Security measures also include inspection of vehicles, inside and out, at the entrance to the grounds. In addition, all individuals entering the building must pass through a metal detector. All items brought to CMS, whether personal or for the purpose of demonstration or to support a demonstration, are subject to inspection. We cannot assume responsibility for coordinating the receipt, transfer, transport, storage, setup, safety, or timely arrival of any personal belongings or items used for demonstration or to support a demonstration.

Parking permits and instructions will be issued upon arrival.

Note: Individuals who are not registered in advance will not be permitted to enter the building and will be unable to attend the meeting. The public may not enter the building earlier than 30 to 45 minutes before the convening of the meeting.

All visitors must be escorted in areas other than the lower and first floor levels in the Central Building.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2); 42 U.S.C. 217(a), section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare— Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: February 23, 2006.

Barry M. Straube,

Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-9034-N]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—October Through December 2005

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists CMS manual instructions, substantive and interpretive regulations, and other **Federal Register** notices that were published from October 2005 through December 2005, relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. This notice provides information on national coverage determinations (NCDs) affecting specific medical and health care services under Medicare.

Additionally, this notice identifies certain devices with investigational device exemption (IDE) numbers approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that potentially may be covered under Medicare. This notice also includes listings of all approval numbers from the Office of Management and Budget for collections of information in CMS regulations. Finally, this notice includes a list of Medicare-approved carotid stent facilities.

Section 1871(c) of the Social Security Act requires that we publish a list of Medicare issuances in the Federal Register at least every 3 months. Although we are not mandated to do so by statute, for the sake of completeness of the listing, and to foster more open and transparent collaboration efforts, we are also including all Medicaid issuances and Medicare and Medicaid substantive and interpretive regulations (proposed and final) published during this 3-month time frame.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: It is possible that an interested party may have a specific information need and not be able to determine from the listed information whether the issuance or regulation would fulfill that need. Consequently, we are providing information contact persons to answer general questions concerning these items. Copies are not available through the contact persons. (See Section III of this notice for how to obtain listed material.)

Questions concerning items in Addendum III may be addressed to Timothy Jennings, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850, or you can call (410) 786–2134.

Questions concerning Medicare NCDs in Addendum V may be addressed to Patricia Brocato-Simons, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, C1–09–06, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850, or you can call (410) 786–0261.

Questions concerning FDA-approved Category B IDE numbers listed in Addendum VI may be addressed to John Manlove, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, C1–13–04, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850, or you can call (410) 786–6877.

Questions concerning approval numbers for collections of information in Addendum VII may be addressed to Melissa Musotto, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Regulations Development and Issuances Group, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, C5–14–03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850, or you can call (410) 786–6962.

Questions concerning Medicareapproved carotid stent facilities may be addressed to Sarah J. McClain, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, C1– 09–06, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850, or you can call (410) 786–2994.

Questions concerning all other information may be addressed to Gwendolyn Johnson, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Regulations Development Group, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, C5–14–03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850, or you can call (410) 786–6954.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Program Issuances

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is responsible for administering the Medicare and Medicaid programs. These programs pay for health care and related services for 39 million Medicare beneficiaries and 35 million Medicaid recipients. Administration of the two programs involves (1) furnishing information to Medicare beneficiaries and Medicaid recipients, health care providers, and the public and (2) maintaining effective communications with regional offices, State governments, State Medicaid agencies, State survey agencies, various providers of health care, all Medicare contractors that process claims and pay bills, and others. To implement the various statutes on which the programs are based, we issue regulations under the authority granted to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services under sections 1102, 1871, 1902, and related provisions of the Social Security Act (the Act). We also issue various manuals, memoranda, and statements necessary to administer the programs efficiently.

Section 1871(c)(1) of the Act requires that we publish a list of all Medicare manual instructions, interpretive rules, statements of policy, and guidelines of general applicability not issued as regulations at least every 3 months in the **Federal Register**. We published our first notice June 9, 1988 (53 FR 21730). Although we are not mandated to do so by statute, for the sake of completeness of the listing of operational and policy statements, and to foster more open and transparent collaboration, we are continuing our practice of including Medicare substantive and interpretive

regulations (proposed and final) published during the respective 3-month time frame.

II. How To Use the Addenda

This notice is organized so that a reader may review the subjects of manual issuances, memoranda, substantive and interpretive regulations, NCDs, and FDA-approved IDEs published during the subject quarter to determine whether any are of particular interest. We expect this notice to be used in concert with previously published notices. Those unfamiliar with a description of our Medicare manuals may wish to review Table I of our first three notices (53 FR 21730, 53 FR 36891, and 53 FR 50577) published in 1988, and the notice published March 31, 1993 (58 FR 16837). Those desiring information on the Medicare NCD Manual (NCDM, formerly the Medicare Coverage Issues Manual (CIM)) may wish to review the August 21, 1989, publication (54 FR 34555). Those interested in the revised process used in making NCDs under the Medicare program may review the September 26, 2003, publication (68 FR 55634).

To aid the reader, we have organized and divided this current listing into

eight addenda:

• Addendum I lists the publication dates of the most recent quarterly listings of program issuances.

- Addendum II identifies previous
 Federal Register documents that contain a description of all previously published CMS Medicare and Medicaid manuals and memoranda.
- Addendum III lists a unique CMS transmittal number for each instruction in our manuals or Program Memoranda and its subject matter. A transmittal may consist of a single or multiple instruction(s). Often, it is necessary to use information in a transmittal in conjunction with information currently in the manuals.
- Addendum IV lists all substantive and interpretive Medicare and Medicaid regulations and general notices published in the Federal Register during the quarter covered by this notice. For each item, we list the—
 - Oate published;
 - Federal Register citation;
- Parts of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) that have changed (if applicable);
 - Agency file code number; and
 - Title of the regulation.
- Addendum V includes completed NCDs, or reconsiderations of completed NCDs, from the quarter covered by this notice. Completed decisions are identified by the section of the NCDM in which the decision appears, the title,

- the date the publication was issued, and the effective date of the decision.
- Addendum VI includes listings of the FDA-approved IDE categorizations, using the IDE numbers the FDA assigns. The listings are organized according to the categories to which the device numbers are assigned (that is, Category A or Category B), and identified by the IDE number.
- Addendum VII includes listings of all approval numbers from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for collections of information in CMS regulations in title 42; title 45, subchapter C; and title 20 of the CFR.
- Addendum VIII includes listings of Medicare-approved carotid stent facilities. All facilities listed meet CMS standards for performing carotid artery stenting for high risk patients.

III. How To Obtain Listed Material

A. Manuals

Those wishing to subscribe to program manuals should contact either the Government Printing Office (GPO) or the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) at the following addresses: Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, ATTN: New Orders, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250–7954, Telephone (202) 512–1800, Fax number (202) 512–2250 (for credit card orders); or National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce, 5825 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161, Telephone (703) 487–4630.

In addition, individual manual transmittals and Program Memoranda listed in this notice can be purchased from NTIS. Interested parties should identify the transmittal(s) they want. GPO or NTIS can give complete details on how to obtain the publications they sell. Additionally, most manuals are available at the following Internet address: http://cms.hhs.gov/manuals/default.asp.

B. Regulations and Notices

Regulations and notices are published in the daily **Federal Register**. Interested individuals may purchase individual copies or subscribe to the **Federal Register** by contacting the GPO at the address given above. When ordering individual copies, it is necessary to cite either the date of publication or the volume number and page number.

The **Federal Register** is also available on 24x microfiche and as an online database through *GPO Access*. The online database is updated by 6 a.m. each day the **Federal Register** is published. The database includes both text and graphics from Volume 59,

Number 1 (January 2, 1994) forward. Free public access is available on a Wide Area Information Server (WAIS) through the Internet and via asynchronous dial-in. Internet users can access the database by using the World Wide Web; the Superintendent of Documents home page address is http:// www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html, by using local WAIS client software, or by telnet to swais.gpoaccess.gov, then log in as guest (no password required). Dialin users should use communications software and modem to call (202) 512-1661; type swais, then log in as guest (no password required).

C. Rulings

We publish rulings on an infrequent basis. Interested individuals can obtain copies from the nearest CMS Regional Office or review them at the nearest regional depository library. We have, on occasion, published rulings in the **Federal Register**. Rulings, beginning with those released in 1995, are available online, through the CMS Home Page. The Internet address is http://cms.hhs.gov/rulings.

D. CMS' Compact Disk-Read Only Memory (CD–ROM)

Our laws, regulations, and manuals are also available on CD–ROM and may be purchased from GPO or NTIS on a subscription or single copy basis. The Superintendent of Documents list ID is HCLRM, and the stock number is 717–139–00000–3. The following material is on the CD–ROM disk:

- Titles XI, XVIII, and XIX of the Act.
- CMS-related regulations.
- CMS manuals and monthly revisions.

• CMS program memoranda. The titles of the Compilation of the Social Security Laws are current as of January 1, 2005. (Updated titles of the Social Security Laws are available on the Internet at http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/comp-toc.htm.) The remaining portions of CD–ROM are updated on a monthly basis.

Because of complaints about the unreadability of the Appendices (Interpretive Guidelines) in the State Operations Manual (SOM), as of March 1995, we deleted these appendices from CD–ROM. We intend to re-visit this issue in the near future and, with the aid of newer technology, we may again be able to include the appendices on CD–ROM.

Any cost report forms incorporated in the manuals are included on the CD– ROM disk as LOTUS files. LOTUS software is needed to view the reports once the files have been copied to a personal computer disk.

IV. How To Review Listed Material

Transmittals or Program Memoranda can be reviewed at a local Federal Depository Library (FDL). Under the FDL program, government publications are sent to approximately 1,400 designated libraries throughout the United States. Some FDLs may have arrangements to transfer material to a local library not designated as an FDL. Contact any library to locate the nearest FDL.

In addition, individuals may contact regional depository libraries that receive and retain at least one copy of most Federal Government publications, either in printed or microfilm form, for use by the general public. These libraries provide reference services and interlibrary loans; however, they are not sales outlets. Individuals may obtain information about the location of the nearest regional depository library from

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any library. For each CMS publication listed in Addendum III, CMS publication and transmittal numbers are shown. To help FDLs locate the materials, use the CMS publication and transmittal numbers. For example, to find the Medicare NCD publication titled "Stem Cell Transplantation," use CMS-Pub. 100–03, Transmittal No. 45.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance, Program No. 93.774, Medicare— Supplementary Medical Insurance Program, and Program No. 93.714, Medical Assistance Program.)

Dated: March 20, 2006.

Jacquelyn Y. White,

Director, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

Addendum I

This addendum lists the publication dates of the most recent quarterly listings of program issuances.

September 26, 2003 (68 FR 55618) December 24, 2003 (68 FR 74590) March 26, 2004 (69 FR 15837) June 25, 2004 (69 FR 35634) September 24, 2004 (69 FR 57312) December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78428) February 25, 2005 (70 FR 9338) June 24, 2005 (70 FR 36620) September 23, 2005 (70 FR 55863) December 23, 2005 (70 FR 76290)

Addendum II—Description of Manuals, Memoranda, and CMS Rulings

An extensive descriptive listing of Medicare manuals and memoranda was published on June 9, 1988, at 53 FR 21730 and supplemented on September 22, 1988, at 53 FR 36891 and December 16, 1988, at 53 FR 50577. Also, a complete description of the former CIM (now the NCDM) was published on August 21, 1989, at 54 FR 34555. A brief description of the various Medicaid manuals and memoranda that we maintain was published on October 16, 1992, at 57 FR 47468.

ADDENDUM III.—MEDICARE AND MEDICAID MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS

[October through December 2005]

Transmittal No.	Manual/Subject/Publication No.				
	Medicare General Information (CMS Pub. 100-01)				
30	Initiate STC testing of the MCS for RRB and HIGLAS Shared System Testing Requirements for Maintainers, Beta Testers, and Contractors.				
31					
32 33	Scheduled Release for January 2006 Software Programs and Pricing/Coding Files.				
	Medicare Benefit Policy (CMS Pub. 100–02)				
39 40	1 ,				
41 42	Telehealth Originating Site Facility Fee Payment Amount Update. January 2006 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System Manual Instruction: Changes to Coding and Payment for Observation.				
	Payment-Physician/Practitioner at a Distant Site.				
	Medicare National Coverage Determinations (CMS Pub. 100-03)				
43 44 45	Lung Volume Reduction Surgery.				
	Medicare Claims Processing (CMS Pub. 100–04)				
695	General Appeals Process in Initial Determinations (Implementation Dates for Fiscal Intermediary Initial Determinations Issued on or After May 1, 2005 and Carrier Initial Determinations Issued on or After January 1, 2006). CMS Decisions Subject to the Administrative Appeals Process. Who May Appeal. Provider or Supplier Appeals When the Beneficiary Is Deceased.				
	Steps in the Appeals Process: Overview. Where to Appeal.				
	Time Limits for Filing Appeals and Good Cause for Extension of the Time Limit for Filing Appeals.				

Transmittal No.	Manual/Subject/Publication No.				
	Conseq Dresodure to Establish Cood Course				
	General Procedure to Establish Good Cause. Conditions and Examples That May Establish Good Cause for Late Filing by Beneficiaries.				
	Conditions and Examples That May Establish Good Cause for Late Filing by Providers, Physicians, or Other Suppliers.				
	Good Cause Not Found for Beneficiary, or for Provider, Physician, or Other Supplier.				
	Amount in Controversy Requirements.				
	Parties to an Appeal.				
396	2006 Annual Update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billin				
,00	for the Common Working File, Medicare Carriers and Fiscal Intermediaries.				
	Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Annual Update Process for Fiscal Intermediaries.				
697	Appeals of Claims Decisions: Redeterminations and Reconsiderations (implementation date May 1, 2005).				
	Time Limit for Filing a Request for Redetermination.				
	Reporting Redeterminations on the Appeals Report.				
598	The Supplemental Security Income Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2006 for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Pro				
	spective Payment System.				
	Low Income Percentage Adjustment: The Supplemental Security Income Medicare Beneficiary Data for Inpatient Rehabilitation				
	Facilities Paid Under the Prospective Payment System.				
699	This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 761.				
700	Revision to Chapter 31—Attestation.				
	Eligibility Extranet Workflow.				
701	New Diagnosis Code Requirements for Method II Home Dialysis Claims Supplier Documentation Required.				
702	Manualization for Physician/Practitioner/Supplier Participation Agreement and Assignment Carrier Claims and Carrier Rules for				
	Limiting Charge.				
	Physician/Practitioner/Supplier Participation Agreement and Assignment—Carrier Claims.				
	Mandatory Assignment on Carrier Claims.				
	Filing Claims to a Carrier for Nonassigned Services.				
	Carrier Annual Participation Program.				
	Carrier Participation and Billing Limitations.				
703	This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 707.				
704	Discontinuation of Biannual Recertification List for Certified Registered Nurse.				
	Anesthetist Services.				
	Issuance of Unique Physician Identification Numbers.				
705	Annual Review of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Certifications. Modification to Reporting of Diagnosis Codes for Screening Mammography Claims.				
05	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System and Diagnosis Codes for Mammography Services.				
706	Payment Methodology for Rehabilitation Services in Indian Health Service/Tribally Owned and/or Operated Hospitals and Hospitals				
700	pital-Based Facilities.				
	Services Paid Under the Physician Fee Schedule.				
707	Inpatient Prospective Payment System Outlier Reconciliation Outliers.				
	Cost to Charge Ratios.				
	Statewide Average Cost to Charge Ratios.				
	Threshold and Marginal Cost.				
	Transfers.				
	Reconciliation.				
	Time Value of Money				
	Procedure for Fiscal Intermediaries to Perform and Record Outlier.				
	Reconciliation Adjustments.				
	Specific Outlier Payments for Burn Cases.				
	Quality Improvement Organization Reviews and Adjustments.				
	Return Codes for Pricer.				
708	This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 722.				
709	This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 720.				
710	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to sensitivity of Instruction.				
711	This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 763.				
712	Correction to Change Request 3949, Section 50.3.3 in IOM to Add 23x Type of Bill.				
	Billing and Claims Processing Requirements Related to Expedited Determinations.				
713	This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 748.				
'14	Payment Window Edit Corrections Within the Common Working File.				
	Outpatient Services Treated As Inpatient Services.				
715	New Designated Competitive Acquisition Program Carrier Contractor ID Numbers.				
716	Modifiers for Transportation of Portable X-rays (R0075) When Billed by Skilled Nursing Facilities.				
717	Transportation of Equipment Billed by a Skilled Nursing Facility to a Fiscal Intermediary.				
/1/	Disabling the Revenue/Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Consistency.				
17	Edit Codes in the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System.				
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718	Source of Admission Code 'D'.				
718 719	Source of Admission Code 'D'. This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 736.				
718 719 720	Source of Admission Code 'D'. This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 736. Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to sensitivity of Instruction.				
718 719	Source of Admission Code 'D'. This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 736.				

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Transmittal No.	Manual/Subject/Publication No.		
	Darbeopoetin Alfa Facility Billing Requirements Using UB-92/Form CMS-1450.		
722	2006 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area Bonus Payments.		
723	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction.		
724	Appeals of Claims Decisions: Redeterminations and Reconsiderations (Implementation Dates for Fiscal Intermediary Initial De		
	terminations Issued on or After May 1, 2005 and Carrier Initial Determinations Issued on or After January 1, 2006).		
	Filing a Request for Redetermination.		
	Appeal Rights for Dismissals.		
	Dismissal Letters.		
	Model Dismissal Notices.		
	Reconsideration—The Second Level of Appeal.		
	Filing a Request for a Reconsideration. Time Limit for Filing a Request for a Reconsideration.		
	Contractor Responsibilities—General.		
	Qualified Independent Contractor Case File Development.		
	Qualified Independent Contractor Case File Preparation.		
	Forwarding Qualified Independent Contractor Case Files.		
	Qualified Independent Contractor Jurisdictions.		
	Tracking Cases.		
705	Effectuation of Reconsiderations.		
725	This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 737.		
726	Smoking and Tobacco-Use Cessation Counseling Services: Common Working File Inquiry for Providers. Common Working File Inquiry.		
727	Annual Type of Service.		
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732	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction.		
733	Repeat Tests for Automated Multi-Channel Chemistries for End-Stage Renal Disease Beneficiaries.		
734	Redefined Type of Bill, 14x, for Non-Patient Laboratory Specimens.		
	Maryland Waiver Hospitals.		
	Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Furnished by Critical Access Hospitals.		
705	Hospital Laboratory Services Furnished to Nonhospital Patients.		
735	Processing All Diagnosis Codes Reported on Claims Submitted to Carriers. Items 14–33–Provider of Service or Supplier Information.		
736	Clarification and Update to Hospital Billing Instructions and Payment for Epoetin Alfa and Darbepoetin Alfa for Beneficiarie		
	With End-Stage Renal Disease.		
	Epoetin Alfa for End-Stage Renal Disease Patients.		
	Payment Amount for Epoetin Alfa.		
	Payment for Epoetin Alfa in Other Settings.		
	Epoetin Alfa Provided in Hospital Outpatient Departments.		
	Payment for Darbepoetin Alfa in Other Settings.		
	Payment for Darbepoetin Alfa in the Hospital Outpatient Department.		
	Hospitals Billing for Epoetin Alfa for Non-End-Stage Renal Disease Patients. Hospitals Billing for Darbepoetin Alfa for Non-End-Stage Renal Disease Patients.		
737	New ICD-9-CM Codes for Beneficiaries With Chronic Kidney Disease and New Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System		
707	for Reporting Epoetin Alfa and Darbepoetin Alfa.		
	Required Information for In-Facility Claims Under the Composite Rate.		
738	Calendar Year 2005 Payment for Medicare Part B Radiopharmaceuticals Not Paid on a Cost or Prospective Payment Basis.		
739	Erroneous Guidance—Basis to Waive Penalty.		
	Overview.		
	Erroneous Program Guidance: Basis to Waive Penalty.		
	Policy.		
	Basic Conditions That Must Be Met To Waive Penalty.		
	Guidance Was Erroneous.		
	Guidance Was Issued by the Secretary or Contractor. Contractor Acted Within Scope of Authority.		
	Guidance Was in Writing.		
	Guidance Related to Item, Service, or Claim.		
	Guidance Was Issued Timely.		
	Provider Accurately Presented Circumstances in Writing.		
	Alternative Basis for Satisfying the "Presentation" Condition.		
	Provider Followed Guidance.		
	Provider's Reliance Was Reasonable.		
	Penalty Considered.		
	General Limitations on Scope.		
	Notice of Penalty Waiver Policy.		
	Request for a Penalty Waiver Determination.		

Transmittal No.	Manual/Subject/Publication No.					
	Jurisdiction to Complete the Penalty Waiver Determination.					
	Determining Whether the Guidance Was Erroneous.					
	Completing the Penalty Waiver Determination.					
	Timeliness of Request.					
	Ripeness.					
	Sufficient Information.					
	Mootness. Required Conditions Other Than Error.					
	Completing the Determination.					
	Notice of the Penalty Waiver Determination.					
	Reconsideration of the Penalty Waiver Determination.					
	Recordkeeping.					
	Reporting.					
	Corrective Action. Effective Date.					
740	Change to the Common Working File Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated.					
740	Billing Edits for Evaluation and Management Services Billed to Fiscal.					
	Intermediaries by Hospitals.					
	Hospital's "Facility Charge" in Connection with Clinic Services of a Physician.					
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744	File Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2006 Fee Schedules and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System through CMS" Mainframe Telecommunications System.					
	Recurring Update Notification Containing New Pricing File Names and Retrieval Dates for 2006.					
745						
	Billing Drugs Electronically "National Council Prescription Drug Program.					
	Certificate of Medical Necessity.					
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7.47	January 2005, April 2005, July 2005, and October 2005 Quarterly Average Sales Price Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files.					
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740	Power Mobility Devices Code G0372.					
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751	National Monitoring Policy for EPO and Aranesp for End-Stage Renal Disease.					
	Patients Treated in Renal Dialysis Facilities.					
	Chapter 8, Section 60.4, Epoetin Alfa.					
752	Chapter 8, section 60.7, Darbepoetin Alfa for End-Stage Renal Disease Patients. Eliminate the Use of Surrogate Unique Physicians Identification Numbers (OTH000) on Medicare Claims.					
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700	Reporting Requirements—Carriers.					
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	Pharmacy Supplying Fee and Inhalation Drug Dispensing Fee.					
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757	Resubmission of Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System. Claims with Chronic Renal Failure Comorbid Condition.					
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	The Financial Limitation.					
	Discipline Specific Outpatient Rehabilitation Modifiers—All Claims.					
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, 00	Update to Repetitive Billing—Manualization. Frequency of Billing to Fiscal Intermediaries for Outpatient Services Hospital and Community Mental Health Center Reporting					
	Requirements for Services Performed on the Same Day.					
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765	Instructions for Downloading the Medicare Zip Code File.					
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767	Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System Revisions to IOM 100–4—Manualization.					
	Physician's Services and Other Professional Services Excluded From Part A.					
	Prospective Payment System Payment and the Consolidated Billing Requirement. Billing Skilled Nursing Escility Prospective Payment System Sonices					
	Billing Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System Services. Billing Procedures for a Composite Skilled Nursing Facility or a Change in Provider Number.					
	Billing for Services After Termination of Provider Agreement, or After Payment is Denied for New Admission.					
	General Rules.					
	Billing for Covered Services.					
	Part B Billing.					

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768	Lung Volume Reduction Surgery.					
769	Surrogate Unique Provider Identification Numbers Reported on Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility Claims.					
770 771						
// 1	Fiscal Intermediary Consistency Edits.					
	Identifying Institutional Providers.					
	Payment Under Prospective Payment System Diagnosis-Related Groups.					
	Payment to Hospitals and Units Excluded From Inpatient Prospective Payment System for Direct Graduate Medical Education and Nursing and Allied Health.					
	Education for Medicare Advantage Enrollees.					
	Requirements for Critical Access Hospital Services, Critical Access Hospital.					
	Skilled Nursing Care Services and Distinct Part Units. Revenue for Boot Hoppital Skilled Nursing Facility Care Eurojahed by a Critical Access Hoppital					
	Payment for Post-Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility Care Furnished by a Critical Access Hospital. Swing-Bed Services.					
	Outlier Payments: Cost-to-Charge Ratios.					
	Affected Medicare Providers.					
	Billing Requirements Under Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System. Coinsurance Election.					
	Maryland Waiver Hospitals.					
	Zip Code Files.					
	Special Partial Hospitalization Billing Requirements for Hospitals, Community Mental Health Centers, and Critical Access Hospitals.					
	Bill Review for Partial Hospitalization Services Provided in Community Mental Health Centers.					
	Part B Outpatient Rehabilitation and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility Services—General. Dialysis Provider Number Series.					
	Shared Systems Changes for Medicare Part B Drugs for End-Stage Renal Disease Independent Dialysis Facilities.					
	Federally Qualified Health Centers.					
	Request for Anticipated Payment.					
	Home Health Prospective Payment System Claims. Completing the Uniform (Institutional Provider) Bill (Form CMS–1450) for Hospice Election.					
	Care Plan Oversight.					
772	Fiscal Intermediary Shared System Edit Updates for Epoetin Alfa and Darbepoetin Alfa Healthcare Common Procedure Coding					
773	System Changes Effective January 1, 2006. Announcement of the Medicare Federally Qualified Health Center Supplemental Payment.					
770	Billing for Supplemental Payments for Federally Qualified Health Centers Under Contract With Medicare Advantage Plans.					
774	Implementation of Changes in End-Stage Renal Disease Payment for Calendar Year 2006.					
775	Required Information for In-Facility Claims Paid Under the Composite Rate.					
776	Home Care and Domiciliary Care Visits (Codes 99324–99350). Stem Cell Transplantation.					
777	Competitive Acquisition Program for Part B Drugs.					
778	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction.					
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781	Revised Manual Instructions for Processing End-Stage Renal Disease Exceptions Under the Composite Rate Reimbursement					
	System.					
	General Instructions for Processing Requests Under the Composite Rate Reimbursement System. Criteria for Approval of End-Stage Renal Disease Exception Requests.					
	Procedures for Requesting Exceptions to End-Stage Renal Disease Payment Rates.					
	Period of Approval: Payment Exception Request.					
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793	Revision to Chapter 31—Addition of Hospice Data HIPAA 270/271 Eligibility. Eligibility Extranet Workflow.		
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37	Manualizing Long-Standing Medicare Secondary Payer Policy in Chapter 3 of the Medicare Secondary Payer Internet Only Manual.
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	Reviewing Hospital Files. Frequency of Reviews and Hospital Selection Criteria. Methodology for Review of Admission and Bill Processing Procedures. Selection of Bill Sample.
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39	Assessment of Hospital Review. Request to Change Lead Contractor. Coordination with the Coordination of Benefits Contractor. Contractors Medicare Secondary Payer Auxiliary File Update Responsibility.
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12	Updates to Medicare Secondary Payer Accounts Receivable Write-Off Procedures.				
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	Identification of Medicare Secondary Payer Write-Off Closed Accounts.				
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	Basis for Termination of Collection.				
	Criteria for Medicare Secondary Payer Based Debts To Qualify for Write-Off Closed.				
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	frames for Approvals And/Or Recommendations.				
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40	Additional Instructions for "Write-Off-Closed" for Debts of Less Than \$25.00.				
43	Expanding the Voluntary Data Sharing Agreement Coordination of Benefit Contractor Numbers for the Common Working File.				
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	Medicare Secondary Payment Debt Interest Calculation Methodology.				
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	Additional Rules with Regard to the Assessment and Collection of Interest for Medicare Secondary Payment Based Debts.				
46	Updates to the Electronic Correspondence Referral System User Guide v9.0 and Quick Reference Card v9.0.				
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79	Discovery Code Indication for Recovery Audit Contractor Non-Medicare Secondary Payer Identified Overpayments.				
30	Medicare Contractors' Monthly Cash Collections.				
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34	Revised Instructions on Contractor Procedures for Provider Audit, and Clarification of Continuing Education and Training Re				
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87	General. Section I—Redeterminations. Section II—Qualified Independent Contractor Reconsiderations. Section III—Administrative Law Judge Results. Section IV—Department Appeals Board Effectuations. Clerical Error Reopenings. Validation of Reports. Update to Carrier Demand Letter Appeals Language.
	Provider Protests Its Liability. Medicare State Operations Manual
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12	SOM Appendix PP—Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities. Revisions to Chapter 2, "The Certification Process," Appendix E—"Providers of Outpatient Physical Therapy or Outpatient Speech Language Pathology Services" and Appendix "K—Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities". Types of Out Patient Therapy/Outpatient Speech Language Pathology Providers. Rehabilitation Agency. Clinics and Public Health Agencies. Sites of Service Provision.
	Outpatient Physical Therapy/Outpatient Speech Language Pathology Services Provided at More Than One Location. Outpatient Physical Therapy/Outpatient Speech Language Pathology Services at Locations Other Than Extension Locations. State Agency Annual Report to Regional Office on Locations of Extension Locations. Survey of Outpatient Physical Therapy/Outpatient Speech Language Pathology Extension Locations. Scope and Site of Services. Shared Space With Another Provider or Supplier.
14 15	Sharing of Equipment. This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 15. Medical Director Guidance.
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126	Implementation of Program Safeguard Contractor Access to the VIPS Medicare Shared System at All Durable Medical Equipment Carriers.
127 128	Complaint Screening Revisions. Evidence of Medical Necessity: Wheelchair and Power Operated Vehicle Claims.
	Replacing the Use of Unique Physician Identification Numbers With the National Provider Identifiers.
130	Correction/Clarification of Chapter 11. Medical Review Overview.
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	Reporting LPET Workload and Cost Information and Documentation in CAFM II. Education Delivered to a Group of Providers Workload and Cost (Activity Code 24117).
131	Medical Review Matching of Electronic Claims and Additional Documentation in the Medical Review Process. Documentation Specifications for Areas Selected for Prepayment or Postpayment Medical Review. Prepayment Review of Claims for Medical Review Purposes.
132	New Process for Web Maintenance of Provider Enrollment Contractor Contact Information.
133 134	Enrolling Indian Health Service Facilities as Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies Suppliers. Change in Provider Enrollment Timeliness Standards.
134	Changes of Information. Timeframes for Processing Enrollment Applications.
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	Provider Communications—Program Elements. Provider Service Plan.						
	Provider Inquiry Analysis.						
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	Training of Provider/Supplier Education Staff.						
	Partnering With External Entities.						
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30	Notification of New Value and Condition Codes for Medicare Demonstrations. The Medicare Chronic Care Improvement, "Medicare Health Support," Program.						
31	This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 35.						
32	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction.						

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33 34 35 36	This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 36. Physician's Voluntary Reporting Program.					
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183	This Transmittal is rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 183					
184	National Modifier and Condition Code To Be Used To Identify Disaster Related Claims.					
185	Payment Allowances for the Influenza Virus Vaccine (CPT 90655, 90656, 90657, and 90658) and the Pneumoccocal Vaccine (CPT 90732) When Payment Is Based on 95 Percent of the Average Wholesale Price.					
186	Coverage by Medicare Advantage Plans for Implantable Automatic Cardiac Defibrillator Services Not Previously Included in MA Capitation Rates.					
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190	Stage 2 Requirements for Use and Editing of National Provider Identifier Numbers Received in Electronic Data Interchange Transaction, via Direct Data Entry Screens, or Paper Claim Forms.					
191	Noridian North Dakota/South Dakota Carrier Number Issue.					
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193	Change of Medicare Part B Contractor in the State of Utah from Regence Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Utah to Noridian Administrative Services.					
194	Calculation of the Interim Payment of Indirect Medical Education Through The Inpatient Prospective Payment System Pricer for Hospitals That Received an Increase to Their Full-Time Equivalent Resident Caps Under Section 422 of the Medicare Modernization Act, Pub. L. 108–173.					
195	Change of Medicare Part A Contractor in the States of Idaho, Oregon, and Utah From Regence Blue Cross and Blue Shield to Noridian Administrative Services.					
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October 28, 2005	62065	483	CMS-3121-F	Medicare and Medicaid Program; Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities; Nursing Services; Posting of Nursing Staffing Information.
November 7, 2005	67568	423	CMS-0011-F	Medicare Program; E-Prescribing and the Prescription Drug Program.
November 9, 2005	68132	484	CMS-1301-F	Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2006.
November 10, 2005	68516	419 and 485	CMS-1501-FC	Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2006 Payment Rates.

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November 21, 2005	70116	405, 410, 411, 413, 414, 424, and 426.	CMS1502-F and CMS- 1325-F.	Average Sales Price (ASP). 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 the Outpatient Drugs and Biologicals Under Part B.
November 22, 2005	70532	418	CMS-1022-F	Medicare Program; Hospice Care Amendments.
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November 25, 2005	71008	424	CMS-0008-F	Medicare Program; Electronic Submission of Medicare Claims.
November 25, 2005	71006	403	CMS-1428-F3	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.
December 13, 2005	73623	405	CMS-1908-F	Medicare Program; Application of Inherent Reason- ableness Payment Policy to Medicare Part B Services (Other Than Physician Services).
December 23, 2005	76317		CMS-4112-N	Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education, January 26, 2006.
December 23, 2005	76315		CMS-1329-N	Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on the Fiscal Year 2007 Applications for New Medical Services and Technologies Add-On Payments Under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System Scheduled for February 16, 2006.
December 23, 2005	76313		CMS-1289-N	Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups—March 1, 2, and 3, 2006.
December 23, 2005	76290		CMS-9033-N	Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—July Through September 2005.
December 23, 2005	76199	484	CMS-3006-F	Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reporting Outcome and Assessment Information Set Data as Part of the Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies.
December 23, 2005	76198	423	CMS-0011-CN	Medicare Program; E-Prescribing and the Prescription Drug Program; Correction.
December 23, 2005	76196	422	CMS-4069-F4	Medicare Program; Establishment of the Medicare Advantage Program.
December 23, 2005	76176	419 and 485	CMS-1501-CN2	Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2006 Payment Rates; Correction.
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Addendum V—National Coverage Determinations [October Through December 2005]

A national coverage determination (NCD) is a determination by the Secretary with respect to whether or not a particular item or service is covered nationally under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, but does not include a determination of what code, if any,

is assigned to a particular item or service covered under this title, or determination with respect to the amount of payment made for a particular item or service so covered. We include below all of the NCDs that were issued during the quarter covered by this notice. The entries below include information concerning completed decisions as well as sections on program and decision memoranda, which also announce pending

decisions or, in some cases, explain why it was not appropriate to issue an NCD. We identify completed decisions by the section of the NCDM in which the decision appears, the title, the date the publication was issued, and the effective date of the decision. Information on completed decisions as well as pending decisions has also been posted on the CMS Web site at http://cms.hhs.gov/coverage.

sections of CMS regulations in Title 42; Title

45, Subchapter C; and Title 20 of the Code

approved by the Office of Management and

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NATIONAL COVERAGE DETERMINATIONS

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Lung Volume Reduction Surgery		240.1 110.8	R44NCD R45NCD	12/2/05 12/6/05	11/17/05 11/28/05
Addendum VI—FDA-Approved Category B IDEs [October Through	G050092 G050116		G050223 G050224		
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Under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360c) devices fall into one of three classes. To assist CMS under this	G050151 G050187 G050191		G050231 G050232		
categorization process, the FDA assigns one of two categories to each FDA-approved IDE.	G050191 G050192 G050193		G050234 G050235 G050236		
Category A refers to experimental IDEs, and Category B refers to non-experimental IDEs.	G050195 G050198		G050239 G050244		
To obtain more information about the classes or categories, please refer to the Federal	G050200 G050202				
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0938–0080	406.13.	
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0938–0101	430.30.	
0938–0102	413.20, 413.24.	
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0938–0287 0938–0296	447.31. 413.170, 413.184.
0938-0301	413.170, 413.164.
0938–0302	418.22, 418.24, 418.28, 418.56, 418.58, 418.70, 418.74, 418.83, 418.96, 418.100.
0938–0313	489.11, 489.20.
0938–0328	482.12, 482.13, 482.21, 482.22, 482.27, 482.30, 482.41, 482.43, 482.45, 482.53, 482.56, 482.57, 482.60, 482.61, 482.62, 482.66, 485.618, 485.631.
0938-0334	491.9, 491.10.
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0938-0360	488.60.
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0938–0372	414.330.
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0938–0391	488.18, 488.26, 488.28.
0938–0426	480.104, 480.105, 480.116, 480.134.
0938-0429	447.53.
0938-0443	478.13, 478.34, 478.36, 478.42.
0938–0444	1004.40, 1004.50, 1004.60, 1004.70.
0938–0445	412.44, 412.46, 431.630, 476.71, 476.74, 476.78.
0938-0447	405.2133.
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0938–0467	431.17, 431.306, 435.910, 435.920, 435.940–435.960.
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0938-0470	417.143, 422.6.
0938–0477 0938–0484	412.92. 424.123.
0938–0501	406.15.
0938-0502	433.138.
0938-0512	486.304, 486.306, 486.307.
0938–0526	475.102, 475.103, 475.104, 475.105, 475.106.
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0938-0573	412.256.
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0938–0600 0938–0610	405.371, 405.378, 413.20. 417.436, 417.801, 422.128, 430.12, 431.20, 431.107, 440.170, 483.6, 483.10, 484.10, 489.102.
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0938–0658 0938–0667	405.2110, 405.2112. 482.12, 488.18, 489.20, 489.24
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0938–0686	493.551–493.557.
0938–0688	486.304, 486.306, 486.307, 486.310, 486.316, 486.318, 486.325.
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0938-0714	411.370–411.389.
0938–0717	424.57.
0938–0721	410.33.
0938–0723	421.300–421.316.
0938–0730	405.410, 405.430, 405.435, 405.440, 405.445, 405.455, 410.61, 415.110, 424.24.
0938–0732	417.126, 417.470
0938-0734	45 CFR 5b.
0938–0739 0938–0749	413.337, 413.343, 424.32, 483.20. 424.57
0938–0753	424.57. 422.000–422.700.
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0938–0758	413.20, 413.24.
0938–0760	484.55, 484.205, 484.245, 484.250.
0938-0761	484.11, 484.20.
0938-0763	422.250, 422.252, 422.254, 422.256, 422.258, 422.262, 422.264, 422.266, 422.270, 422.300, 422.304, 422.306, 422.308,
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0938–0770	410.2.
0938–0778	422.111, 422.564.
0938–0779	417.126, 417.470, 422.64, 422.210.
0938–0781	411.404, 484.10.
0938-0786	438.352, 438.360, 438.362, 438.364.
0938–0790 0938–0792	460.12–460.210. 491.8, 491.11.
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0938–0829	422.568.
0938-0832	Parts 489 and 491.
0938-0833	483.350–483.376.
0938–0841	431.636, 457.50, 457.60, 457.70, 457.340, 457.350, 457.431, 457.440, 457.525, 457.560, 457.570, 457.740, 457.750, 457.810,
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0938–0842	412.23, 412.604, 412.606, 412.608, 412.610, 412.614, 412.618, 412.626, 413.64.
0938-0846	411.352–411.361.
0938-0857	Part 419.
0938–0860 0938–0866	Part 419. 45 CFR Part 162.
0938-0872	413.337, 483.20.
0938–0873	422.152.
0938–0874	45 CFR Parts 160 and 162.
0938-0878	Part 422 Subpart F and G.
0938-0887	45 CFR 148.316, 148.318, 148.320.
0938–0897	412.22, 412.533.
0938–0907	412.230, 412.304, 413.65.
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0938-0915	421.120, 421.122.
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0930-0920	438.404, 438.406, 438.408, 438.410, 438.414, 438.416, 438.604, 438.710, 438.722, 438.724, 438.810.
0938-0921	414.804.
0938-0931	45 CFR Part 142.408, 162.408, and 162.406.
0938-0933	438.50.
0938-0934	403.766.
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0938–0939	405.502.
0938–0944	422.250, 422.252, 422.254, 422.256, 422.258, 422.264, 422.264, 422.266, 422.270, 422.300, 422.304, 422.306, 422.308,
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Addendum VIII—Medicare-Approved Carotid Stent Facilities [October Through December 2005]

On March 17, 2005, we issued our decision memorandum on carotid artery stenting. We determined that carotid artery stenting with embolic protection is reasonable and necessary only if performed in facilities that have been determined to be competent in performing the evaluation, procedure, and follow-up necessary to ensure optimal patient outcomes. We have created a list of minimum standards for facilities modeled in part on professional society statements on competency. All facilities must at least meet our standards in order to receive coverage for carotid artery stenting for high risk patients.

October 2005

10/4/05

Firelands Regional Medical Center, 1101 Decatur Street, Sandusky, OH 44870 Medicare Provider #360025

qMeritCare Hospital, 720 4th Street N, P.O. Box MC, Fargo, ND 58122 Medicare Provider #350011

Presbyterian Healthcare, 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, NC 28204 Medicare Provider #340053

Regions Hospital, 640 North Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN 55101

Medicare Provider #240106

Saint Agnes Medical Center, 1303 East Herndon Avenue, Fresno, CA 93720 Medicare Provider #050093

Saint Francis Medical Center, 211 Saint Francis Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703–8399

Medicare Provider #260183

Staten Island University Hospital, 475 Seaview Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305–3498

Medicare Provider #330160

Baptist Medical Center, 111 Dallas Street, San Antonio, TX 78205–1230 Medicare Provider #450058

Bayonne Medical Center, 29th Street at Avenue E, Bayonne, NJ 07002 Medicare Provider #310025

Memorial Medical Center, 1086 Franklin Street, Johnstown, PA 15905–4398 Medicare Provider #390110

NorthEast Medical Center, 920 Church Street, North, Concord, NC 28025 Medicare Provider #340001

St. Francis Medical Center, 309 Jackson Street, P.O. Box 1901, Monroe, LA 71210–1901

Medicare Provider #190125

UHHS University Hospitals of Cleveland, 11100 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106–5006

Medicare Provider #360137

10/11/05

St. Catherine Hospital, 4321 Fir Street, East Chicago, IN 46312

Medicare Provider #015008

University Hospital, 234 Goodman ML 700, Cincinnati, OH 45219

Medicare Provider #360003

Frankford Hospital, Frankford Avenue & Wakeling Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124 Medicare Provider #390115

Memorial Hospital of South Bend, 615 North

Michigan Street, South Bend, IN 46601 Medicare Provider #150058

Mills-Peninsula Health Services, 1783 El Camino Real, Burlingame, CA 94010 Medicare Provider #050007

Mount Clemens General Hospital, 1000 Harrington Boulevard, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Medicare Provider #230227

SouthCrest Hospital, 8801 South 101st East Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74133 Medicare Provider #370202

St. Mary Medical Center, 1500 South Lake Park Avenue, Hobart, IN 46342 Medicare Provider #150034

St. Mary's Health System, 900 E. Oak Hill Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917 Medicare Provider #440120

University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago, 1740 West Taylor Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60612

Medicare Provider #140150 Wuesthoff Health System Rockledge, 110 Longwood Avenue, P.O. Box 565002 Rockledge, FL 32956–5002

10/14/05

Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine, 1650 West College Street, Grapevine, TX 76051

Medicare Provider #450563

Medicare Provider #010092

Harborview Medical Center, 325 Ninth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104–2499 Medicare Provider #500064

Hendrico Doctors' Hospital,

Forest Campus—Administration, 1602 Skipwith Road, Richmond, VA 23229 Medicare Provider #049118

Methodist Dallas Medical Center, P.O. Box 655999, Dallas, TX 75265–5999 Medicare Provider #450051

North Kansas City Hospital, 2800 Clay Edwards Drive, Kansas City, MO 64116 Medicare Provider #260096

University Community Hospital, Inc., 3100 East Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33613 Medicare Provider #100173

10/21/05

AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, 65 Jimmie Leeds Road, Pomona, NJ 08240 Medicare Provider #310064

Boston Medical Center Corporation, One Boston Medical Center Place, Boston, MA 02118

Medicare Provider #220031

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, One Robert Wood Johnson Place, P.O. Box 2601, New Brunswick, NJ 08903– 2601

Medicare Provider #210038

University Hospital, 1350 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30901–2629 Medicare Provider #110028

Via Christi Regional Medical Center, 929 N. St. Francis, Wichita, KS 67214–3882 Medicare Provider #170122

10/24/05

Advocate South Suburban Hospital, 17800 South Kedzie Avenue, Hazel Crest, IL 60429–0989

Medicare Provider #140250

Baptist Health Medical Center-Little Rock, 9601 Interstate 630, Exit 7, Little Rock, AR 72205–7299 Medicare Provider #040114 Bassett Healthcare, One Atwell Road, Cooperstown, NY 13326–1394 Medicare Provider #330136

Bay Regional Medical Center, 1900 Columbus Avenue, Bay City, MI 48708

Medicare Provider #230041 Mercy Medical Center, 500 S. Oakwood Road, P.O. Box 3370, Oshkosh, WI 54904–3370

Medicare Provider #520048

Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center, 751 Medical Center Court, Chula Vista, CA 91911–6699

Medicare Provider #050222

The Miriam Hospital, 164 Summit Avenue, Providence, RI 02906

Medicare Provider #410012

The University of California San Diego Medical Center, 200 W. Arbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92103

Medicare Provider #050025

USC University Hospital, 1500 San Pablo Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033 Medicare Provider #050696

10/27/05

Baylor Heart & Vascular Hospital, 621 North Hall Street, Dallas, TX 75226 Medicare Provider #450851

Columbus Regional Healthcare System, 710 Center Street P.O. Box 951, Columbus, GA 31902

Medicare Provider #110064

Deaconess Billings Clinic, 2800 Tenth Avenue North, P.O. Box 37000, Billings, MT 59107–7000

Medicare Provider #270004

Kaiser Permanente San Diego Medical Center, Kaiser Foundation Hospital, 4647 Zion Avenue, San Diego, CA 92120 Medicare Provider #050515

Kaweah Delta District Hospital, 400 West Mineral King, Visalia, CA 93291–6263 Medicare Provider #050057

Lexington County Health Services District, Inc. d/b/a Lexington Medical Center, 2720 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, SC 29169

Medicare Provider #420073 Nazareth Hospital, 2601 Holme Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19152 Medicare Provider #390204

Sharp Memorial Hospital, 7901 Frost Street, San Diego, CA 92123 Medicare Provider #050100

St. Vincent Medical Center, 2800 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06606 Medicare Provider #070028

Summa Health Systems, 525 E. Market Street, Akron, OH 44304–1698

Medicare Provider #360020 The Health Network of The Chester County Hospital, 701 E. Marshall Street, West Chester, PA 19380

Medicare Provider #390179 The Toledo Hospital, 2124 N. Cove Boulevard, Toledo, OH 43606 Medicare Provider #360068

November 2005

11/1/05

Brandon Regional Hospital, 119 Oakfield Drive, Brandon, FL 33511 Medicare Provider #100243 Cape Cod Hospital, P.O. Box 640, 27 Park Street, Hyannis, MA 02601 Medicare Provider #220012 St. Elizabeth Hospital, 1506 South Oneida Street, Appleton, WI 54915 Medicare Provider #520009

11/3/05

Athens Regional Medical Center, 1199 Prince Avenue, Athens, GA 30606 Medicare Provider #110074

Foote Hospital, 205 North East Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201

Medicare Provider #230092

Memorial Herman Southwest Hospital, 7600 Beechnut, Houston, TX 77074 Medicare Provider #450184

Regional Medical Center of San Jose, 225 North Jackson Avenue, San Jose, CA 95116–1691

Medicare Provider #050125

St. Luke Hospital, 7380 Turfway Road, Florence, KY 41042 Medicare Provider #180045

11/4/05

Arlington Memorial Hospital, 800 West Randol Mill Road, Arlington, TX 76012 Medicare Provider #450064

Calvert Memorial Hospital, 100 Hospital Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 Medicare Provider #210039

Community Memorial Hospital of San Buenaventura, 147 North Brent Street, Ventura, CA 93003–2854 Medicare Provider #050394

Lancaster General Hospital, 555 North Duke Street, P.O. Box 3555, Lancaster, PA 17604–3555

Medicare Provider #390100

St. Clair Hospital, 1000 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243 Medicare Provider #390228

11/10/05

Banner Thunderbird Medical Center, 5555 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, AZ 85306

Medicare Provider #030089

CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi Shoreline, 600 Elizabeth Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78404

Medicare Provider #450046

Cooper University Hospital, One Cooper Plaza, Camden, NJ 08103–1489 Medicare Provider #310014

Maine Medical Center, 22 Bramhall Street, Portland, ME 04102–3175 Medicare Provider #200009

Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center, Post Office Box 2208, Anniston, AL 36202

Medicare Provider #010078

Virginia Hospital Center, 1701 N. George Mason Drive, Arlington, VA 22205–3698 Medicare Provider #490050

Wuestoff Health System Melbourne, 250 North Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL 32935

Medicare Provider #100291

11/14/05

Anne Arundel Medical Center, 2001 Medical Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401 Medicare Provider #210023

CHRISTUS Schumpert Health System, One St. Mary Place, Shreveport, LA 71121 Medicare Provider #190041 Eisenhower Medical Center, 39000 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 Medicare Provider #050573

Methodist Healthcare-Memphis Hospitals, 1211 Union Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104

Medicare Provider #440049

Waukesha Memorial Hospital, 725 American Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53188 Medicare Provider #520008

11/18/05

Ashtabula County Medical Center, 2420 Lake Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004 Medicare Provider #360125

Carle Foundation Hospital, 611 S. Park Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Medicare Provider #140091 New York Methodist Hospital, 506 Sixth Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215–9008

Medicare Provider #330236 Rush-Copely Medical Center, 2000 Ogden Avenue, Aurora, IL 60504 Medicare Provider #140029

Saint Clare's Hospital, 25 Pocono Road, Denville, NJ 07834

Medicare Provider #310050

Sherman Health, 934 Center Street, Elgin, IL 60120

Medicare Provider #140030

The Hospital at Westlake Medical Center, 5656 Bee Caves Road, Ste M–302, Austin, TX 78746 Medicare Provider #670006

11/21/05

CentraState Medical Center, 901 W. Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728 Medicare Provider #310111

Doctors' Hospital of Opelousas, 3983 I–49 South Service Road, Opelousas, LA 70570

Medicare Provider #190191

Henry Ford Hospital, 2799 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48202 Medicare Provider #230053

LaPorte Regional Health Systems, 1007 Lincolnway, P.O. Box 250, LaPorte, IN 46352–0250

Medicare Provider #150006

Memorial Hermann Hospital, 6411 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77030 Medicare Provider #450068

Morton Plant North Bay Hospital, 6600 Madison Street, New Port Richey, FL 34652

Medicare Provider #100063

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Post Office Box 689, Pueblo at Bath Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93102–0689

Medicare Provider #050396

St. John Medical Center, 1923 South Utica Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74104 Medicare Provider #370114

Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Hawaii Region, 3288 Moanalua Road, Honolulu, HI 96819

Medicare Provider #120011

King County Public Hospital District #1, DBA: Valley Medical Center, 400 South 43rd Street, P.O. Box 50010, Renton, WA 98058–5010

Medicare Provider #500088

Medical Center East, 50 Medical Park East Drive, Birmingham, AL 35235 Medicare Provider #010011 11/28/05

Mercy Hospital, 2601 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060–6518 Medicare Provider #230031

Northwest Community Hospital, 800 West Central Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005–2392

Medicare Provider #140252

St. Joseph's Healthcare, 15855 Nineteen Mile Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038 Medicare Provider #230047

1/29/05

Alegent Health Immanuel Medical Center, 6901 North 72nd Street, Omaha, NE 68122–1799

Medicare Provider #099398

Desert Valley Hospital, 16850 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA 92395 Medicare Provider #050709

MedCentral Health System, 335 Glessner Avenue, Mansfield, OH 44903–2265 Medicare Provider #360118

Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, 405 West Jackson Street, P.O. Box 10000, Carbondale, IL 62902–9000

Medicare Provider #140164

Providence Medical Center, 8929 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66112 Medicare Provider #170009

St. Mary Medical Center, 18300 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307 Medicare Provider #05300

Sutter Medical Center Santa Rosa, 3325 Chanate Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 Medicare Provider #050291

Tucson Heart Hospital, 4888 North Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85704

Medicare Provider #030100 United Hospital Center, Post Office Box 1680, Clarksburg, WV 26302–1680 Medicare Provider #510006

December 2005

12/1/05

All Saints Healthcare System, 3801 Spring Street, Racine, WI 53405 Medicare Provider #520096

Beaufort Memorial Hospital, 955 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC 29902–5454 Medicare Provider #420067

Self Regional Healthcare, 1325 Spring Street, Greenwood, SC 29646 Medicare Provider #420071

12/5/05

Citrus Memorial Health Foundation, Inc., 502 W. Highland Blvd, Inverness, FL 34452– 4754

Medicare Provider #100023

Poudre Valley Hospital, 1024 South Lemay Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80524 Medicare Provider #060010

St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center, 301 Prospect Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13203– 1898

Medicare Provider #330140

UNC Hospitals, 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Medicare Provider #340061

12/6/05

O'Connor Hospital, 2105 Forest Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128 Medicare Provider #050153 University of Minnesota Medical Center Fairview, 2450 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55424 Medicare Provider #240080 Wyoming Medical Center, 1233 E. 2nd Street, Casper, WY 82601 Medicare Provider #530012

12/12/05

Chesapeake General Hospital, 736 Battlefield Boulevard, North, Chesapeake, VA 23320 Medicare Provider #490120

Exempla Lutheran Medical Center, 8300 West 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Medicare Provider #060009

Gaston Memorial Hospital, 2525 Court Drive, Gastonia, NC 28054, Medicare Provider #340032

Parkridge Medical Center, 2333 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404, Medicare Provider #440156

12/19/05

Baton Rouge General Medical Center, 3600 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, Medicare Provider #190065

Broward General Medical Center, 1600 South Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316, Medicare Provider #100039

Good Samaritan Medical Center, 1309 Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, Medicare Provider #100287

Largo Medical Center, 201 14th Street SW, Mail P.O. Box 2905, Largo, FL 33770, Medicare Provider #100248

Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital-Beaumont, 3080 College Street, Beaumont, TX 77701, Medicare Provider #450346

The Nebraska Medical Center, 987400 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198–7400, Medicare Provider #280013

Providence Everett Medical Center, 1321 Colby Avenue, Everett, WA 98201, Medicare Provider #500014

Roper Hospital, 316 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC 29401, Medicare Provider #420087

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, 751 South Bascom Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128, Medicare Provider #050038

Stanford Hospital & Clinics, 300 Pasteur Drive, Stanford, CA 94305, Medicare Provider #050441

The University of Chicago Hospitals, AMB W-606 MC 6091, 5841 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637–1470, Medicare Provider #140088

University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, 50 North Medical Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84132, Medicare Provider #460009

12/21/05

Community Medical Center Healthcare System, 1800 Mulberry Street, Scranton, PA 18510, Medicare Provider #390001

Mercy General Health Partners in Muskegon, Michigan, 1500 East Sherman Boulevard, Muskegon, MI 49444, Medicare Provider #230004

St. Luke's Medical Center, 190 East Bannock Street, Boise, ID 83712, Medicare Provider #130006

12/28/05

Riverside Healthcare Systems, LP, Dba Riverside Community Hospital, 4445 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501, Medicare Provider #050022

Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, 1165 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405–4801, Medicare Provider #050174

San Joaquin Community Hospital, 2615 Eye Street, P.O. Box 2615, Bakersfield, CA 93303–2615, Medicare Provider #050455

United Hospital, 333 North Smith Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102, Medicare Provider #240038

12/30/05

Georgetown University Hospital, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC 20007–2113, Medicare Provider #090004

Memorial Health Care System, 2525 de Sales Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404–1102, Medicare Provider #440091

Mercy Medical Center, 1343 Fountain Boulevard, P.O. Box 1380, Springfield, OH 45501–1380, Medicare Provider #360086

Munson Medical Center, 1105 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684–2386, Medicare Provider #230097

Salem Hospital, 665 Winter Street SE, Post Office Box 14001, Salem, OR 97309– 5014, Medicare Provider #380051

University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216, Medicare Provider #250001

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Medicare Program; Application for Deeming Authority for Medicare Advantage Health Maintenance Organizations and Local Preferred Provider Organizations Submitted by URAC

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Proposed notice.

SUMMARY: This proposed notice announces URAC's submission of an application for deeming authority as a national accreditation organization for health maintenance organizations and local preferred provider organizations participating in the Medicare Advantage program. This announcement describes the criteria to be used in evaluating the application and provides information for submitting comments during a public comment period that will span at least 30 days.

DATES: To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on April 28, 2006.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS-4117-PN. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. You may submit comments in one of three ways (no duplicates, please):

1. Electronically. You may submit electronic comments on specific issues in this regulation to http://www.cms.hhs.gov/eRulemaking. Click on the link "Submit electronic comments on CMS regulations with an open comment period." (Attachments should be in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or Excel; however, we prefer Microsoft Word.)

2. By mail. You may mail written comments (one original and two copies) to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-4117-PN, P.O. Box 8016, Baltimore, MD 21244-8016. Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

3. By hand or courier. If you prefer, you may deliver (by hand or courier) your written comments (one original and two copies) before the close of the comment period to one of the following addresses. If you intend to deliver your comments to the Baltimore address, please call telephone number (410) 786-3159 in advance to schedule your arrival with one of our staff members; Room 445-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201; or 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850. (Because access to the interior of the HHS Building is not readily available to persons without Federal Government identification, commenters are encouraged to leave their comments in the CMS drop slots located in the main lobby of the building. A stamp-in clock is available for persons wishing to retain a proof of filing by stamping in and retaining an extra copy of the comments being filed.) Comments mailed to the addresses indicated as appropriate for hand or courier delivery may be delayed and received after the comment period. For information on viewing public comments, see the beginning of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shaheen Halim, PhD, (410) 786–0641.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Submitting Comments: We welcome comments from the public on all issues set forth in this proposed notice to assist us in fully considering issues and developing policies. You can assist us