003 Impl. Date: 12/26/2003
<u>Revised SNF NO PAY File-Effective January 1, 2004</u> Transmittal 38, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 191 KB)	Released: 12/08/2003 Impl. Date: 01/05/2004
<u>The Supplemental Security Income/Medicare Beneficiary Data for FY 2004 for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System</u> Transmittal 39, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 253 KB)	Released: 12/08/2003 Impl. Date: 01/05/2004
<u>Signature Requirements</u> Transmittal 59, Medicare Program Integrity Manual (PDF - 98 KB)	Released: 11/28/2003 Impl. Date: 01/05/2004
<u>MQSA File Record Layout for the FDA Certified Digital Mammography Center</u> Transmittal 33, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 105 KB)	Released: 11/28/2003 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update</u> Transmittal 32, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 183 KB)	Released: 11/21/2003 Impl. Date: 01/05/2004
<u>Chapter 20 - Plan Communication Guide</u> Transmittal 40, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 124 KB)	Released: 11/14/2003 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Chapter 5 - (Quality Assessment) and Chapter 8 - (Premiums and Cost-Sharing)</u>	Released: 11/14/2003 Impl. Date: N/A

Transmittal 39, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 155 KB)	
<u>2004 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment</u> Transmittal 20, One-Time Notification Manual (PDF - 91 KB)	Released: 11/07/2003 Impl. Date: 01/05/2004
<u>Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Home Health Consolidated Billing Enforcement</u> Transmittal 8, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 91 KB)	Released: 10/17/2003 Impl. Date: 01/01/2004
<u>Changes to Hospital PPS and FY 2004 Rates</u> Transmittal 16, One Time Notification Manual (PDF - 84 KB)	Released: 10/31/2003 Impl. Date: 11/05/2003
<u>Annual DMEPOS Fee Schedule Update for 2004</u> Transmittal 17, One Time Notification Manual (PDF - 71 KB)	Released: 10/31/2003 Impl. Date: 01/05/2004
<u>Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for SNF Consolidated Billing Enforcement and the updated SNF Help Files</u> Transmittal 19, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 82 KB)	Released: 10/31/2003 Impl. Date: 01/05/2004
<u>Updated SNF No Pay File Available for Download</u> Transmittal 20, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 80 KB)	Released: 10/31/2003 Impl. Date: 11/05/2003
<u>Update to Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance, and Premium Rates for Calander Year 2004</u> Transmittal 21, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 69 KB)	Released: 10/31/2003 Impl. Date: 01/05/2004
<u>Chapter 3 Marketing</u> Transmittal 35, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 280 KB)	Released: 10/31/2003 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Chapter 4 Benefits and Beneficiary protections</u> Transmittal 36, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 194 KB)	Released: 10/31/2003 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Chapter 15 Intermediate Sanctions</u> Transmittal 37, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 124 KB)	Released: 10/31/2003 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Chapter 17 Subchapter D, Medicare Cost Plan Enrollment and Disenrollment Instructions</u> Transmittal 38, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 212 KB)	Released: 10/31/2003 Impl. Date: N/A
<u>Changes to Correct Coding Edits, Version 10.0</u> Transmittal 55, Medicare Program Integrity Manual (PDF - 62 KB)	Released: 10/31/2003 Impl. Date: 01/05/2004
<u>Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 1, 2004</u> Transmittal 10, One Time Notification Manual (PDF - 105 KB)	Released: 10/24/2003 Impl. Date: 01/01/2004
<u>Use of GY Modifier to Identify Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services that are Not Covered by Medicare</u> Transmittal 11, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 125 KB)	Released: 10/24/2003 Impl. Date: 01/01/2004
<u>New Waived Tests - January 1, 2004</u> Transmittal 12, One Time Notification Manual (PDF - 127 KB)	Released: 10/24/2003 Impl. Date: 01/01/2004
<u>Chapter 16, Laboratory Services from Independent Labs, Physicians and Providers</u> Transmittal 12, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 128 KB)	Released: 10/24/2003 Impl. Date: 01/01/2004
<u>Ventricular Assist Devices</u> Transmittal 2, Medicare National Coverage Determination Manual (PDF - 254 KB)	Released: 10/17/2003 Impl. Date: 10/01/2003
<u>Reasonable Charge Update for 2004 for Splints, Casts,</u>	Released: 10/17/2003

<u>Dialysis Supplies, Dialysis Equipment, Therapeutic Shoes, and Certain Intraocular Lenses</u> Transmittal 9, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 86 KB)	Impl. Date: 01/01/2004
<u>Billing Instructions for Claims for Ventricular assist Devices for Beneficiaries in a Medicare+Choice Plan</u> Transmittal 10, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 165 KB)	Released: 10/17/2003 Impl. Date: 10/01/2003
<u>Chapter 5</u> Transmittal 32, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 263 KB)	Released: 10/06/2003 Impl. Date: 01/01/2004
<u>Chapter 11</u> Transmittal 33, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 102 KB)	Released: 10/06/2003 Impl. Date: 01/03/2003
<u>Chapter 13</u> Transmittal 34, Medicare Managed Care Manual (PDF - 198 KB)	Released: 10/06/2003 Impl. Date: 10/01/2003
<u>New Waived Tests</u> Transmittal 5, One Time Notification (PDF - 117 KB)	Released: 10/01/2003 Impl. Date: 10/01/2003
Managed Care Manual Updates	Not yet released
Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Quarterly Update	Not yet released
Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) Software Quarterly Update	Not yet released
Annual Lab Pricing Fee Schedule (Carrier/FI)	Not yet released
Annual Reasonable Charge Update - Certain DME Supplies and Blood Supplies Transfusions	Not yet released
Physician Fee Schedule Database - Annual Update	Not yet released
Physician Participation Enrollment (PARDOC) Annual Update	Not yet released
Annual Update for Hospital OPD PPS	Not yet released
Update Medicare Co-pay and Deductible Amounts	Not yet released
Ambulance Fee Schedule - Annual Update	Not yet released
Medicare Telehealth Originating Site Facility	Not yet released
Payment of Immunosuppressive Drug Therapy	Not yet released
Special One-time Costs Associated with Non-Continuation of the Medicare Contract	Not yet released
Promoting Medicare's Preventive Benefit Services on an Annual Basis	Not yet released
Cardiac Output Monitoring by Electrical Bioimpedance	Not yet released
Discard Policy for Drugs and Biologicals	Not yet released
Supplier Proof of Delivery	Not yet released
Changes in Transitional Outpatient Payment	Not yet released
Type of Service Annual Update	Not yet released
New Zip Code File-Quarterly Update	Not yet released