

Dear Cahaba_News Medicare Part B Members,

MM5365 - Payment Allowances for the Influenza Virus Vaccine (CPT Codes 90655, 90656, 90657, and 90658) and the Pneumococcal Vaccine (CPT 90732) When Payment is Based on 95 Percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP). This article and related change request (CR) 5365 provide the payment allowances for the following influenza virus vaccines: CPT codes 90655, 90656, 90657, and 90658 as well as the pneumococcal vaccine (CPT 90732) when payment is based on 95 percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP). To find out more, go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5365.pdf>.

MM5386 - Revisions to Procedures to Establish Good Cause and Qualified Independent Contractor (QIC) Jurisdictions. The purpose of CR 5386 is to notify providers and suppliers of the restructured Part B/DME QIC jurisdictions. For details, see <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5386.pdf>.

MM5426 - Private Contracting- Definition of Physician/Practitioner. This article updates the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Publication 100-02, Chapter 15, Section 40.4) to include registered dietitians and nutrition professionals in the list of practitioners who can opt out of Medicare if certain conditions are met, and to provide services through private contracts that would otherwise be covered by Medicare. Read more at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5426.pdf>.

MM5428 - Medicare Payment for Pre-administration-Related Services Associated with IVIG Administration. CR5428 extends payment of the pre-administration-related service for IVIG through CY 2007 but only when submitted on the same claim as the IVIG and its administration. For more information, go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5428.pdf>.

MM5443 - 2007 Physician Fee Schedule Payment Policies. CR 5443: 1) Summarizes significant issues contained in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Regulation for 2007 (including publishing the Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) for CY 2007); and 2) Announces the telehealth originating site facility fee for 2007. CR5443 also discusses several provisions of the recently enacted Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006. See more at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5443.pdf>.

MM5459 - Emergency Update to the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB). Payment files were issued to contractors based upon the December 1, 2006, MPFS Final Rule. For more information, click on <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5459.pdf>

Thank you,
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