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Recognizing Lung Cancer Awareness Month and the Great American Smokeout
November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month and November 20 is the Great American Smokeout. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States for both men and women. Cigarette smoking is the number one cause of lung cancer. Almost 1 in 5 Americans smokes cigarettes, and tens of thousands more smoke pipes or cigars, which also cause lung cancer. Many smokers who want to quit have great difficulty succeeding. As a provider of health care services to people with Medicare, you can provide support to seniors who want to quit tobacco use, and Medicare can help. [Read more.](#)

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Revised Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 855R Application - Reassignment of Medicare Benefits

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Special Edition (SE) is intended for physicians, non-physician practitioners, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and who choose to reassign their benefits or accept reassigned benefits of those claims.

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

Physicians, non-physician practitioners, providers, and suppliers must use the revised CMS 855R (Reassignment of Benefits) application beginning June 1, 2015.

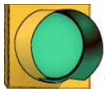
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**CAUTION – What You Need to Know**

The revised CMS 855R application will be available for use on the CMS.gov website as of December 29, 2014. MACs may accept both the current and revised versions of the CMS 855R through May 31, 2015, after which the revised CMS 855R application will be required to be submitted.

After May 31, 2015, MACs will return any newly submitted CMS 855R applications on the previous version (07/11) to the provider/supplier with a letter explaining that the CMS 855R has been updated and the current version of the CMS 855R (11/12) must be submitted.

**GO – What You Need to Do**

Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

Background

Physicians, non-physician practitioners, providers, and suppliers must use the revised CMS 855R application starting June 1, 2015. The revised CMS 855R has been streamlined and some sections have been re-ordered for clarity. The revised form includes an optional section for primary practice location address. This information is shared with other programs such as Physician Compare to help beneficiaries identify where their physicians are primarily practicing. This address must be one that is affiliated with the individual/organization where the benefits are being reassigned.

Additional Information

Visit the Medicare Provider Supplier Enrollment webpage for more information about Medicare enrollment, available at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/index.html> on the CMS website.

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