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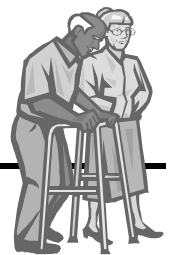
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Nursing Facility Rates

All nursing facilities should have received a survey form in the mail to be completed regarding staffing levels. These surveys will be used to adjust the nursing facility rates effective March 1, 2000 due to the required changes in staffing as mandated by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

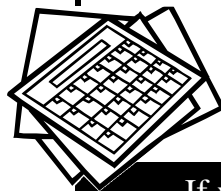
As soon as the March 1, 2000 rates are set, the quarterly rates effective April 1 - June 30, 2000 will be calculated and mailed to providers.



July 1, 2000 Long-Term Care Facility Rates

The rate year for long-term care facilities (nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, and psychiatric residential treatment facilities) has been changed from the state fiscal year of July 1 - June 30 to a calendar year. These facilities will receive a new rate effective for the period July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 (although the nursing facilities will receive a case mix adjustment effective October 1, 2000) based on the 1998 cost reports. The costs will be adjusted for inflation from the mid-point of the cost report period to the mid-point of the rate period. For example, a facility that filed a cost report for the calendar year 1998 will have the trend factor, as determined by the Medicaid State Plan, multiplied to adjust from July 1, 1998 (the mid-point of the cost report period) to October 1, 2000 (the mid-point of the six-month rate period) or 2.25.

Rates will be computed for the calendar year 2001 based on the 1999 cost reports.



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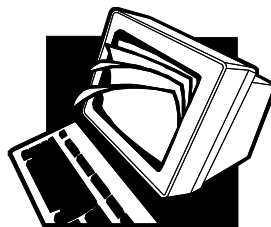
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Mississippi Crossover Claim Forms



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Providers are required to use current Mississippi Crossover Claim Forms when submitting claims for Medicare beneficiaries that did not crossover electronically to Mississippi Medicaid. You may obtain these forms from EDS or access them on the Division of Medicaid website at www.dom.state.us.ms. Please note that the Medicare Part A Mississippi Crossover Claim Form was revised 7/1/98 and the Medicare Part B Mississippi Crossover Claim Form was revised 4/1/99. All other crossover claim forms are obsolete.

Remember that each Mississippi Crossover Claim Form must have a Medicare EOB attached. Crossover claim forms submitted without a separate attachment will be returned to the provider.

HIPAA Update

The Administrative Simplification (AS) provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) are intended to reduce the costs and administrative burdens of health care by making possible the standardized, electronic transmission of many administrative and financial transactions that are currently carried out manually on paper.

The following information was taken from the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) web site at www.hcfa.gov.

Tentative Schedule for Publication of HIPAA Administrative Simplification Regulations

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is planning to issue HIPAA regulations under the following schedule. The time from publication of the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) to publication of the final rule is needed to review and respond to the large number of comments received on the NPRMS. (For example, we received over 17,000 comments on the Transactions and Code Sets NPRM alone.) Both the logistics of handling the large volume of comments, and the analysis of the issues raised by the comments affect the time it takes to develop a final rule. Once written, the final rules must be reviewed by the Department of Health and Human Services and a number of its subordinate agencies, as well as by several other Federal departments affected by the rules. This schedule is, of course, subject to change.

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Where dates are missing, HHS has not yet set any specific target dates.

NPRMs Already Published:

Standard	NPRM Published	Expected Final Rule Publication	Expected Date Compliance Required*
Transactions and Code Sets	5/07/1998	6/2000	8/2002
National Provider Identifier	5/07/1998		
National Employer	6/16/1998		
Security	8/12/1998		
Privacy	11/3/1999		



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NPRMs in Development:

Standard	Expected NPRM Publication	Expected Final Rule Publication	Expected Date Compliance Required*
National Health Plan Identifier			
Claims Attachments Enforcement			
National Individual Identifier	On hold.		

*Standards are required to be implemented generally within 2 years of the effective date of the final rule. (The effective date of the final rule is generally 60 days after its publication.) However, the effective date for the National Provider Identifier is likely to be delayed a few months to allow enough time for HHS to develop the system for implementing the identifier.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ESC Cut-Off 5 pm	2	3
4	5 Checkwrite	6	7	8 ESC Cut-Off 5 pm	9	10
11	12 Checkwrite	13	14 Flag Day	15 ESC Cut-Off 5 pm	16	17
18 Father's Day	19 Checkwrite	20	21	22 ESC Cut-Off 5 pm	23	24
25	26 Checkwrite	27	28	29 ESC Cut-Off 5 pm	30	

Checkwrites and Remittance Advices are dated every Monday. However, funds are not transferred until the following Thursday and Remittance Advices usually arrive the following Friday.