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Information for Medicare Fee-For-Service Health Care Professionals

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Medicare Announces Delay in Processing Certain Claims No Later Than April 18, 2005

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Provider Types Affected

All physicians and providers billing Medicare Carriers and all providers billing Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for services paid under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

Provider Action Needed

No action is needed. This article is informational only, but affected providers should be aware that this article discusses circumstances that may cause a slight delay in receiving payment from Medicare for some of your claims.

Additional Information

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently advised Medicare carriers, including durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) and FIs that certain Medicare systems are being changed on April 18, 2005. Further, CMS advised that certain claims affected by these system changes may not be processed until those system changes are implemented no later than April 18.

As a result, CMS instructed carriers and FIs to hold these claims and not process them until the system changes are in place. The types of claims affected by this CMS action are as follows:

Claim Types	Medicare will Begin Holding on:	Medicare will Begin Processing the Claims no later than:	Change Request Involved	Provider Types Affected
Claims Affected by Type of Service (TOS) Changes (see note 1. below)	April 1, 2005	April 18, 2005	CR3788 (see Note 2. below)	Those billing Medicare carriers for affected services
Anti-Cancer Chemotherapy for Colorectal Cancer Claims	April 1, 2005	April 18, 2005	CR3742 (See note 2. below)	Those billing Medicare carriers, DMERCs, or FIs for affected services

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PET for Brain, Cervical, Ovarian, Pancreatic, Small Cell Lung, and Testicular Cancers Claims	April 1, 2005	April 18, 2005	CR3741 (see note 2. below)	Those billing carriers or FIs for affected services
Holding of Implantable Automatic Defibrillator (IAD) Claims	April 1, 2005	April 18, 2005	N/A	Those billing intermediaries for these services.
Outpatient Prospective Payment System Claims	April 1, 2005	April 18, 2005	N/A	Those providers billing intermediaries for services paid under the OPPTS

1. TOS is an indicator that the carrier places on the Form CMS-1500 paper form or electronic format. The indicator is mainly used for data purposes. However, in some instances it affects payment. All HCPCS codes have a corresponding TOS indicator.

2. To view a CR or an MLN article, visit <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> on the CMS website. Once at that site, select the year of the CR and then enter the number of the CR in the keyword box.

If you have any questions related to any of these issues, please contact your carrier, DMERC, or intermediary at their toll-free number, which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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