



Medicare Learning Network® Updates

Happy Holidays to everyone! Here is the latest news from the Medicare Learning Network®--your official source for CMS information for Medicare Fee-For-Service Providers.

Coming Soon!! The Medicare Billing Certificate Programs--“The Medicare Billing Certificate Program for Part A Providers,” and “The Medicare Billing Certificate Program for Part B Providers” are coming soon to the MLN. Learn about the Medicare Program with a special focus on Medicare Billing specific to your billing or provider type, and receive a certificate in Medicare Billing from CMS. Look for these programs to become available in early 2012!

NEW PRODUCTS

- “[The 2010 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative \(PQRI\)](#)” Booklet (ICN 907207) is now available in downloadable format from the Medicare Learning Network®. This booklet is a compilation of CMS’ various educational resources relevant to the 2010 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI).
- The new “[Mass Immunizers and Roster Billing](#)” fact sheet (ICN 907275) is designed to provide education on mass immunizers and roster billing. It includes information on simplified billing procedures for the influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations.
- The new “[How to Use the Searchable Medicare Physician Fee Schedule](#)” booklet (ICN 901344) is designed to provide education on how to use the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). It includes steps to search for payment information, pricing, Relative Value Units (RVUs), and payment policies. If you like this booklet, check out [How to Use the Medicare Coverage Database](#) and [How to Use the National Correct Coding Initiative \(NCCI\) Tools](#) from the Medicare Learning Network®.

RECENTLY REVISED PRODUCTS

- The “[Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System](#)” Fact Sheet (ICN 006821) has been revised. It includes the following information: background and elements of the Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System.
- The “[Medicare Secondary Payer](#)” Fact Sheet (ICN 006903) is designed to provide education on the Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) provisions. It includes information on MSP basics, common situations when Medicare may pay first or second, Medicare conditional payments, and the role of the Coordination of Benefits Contractor.
- The “[Medicare Remit Easy Print](#)” brochure (ICN 006903) is designed to provide education about Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) software that enables physicians and suppliers to view and print their remittance information. It includes a basic software overview, the benefits of using electronic remittance information, minimum system requirements, and additional resources available on the Internet.

- The “[Outpatient Rehabilitation Services: Complying With Documentation Requirements](#)” Fact Sheet (ICN 905365) is designed to provide education on Comprehensive Error Rate Testing program errors related to outpatient rehabilitation therapy services. It includes information on the documentation needed to support a claim submitted to Medicare for outpatient rehabilitation therapy services.
- “[Misinformation on Chiropractic Services](#)” Fact Sheet (ICN 006953) is designed to provide education on Medicare regulations and policies on chiropractic services to Medicare FFS providers. It includes information on the documentation needed to support a claim submitted to Medicare for chiropractic services.
- The “[CMS Electronic Mailing Lists: Keeping Medicare Fee-For-Service Providers Informed](#)” Fact Sheet (ICN 006785) is designed to provide education on the various CMS Fee-For-Service (FFS) electronic mailing lists. It includes information about how to register for the service and receive the latest news regarding important FFS initiatives.
- The “[Medicare Fraud & Abuse: Prevention, Detection, and Reporting](#)” Fact Sheet (ICN 0006827) is designed to provide education on preventing, detecting and reporting Medicare fraud and abuse. It includes definitions, as well as, information on laws, partnerships with other organizations and resources for additional information.
- The “[Power Mobility Devices \(PMDs\): Complying with Documentation & Coverage Requirements](#)” Fact Sheet (ICN 905063) is designed to provide education on common Comprehensive Error Rate Testing Program errors related to power mobility devices. It includes a checklist of the documentation needed to support a claim submitted to Medicare for PMDs.
- The revised “[Ambulance Fee Schedule](#)” fact sheet (ICN 006835) includes the following information: background, ambulance providers and suppliers, ambulance services payments, and how payment rates are set.
- The revised “[Sole Community Hospital](#)” fact sheet (ICN 006399) includes the following information: Sole Community Hospital (SCH) classification criteria, SCH payments, and hospital reclassifications.
- The revised “[Medicare Dependent Hospital](#)” fact sheet (ICN 901683) includes the following information: Medicare Dependent Hospital (MDH) classification criteria and MDH payments.
- The revised “[Hospital-Acquired Conditions \(HAC\) in Acute Inpatient Prospective Payment System \(IPPA\) Hospitals](#)” fact sheet (ICN 901045) is designed to provide education on the *Deficit Reduction Act* of 2005 which requires a quality adjustment in Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Group payment for certain Hospital Acquired Conditions (HAC). This Fact Sheet lists all 10 categories of HAC to help providers learn more about the HAC program. This fact sheet also provides an overview of *DRA* and types of affected and exempted hospitals and provides a table of HACs and codes.
- The “[Present on Admission \(POA\) Indicator Reporting by Acute Inpatient Prospective Payment System \(IPPS\) Hospitals](#)” fact sheet (ICN 901046) is designed to provide clarity for providers on how to apply the Present on Admission (POA) indicator to the final set of diagnosis codes that have been assigned in accordance with sections I, II, and III of the official coding guidelines. Subsequent to the assignment of the ICD-9-CM codes, the POA indicator should then be assigned to those conditions that have been added.

PRODUCTS NOW AVAILABLE IN PRINT

To place your order for any of the Medicare Learning Network® products available in print, go to [MLN Products](#), scroll down to the “Related Links Inside CMS” and select the “MLN Product Ordering Page.”

- The new [“Contractor Entities At A Glance: Who May Contact You About Specific Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Activities”](#) Educational Tool (ICN 906983) is designed to provide education on the definitions and responsibilities of entities involved in claims adjudication activities. It includes a chart that outlines each entity by type, definitions, responsibilities, and reasons for contacting providers, especially Fee-For-Service providers.
- The revised [“Medicare Information for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Anesthesiologist Assistants, and Physician Assistants”](#) booklet (ICN 901623) is designed to provide education on services furnished by advanced practice registered nurses, anesthesiologist assistants, and physician assistants. It includes the following information about Medicare requirements for these provider types: required qualifications, coverage criteria, billing, and payment.
- The revised [“Medicare Physician Guide”](#) (ICN 005938) has been revised and is available in CD ROM format. This guide includes the following information: an introduction to the Medicare Program, becoming a Medicare provider or supplier, Medicare reimbursement, Medicare services, protecting the Medicare Trust Fund, Medicare overpayments and Fee-For-Service appeals, and provider outreach and education.

MLN MATTERS® ARTICLES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

The new MLN Matters® Special Edition Article (#SE1134) [“Medicare Payments for Diagnostic Radiology Services in Emergency Departments”](#) is based on a report from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) related to Medicare payments and policy for coverage of radiology services. It includes information about the key elements of the OIG study and a summary of its findings.

The new MLN Matters® Special Edition Article (#SE1136) [“2011-2012 Seasonal Influenza \(Flu\) Resources for Healthcare Professionals”](#) is designed to provide education on educational resources designed to help Fee-For-Service Providers understand coverage, billing, and reimbursement guidelines for seasonal flu vaccines. It includes a list of relevant Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) educational products and MLN Matters® articles.

The MLN Matters® Special Edition Article (#SE1126) [“Further Details on the Revalidation of Provider Enrollment Information”](#) has been revised. This article is designed to provide education on the Medicare provider enrollment revalidation process. It includes information on what providers and suppliers must do when they receive notice from their Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) to revalidate their enrollment.

The MLN Matters® Special Edition Article (#SE1117) [“Correct Provider Billing of Admission Date and Statement Covers Period”](#) is designed to provide education on the National Uniform Billing Committee’s (NUBC) definition for reporting the *admission date* and *statement covers period* elements on claims submitted on or after Sat Oct 1. It includes a summary of guidance and instructions that CMS has issued to modify FISS edits related to these data elements.

The MLN Matters® Special Edition Article (#SE1122) [“Important Reminders about Advanced Diagnostic Imaging \(ADI\) Accreditation Requirements”](#) is designed to provide education on important ADI accreditation requirements. *This article was revised to clarify that providers need not submit their ADI data on their 855 enrollment forms or via the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS).* CMS receives that data from the accrediting organizations. The article also includes a list of Frequently Asked Questions to help providers better understand ADI accreditation requirements.

The new MLN Matters® Special Edition Article (#SE1135) [“Guidance on Completing the CMS-855A Enrollment Form”](#) is designed to provide education on how to complete the Medicare Enrollment Application for Institutional Providers, Form CMS-855A. It provides a brief guide that providers may use when completing the CMS-855A application. Please note, use of this guide is not mandatory and does not ensure Medicare enrollment.

The MLN Matters® Article (#MM7177) “[Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Enrollment Procedures](#)” is designed to provide education on the accreditation requirements for providers who submit claims for advanced diagnostic imaging services, as outlined in Change Request (CR) 7177. It was revised to add a reference to MLN Matters Article #SE1122 for additional information about these requirements.

The MLN Matters® Special Edition Article (#SE1106) “[Important Reminders about HIPAA 5010 & D.0 Implementation](#)” is designed to provide education on how to prepare for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) 5010/D.0 implementation. It includes a list of assessment questions and educational materials to help providers prepare for the implementation.

The MLN Matters® Special Edition Article (#SE1131) “[Important Update Regarding 5010 Implementation – Action Needed Now](#)” is designed to provide education on the actions providers must take *NOW* to prepare for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) 5010/D.0 implementation. It includes important action steps and a list of questions that providers can use to determine whether they are at risk of not being able to meet the January 1, 2012, deadline and submit claims.

The new, “[Additional Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPAA\) 837 5010 Transitional Changes and Further Modifications to the Coordination of Benefits Agreement \(COBA\) National Crossover Process](#)” MLN Matters® Special Edition Article (#SE1137) is designed to provide education on the HIPAA 5010 COBA National Crossover Process for supplemental payers. It includes important information and examples to assist providers with the transition.

Wishing you a truly joyous holiday season!

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