

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update  
October 2002**

## Mid-Quarter Instructions

Listed below are instructions for the October Quarter that will not be released by October 1, 2002. 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, 2003.

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SUBJECT	DATE RELEASED
<a href="#"><u>Provider Education Article: Requirements for Payment of Medicare Claims for Foot and Nail Care Services</u></a> Transmittal B-02-091 (PDF - 100 KB)	Released: 12/27/2002 Impl. Date: 12/27/2002
<a href="#"><u>Ambulance Fee Schedule Updates for 2003</u></a> Transmittal AB-02-173 (PDF - 102 KB)	Released: 11/29/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<a href="#"><u>File Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2003 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) HCPC Code Additions and Deletions</u></a> Transmittal AB-02-170 (PDF - 112 KB)	Released: 11/22/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<a href="#"><u>Notice of Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments</u></a> Transmittal AB-02-167 (PDF - 74.1 KB)	Released: 11/19/2002 Impl. Date: 11/19/2002
<a href="#"><u>Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement, Updated SNF Help File</u></a> Transmittal A-02-118 (PDF - 219 KB)	Released: 11/08/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<a href="#"><u>2003 Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment Method</u></a> Transmittal AB-02-163 (PDF - 134 KB)	Released: 11/08/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<a href="#"><u>Pneumococcal Pneumonia, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Vaccines</u></a> Transmittal 792, Hospital Manual (PDF - 90.7 KB)	Released: 11/01/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<a href="#"><u>Pneumococcal Pneumonia, Influenza Virus and Hepatitis B Vaccines</u></a> Transmittal 1866, Medicare Intermediary Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process (PDF - 100 KB)	Released: 11/01/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<a href="#"><u>Pneumococcal Pneumonia, Influenza Virus and Hepatitis B Vaccines</u></a> Transmittal 1778, Medicare Carriers Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process (PDF - 88.6 KB)	Released: 11/01/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<a href="#"><u>Promoting Influenza Vaccinations</u></a> Transmittal AB-02-147 (PDF - 76.0 KB)	Released: 11/01/2002 Impl. Date: 11/08/2002
<a href="#"><u>New Waived Tests - September 27, 2002</u></a>	Released: 11/01/2002

<b>Transmittal AB-02-154</b> (PDF - 188 KB)	Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<u>Fee Schedule Update for 2003 for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)</u> <b>Transmittal AB-02-152</b> (PDF - 143 KB)	Released: 10/25/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<u>Payment of Physician and Nonphysician Services for Certain Indian Providers</u> <b>Transmittal AB-02-150</b> (PDF - 129 KB)	Released: 10/25/2002 Impl. Date: 10/25/2002
<u>Provider Education Article: Psychotropic Drug Use in Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)</u> <b>Transmittal AB-02-143</b> (PDF - 97 KB)	Released: 10/25/2002 Impl. Date: 10/25/2002
<u>Provider Education Article: Hospitals' Responsibilities Re: Patient Notification at Discharge Planning and Home Health Consolidated Billing</u> <b>Transmittal A-02-106</b> (PDF - 83.8 KB)	Released: 10/25/2002 Impl. Date: 10/25/2002
<u>Provider Education Article: Home Health Agencies' (HHAs) Responsibilities Regarding Patient Notification</u> <b>Transmittal A-02-104</b> (PDF - 100 KB)	Released: 10/25/2002 Impl. Date: 10/25/2002
<u>Medicare Certified Hospices - Clarification of Acceptable Parameters for Some Contractual Arrangements</u> <b>Transmittal A-02-102</b> (PDF - 87.1 KB)	Released: 10/25/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<u>Evaluation and Management Service Codes - General</u> <b>Transmittal 1776, Medicare Carriers Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process</b> (PDF - 99.3 KB)	Released: 10/25/2002 Impl. Date: 10/25/2002
<u>Section 4271, Home Dialysis Patients' Options for Billing</u> <b>Transmittal 1774, Medicare Carriers Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process</b> (PDF - 115 KB)	Released: 10/25/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<u>Remittance Advice Coding Update</u> <b>Transmittal AB-02-142</b> (PDF - 164 KB)	Released: 10/18/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<u>Reasonable Charge Update for 2003 for Splints, Casts, Dialysis Supplies, Dialysis Equipment, Therapeutic Shoes, and Certain Intraocular Lenses</u> <b>Transmittal AB-02-136</b> (PDF - 86.2 KB)	Released: 10/11/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<u>Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Home Health Consolidated Billing Enforcement</u> <b>Transmittal AB-02-137</b> (PDF - 221 KB)	Released: 10/11/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<u>Section 4020.4, Type of Service (TOS)</u> <b>Transmittal 1772, Medicare Carriers Manual: Part 3 - Claims Process</b> (PDF - 97.4 KB)	Released: 10/11/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
<u>Annual Desk Review Program for Hospital Wage Data: Cost Reporting Periods Beginning on or after October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000 (For FY 2004 Wage Index)</u> <b>Transmittal A-02-094</b> (PDF - 176 KB)	Released: 10/04/2002 Impl. Date: 10/04/2002
<u>Production Dates for the Provider Statistical and Reimbursement (PS&amp;R) Report and Extension of Due Date for Filing Provider Cost Reports for Providers Having Their Claims Processed by the Arkansas Part A Standard System (APASS) and Request for Wage Data for the FY 2004 Wage Index</u> <b>Transmittal A-02-095</b> (PDF - 103 KB)	Released: 10/04/2002 Impl. Date: 10/04/2002
<u>Payment to Registered Dietitians and Nutrition Professionals for Diabetes Outpatient Self-Management</u>	Released: 10/04/2002 Impl. Date: 10/04/2002

Training (DSMT) Services Transmittal B-02-062 (PDF - 75.7 KB)	
Questions and Answers Related to Implementation of National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) for Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services Transmittal AB-02-134 (PDF - 99.2 KB)	Released: 10/04/2002 Impl. Date: 01/01/2003
Physician Participation Enrollment (PARDOC) Annual Update	Not yet released
Update Medicare Co-pay and Deductible Amounts	Not yet released
Updates of Codes and Payments for ASCs-Annual Update	Not yet released
Annual Lab Pricing Fee Schedule	Not yet released
Physician Fee Schedule Database Annual Update	Not yet released
Annual Update of Hospital OPD PPS	Not yet released
Rural Health Clinic Encounter Rate Update	Not yet released
Annual DMEPOS Fee Schedule Update	Not yet released
Appeals Revision, Carriers Manual	Not yet released
Appeals Revision, Intermediary Manual	Not yet released
Diabetes Outpatient Self Management Training (DSMT) and the "Incident To" Provisions	Not yet released
Medicare Policy Regarding Definition of Ambulance Services	Not yet released
Processing Lab Claims When CLIA Certification is Removed	Not yet released
Prospective Payment for Outpatient Rehabilitation Services and the Financial Limitation	Not yet released
Application of the Medicare Secondary Payer for the Working Aged Provision to Domestic Partners	Not yet released
Notify Providers When a Denial is Based on an LMRP	Not yet released
Revision to CR 2071 for Home Prothrombin Time International Normalized Ratio (INR) Monitoring for Anticoagulation Management	Not yet released
Temporary Procedures for Cost Based Payment for Certified Registered Nurse Anestesiologists (CRNA) for OPPS Hospitals	Not yet released
Messages and Notes to reflect Medicare's New screening Pap Test Benefit Period	Not yet released
Single Drug Pricer	Not yet released
Next Generation Desktop Data Center Connectivity- Security Information Clarification to Change Request 2079	Not yet released
Revised Flat Files and Implementation Timelines for the (ASC) X12N 276/277	Not yet released