

MRA along with bills to Medigap or other Medicare supplemental insurers:

√	Claim type	Reason for exclusion
1	Purchased Services (fee-basis, contracted out)	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and VA policy differences.
2	Mammography Services	CMS and VA policy differences.
3	Institutional (Part A) Adjustments	Updates in process: Expected to be included October 2006.
4	Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)	Not currently covered by CMS/VA Interagency Agreement.
5	Ambulance	CMS and VA policy differences.
6	Rehab Services	Not currently covered by CMS/VA Interagency Agreement.
7	Professional (Part B) Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Prosthetics & Orthotics (P&O).	Not currently covered by CMS/VA Interagency Agreement.
8	Hospice/Respite Care	Not currently covered by CMS/VA Interagency Agreement.
9	Home Health Care (HHC)	Not currently covered by CMS/VA Interagency Agreement.
10	Maintenance/Routine Dialysis	Not currently covered by CMS/VA Interagency Agreement.
11	Patients with Medicare Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Policies.	Not currently covered by CMS/VA Interagency Agreement.
12	Independent Laboratories	Not currently covered by CMS/VA Interagency Agreement.
13	Ambulatory Surgical Centers	Not currently covered by CMS/VA Interagency Agreement.

VA continues to work with CMS to add these claim types to our program; in the interim, we expect that all Medicare supplemental insurers will continue to process these claims for payment under their previous methodology and based on the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 1729.

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1729.

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Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on CARES Business Plan Studies; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Public Law

92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on CARES Business Plan Studies will meet on Friday, September 8, 2006, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., in the Dining Room of the Nursing Home Care Unit, Building 90, VA Palo Alto Health Care System, 4951 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed business plans at those VA facility sites identified in May 2004 as requiring further study by the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Decision document.

The objectives of the Local Advisory Panel meeting are to communicate the Secretary's decision on the specific options to be evaluated and the timeframe for the completion of the study. Additional presentations will focus on the VA-selected contractor's

methodology and tools to evaluate the remaining options. The agenda will also accommodate public commentary on implementation issues associated with each option.

Interested persons may attend and present oral or written statements to the Committee. For additional information regarding the meeting, please contact Mr. Jay Halpern, Designated Federal Officer, (00CARES), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20024, by phone at (202) 273-5994, or by e-mail at jay.halpern@hq.med.va.gov.

Dated: August 11, 2006.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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