

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update  
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## **What's New**

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**12/30/2005**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --  
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 8 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 2, entitled "Renal Dialysis Facility for Cost Reporting Form CMS-265-94," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 8 \(PDF - 381 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 36 of Demonstrations, entitled "2006 Oncology Demonstration Project," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 36 \(PDF - 279 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 199 of the Medicare One-Time Special Notification Manual, entitled "New Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) Message Used for the Physician's Voluntary Reporting Program (PVRP)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 199 \(PDF - 98 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 801 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Instructions for Reporting New HCPCS Code V2788 for Presbyopia-Correcting Intraocular Lenses (P-C IOLs)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 801 \(PDF - 184 KB\)](#)**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 799 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reminder Notice of the Implementation of Ambulance Transition Schedule," was released. This instruction affects Ambulance.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 799 \(PDF - 122 KB\)](#)**

## **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED**

Transmittal 798 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Emergency Update to the 2006 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 798 \(PDF - 490 KB\)](#)**

**11/28/2005**

### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 793 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Revision to Chapter 31 - Addition of Hospice Data," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 793 \(PDF - 337 KB\)](#)**

**12/23/2005**

### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 429 of the Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 1, entitled " Section 2231, Regional Swing Bed Rates," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities and Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 429 \(PDF - 37 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 791 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Revision to Chapter 31 - Addition of Hospice Data HIPAA 270/271 Eligibility," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 791 \(PDF - 70 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 792 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Nursing Facility Services (Codes 99304 - 99318)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 792 \(PDF - 247 KB\)](#)**

## **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED**

Transmittal 35 of Demonstrations, entitled " Physician's Voluntary Reporting Program (PVRP)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 35 \(PDF - 449 KB\)](#)**

**12/16/2005**

## **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 41 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Telehealth Originating Site Facility Fee Payment Amount Update," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, and Rural Health Clinics.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 41 \(PDF - 76 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 42 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "January 2006 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Manual Instruction: Changes to Coding and Payment for Observation," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 42 \(PDF - 68 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 782 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Consultation Services (Codes 99241 - 99255)," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 782 \(PDF - 246 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 785 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2006 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Manual Instruction: Changes to Coding and Payment for Drug Administration," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 785 \(PDF - 335 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 787 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2006 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Manual Instruction: Changes to Coding and Payment for Observation," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 787 \(PDF - 170 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 782 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Consultation Services (Codes 99241 - 99255)," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 788 \(PDF - 247 KB\)](#)**

## **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 34 of Demonstrations, entitled "2006 Oncology Demonstration Project," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 34 \(PDF - 191 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 779 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New Waived Tests," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 779 \(PDF - 237 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 781 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "End Stage Renal disease (ESRD) Revised Manual Instructions Exceptions Under the Composite

Rate Reimbursement," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis/ESRD Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 781 \(PDF - 203 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 783 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2006 Non-Outpatient Prospective Payment System Outpatient Code Editor (Non-OPPS OCE) Specifications Version 21.1," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 783 \(PDF - 203 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 786 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled " January 2006 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes, OPPS PRICER Logic Changes, and Instructions for Updating the Outpatient Provider Specific File (OPSF)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 786 \(PDF – 1 MB\)](#)**

**12/09/2005**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --  
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 33 of Demonstrations, entitled " Amendment to rate for CPT 98943 for the Section 651 Expansion of Coverage of Chiropractic Services Demonstration," was released. This instruction affects Non-Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 33 \(PDF - 94 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 197 of the Medicare One-Time Special Notification Manual, entitled "Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) Wage Index Corrections FY 2005-2006," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities and Hospitals..

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 197 \(PDF - 222 KB\)](#)**

**12/02/2005**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --  
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 44 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Lung Volume Reduction Surgery," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 44 \(PDF - 120 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 45 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Stem Cell Transportation," was released. This instruction affects All Providers).

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 45 \(PDF - 120 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 767 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "SNF PPS Revisions to IOM 100-4--Manualization," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Hospitals, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal R767CP \(PDF - 146 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 768 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Lung Volume Reduction Surgery," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal R768CP \(PDF - 84 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 769 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Surrogate UPINs Reported on IDTF Claims," was released. This instruction affects Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 769 \(PDF - 82 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 770 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Fee Schedule Update for 2006 for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 770 \(PDF - 168 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 774 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Implementation of Changes in End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Payment for Calendar Year 2006," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal R774CP \(PDF - 176 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 775 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Home Care and Domiciliary Care Visits Codes 99324 - 99350)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, and Non-Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal R775CP \(PDF - 113 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 776 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Stem Cell transportation," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal R776CP \(PDF - 113 KB\)](#)**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED – ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED**

Transmittal 43 of the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, entitled "Stem Cell Transplantation," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal R43NCD \(PDF - 62 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 766 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Stem Cell Transplantation," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal R766CP \(PDF - 93 KB\)](#)**

**11/28/2005**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 762 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Ambulance Inflation Factor for CY 2006," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal R762CP \(PDF - 114 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 764 of the Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to the Prospective Payment System (PPS) for Home Health Agencies for Calendar Year (CY) 2006," was released. This instruction affects Home Health Agencies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal R764CP \(PDF - 134 KB\)](#)**

**11/25/2005**

**REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-0008-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Electronic Submission of Medicare Claims ," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-0008-F](#)**

CMS-1294-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Coverage and Payment of Ambulance Services; Inflation Update for CY 2006," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1294-N](#)**

CMS-1428-F3, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2005 Rates: Fire Safety Requirements for Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions: Correction To Reinstate Requirements for Written Fire Control Plans and Maintenance of Documentation ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1428-F3](#)**

CMS-4091-F, entitled "Federal Enforcement in Group and Individual Health Insurance Markets ," was released. This regulation affects Medicaid. **[View CMS-4091-F](#)**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --  
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 763 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to Repetitive Billing -- Manualization," was released. This instruction affects Physicians, and Non-Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 763 \(PDF - 123 KB\)](#)**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 759 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " Therapy Caps to be Effective January 1, 2006," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Suppliers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 759 \(PDF - 170 KB\)](#)**

**11/22/2005**

**REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1022-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Care Amendments ," was released. This regulation affects Hospice. **[View CMS-1022-F](#)**

**11/21/2005**

**REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1325-IFC3, entitled "Medicare Program; Exclusion of Vendor Purchases Made Under the Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) for Outpatient Drugs and Biologicals Under Part B for the Purpose of Calculating the Average Sales Price (ASP) ," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1325-IFC3](#)**

CMS-1502-FC, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2006 and Certain Provisions Related to the Competitive Acquisition Program of Outpatient Drugs and Biologicals Under Part B ," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1502-FC](#)**

**11/18/2005**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --  
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 84 of the Financial Management Manual, entitled "Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 84 \(PDF - 107 KB\)](#)**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 40 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 40 \(PDF - 107 KB\)](#)**

Transmittal 758 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2006," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified

Health Centers, Medicare + Choice, Hospitals, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 758](#)** (PDF - 98 KB)

**11/14/2005**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 720 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update of HCPCS Codes and File Names, Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2006 ASC HCPCS Deletions, Additions, and Master Listing," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 720](#)** (PDF - 73 KB)

**11/10/2005**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1501-FC, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2006 Payment Rates ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-1501-FC](#)**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 39 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, entitled "Auditory Osseointegrated and Auditory Brainstem Devices," was released. This instruction affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Hospitals, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners and Outpatient Physical Therapy.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 39](#)** (PDF - 113 KB)

Transmittal 749 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Reasonable Charge Update for 2006 for Splints, Casts, Dialysis Supplies, Dialysis Equipment, Certain Intraocular Lenses and Certain HCPCS Coding Issues," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 749](#)** (PDF - 141 KB)

Transmittal 750 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "2006 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment," was released. This instruction affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 750](#)** (PDF - 149 KB)

**11/09/2005**

#### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1301-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2006 ," was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies. **[View CMS-1301-F](#)**

**11/07/2005**



## **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-0011-F, entitled "Medicare Program; E-Prescribing and the Prescription Drug Program AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS. ," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-0011-F](#)**

**11/04/2005**

### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 748 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New G Code for Power Mobility Devices (PMDs)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 748](#)** (PDF - 184 KB)

### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 31 of the Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement Manual, entitled "Update to Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance and Premium Rates for 2006," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 31](#)** (PDF - 180 KB)

Transmittal 742 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, V12.0, Effective January 1, 2006," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 742](#)** (PDF - 100 KB)

Transmittal 743 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Remittance Advice Remark Code and Claim Adjustment Reason Code Update," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 743](#)** (PDF - 162 KB)

Transmittal 746 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "January 2006 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective January 1, 2006, and Revisions to January 2005, April 2005, July 2005, and October 2005 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 746](#)** (PDF - 184 KB)

**11/02/2005**

### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED**

Transmittal 31 of Demonstrations, entitled "Physician's Voluntary Reporting Program (PVRP) ," was released. This instruction affects Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 31](#)** (PDF - 238 KB)

**11/01/2005**

### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 738 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Calendar Year 2005 Payment for Medicare Part B Radiopharmaceuticals Not Paid on a Cost or Prospective Payment Basis," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Rural Health Clinics, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 738](#)** (PDF - 74 KB)

Transmittal 739 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Erroneous Guidance - Basis to Waive Penalty," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 739](#)** (PDF - 808 KB)

**10/28/2005**

### **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1316-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, December 5, 2005," was released. This regulation is a Meeting Notice. **[View CMS-1316-N](#)**

CMS-3121-F, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities; Nursing Services; Posting of Nurse Staffing Information," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-3121-F](#)**

### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 729 of the Manual Name, entitled "Revised October 2005 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective October 1, 2005," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Rural Health Clinics, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 729](#)** (PDF - 109 KB)

Transmittal 128 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, entitled "Evidence of Medical Necessity: Wheelchair and Power Operated Vehicle (POV) Claims," was released. This instruction affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 128](#)** (PDF - 163 KB)

### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 75 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Deletion of MCM Chapter 3 - Marketing.," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 75](#)** (PDF - 61 KB)

Transmittal 76 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Initial Publication of Chapter 10 - MA Organization Compliance with State Law and

Preemption by Federal law," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 76](#)** (PDF - 54 KB)

Transmittal 77 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Changes in MCM Chapter 17, Subchapter F – Benefits and Beneficiary Protections," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 77](#)** (PDF - 375 KB)

Transmittal 731 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment for Office or Other Outpatient Evaluation and Management (E/M ) Visits (Codes 99201 - 99215)," was released. This instruction affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 731](#)** (PDF - 108 KB)

**10/27/2005**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 81 of Financial Management, entitled "Recurring Update Notification for the Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 81](#)** (PDF - 86 KB)

**10/21/2005**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 13 of the State Operations Manual, entitled "Revisions to Chapter 2, "The Certification Process," Appendix E-- "Providers of Outpatient Physical Therapy or Outpatient Speech Language Pathology (OPT/OSP) Services," and Appendix K-- "Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities"," was released. This instruction affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Outpatient Physical Therapy. **[View the complete text of Transmittal 13](#)** (PDF - 759 KB)

Transmittal 41 of the Medicare Secondary Payer Manual, entitled "Full Replacement of and Rescinding Change Request (CR) 3504--Modification to Online Medicare Secondary Payer Questionnaire," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 41](#)** (PDF - 120 KB)

Transmittal 724 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Appeals of Claims Decisions: Redeterminations and Reconsiderations (Implementation Dates for FI Initial Determinations Issued on or After May 1, 2005 and Carrier Initial Determinations Issued on or After January 1, 2006). ," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 724](#)** (PDF - 345 KB)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 29 of Demonstrations, entitled "Notification of New Value and

Condition Codes For Medicare Demonstrations," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals and Surgical Nursing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 29](#)** (PDF - 78 KB)

Transmittal 185 of the One-Time Notification Manual, entitled "Payment Allowances for the Influenza Virus Vaccine (CPT 90655, 90656, 90657, and 90658) and the Pneumococcal Vaccine (CPT 90732) when Payment is Based on 95 Percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 185](#)** (PDF - 115 KB)

Transmittal 721 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Use of Value Codes 48 and 49 on End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Bills," was released. This instruction affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 721](#)** (PDF - 138 KB)

**10/19/2005**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --  
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 713 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "New G Code for Power Mobility Devices (PMDs)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 713](#)** (PDF - 106 KB)

**10/14/2005**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --  
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 37 of the Medicare Secondary Payer Manual, entitled "Manualizing Long-Standing Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Policy in Chapter 3 of the MSP Internet Only Manual (IOM)," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 37](#)** (PDF - 287 KB)

Transmittal 184 of the One-Time Special Notification, entitled "National Modifier and Condition Code To Be Used To Identify Disaster Related Claims," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 184](#)** (PDF - 99 KB)

Transmittal 711 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Update to Repetitive Billing -- Manualization," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 711](#)** (PDF - 129 KB)

Transmittal 712 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Correction to Change Request 3949, Section 50.3.3 in IOM to Add 23x Type of Bill," was released. This instruction affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 712](#)** (PDF - 91 KB)

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 74 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, entitled "Changes in Manual Instructions for Payment Principles for Cost Based HMO/CMPs," was released. This instruction affects Medicare + Choice.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 74](#)** (PDF - 24 KB)

**10/13/2005**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --  
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 183 of the One-Time Special Notification, entitled "National Modifier and Condition Code To Be Used To Identify Disaster Related Claims ," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 183](#)** (PDF - 99 KB)

**10/12/2005**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --  
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 707 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled " IPPS Outlier Reconciliation," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 707](#)** (PDF - 465 KB)

**10/11/2005**

**REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-1303-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships; Exceptions for Certain Electronic Prescribing and Electronic Health Records Arrangements ," was released. This regulation affects Physicians. **[View CMS-1303-P](#)**

**10/07/2005**

**REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

CMS-3198-F, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Condition of Participation: Immunization Standard for Long Term Care Facilities ," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals. **[View CMS-3198-F](#)**

CMS-6022-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Termination of Non-Random Prepayment Review ," was released. This regulation affects All Providers. **[View CMS-6022-P](#)**

**INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED --  
MANUALIZATION/CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 697 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Appeals of Claims Decisions: Redeterminations and Reconsiderations (implementation date May 1, 2005) ," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 697](#)** (PDF - 39 KB)

Transmittal 698 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2006 for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS) ," was released. This instruction affects hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 698](#)** (PDF - 54 KB)

Transmittal 702 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Manualization for Physician/Practitioner/Supplier Participation Agreement and Assignment Carrier Claims and Carrier Rules for Limiting Charge," was released. This instruction affects physicians and non-physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 702](#)** (PDF - 95 KB)

Transmittal 703 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "IPPS Outlier Reconciliation," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 703](#)** (PDF - 265 KB)

Transmittal 705 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Modification to Reporting of Diagnosis Codes for Screening Mammography Claims," was released. This instruction affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospitals, Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 705](#)** (PDF - 132 KB)

Transmittal 706 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Payment Methodology for Rehabilitation Services in IHS/Tribally Owned and/or Operated Hospitals and Hospital-Based Facilities ," was released. This instruction affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 706](#)** (PDF - 132 KB)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED -- MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 695 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "General Appeals Process in Initial Determinations (Implementation Dates for FI Initial Determinations Issued on or After May 1, 2005, and Carrier Initial Determinations Issued on or After January 1, 2006).," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 695](#)** (PDF - 161 KB)

Transmittal 696 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "2006 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) for the Common Working File (CWF), Medicare Carriers and Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)," was released. This instruction affects ambulances, physicians and non-physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 696](#)** (PDF - 44 KB)

Transmittal 700 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, entitled "Revision to Chapter 31 - Attestation," was released. This instruction affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 700](#)** (PDF - 55 KB)

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## **REGULATIONS PUBLISHED**

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