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DME MACs and CMS COVID-19 Updates

Dear Valued Customer,

Change Healthcare is committed keeping you informed about the ongoing publications related to COVID-19. We are providing you with the specifics pertaining to the pharmacy line of business.

This notification is to inform you of the following items resulting from publications from CMS, HHS and the DME MACs related to pharmacies. It also contains an outline of previously published notifications to help consolidate all COVID-19 items into one reference guide.

Current Details

◀ **HHS Statement on Authorizing Licensed Pharmacists to Order and Administer COVID-19 Tests**

In an effort to expand testing capabilities, licensed pharmacists are being authorized to order and administer COVID-19 tests to their patients. Follow this link for more details:

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/04/08/hhs-statements-on-authorizing-licensed-pharmacists-to-order-and-administer-covid-19-tests.html>

Our MedRx suite of solutions remains ready to support you during this time of extreme uncertainty, collaboration and information sharing as details emerge. Please let us know your plans and needs as we adapt our products to support you in this changing landscape. Change Healthcare will continue to provide updates on operational and industry changes as well as any new findings or discoveries related to the COVID-19 crisis.

◀ **Medicare FFS Claims: 2% Payment Adjustment Suspended (Sequestration)**

Section 3709 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act temporarily suspends the 2% payment adjustment currently applied to all Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) claims due to sequestration. The suspension is effective for claims with dates of service from May 1 through Dec. 31, 2020. Change Healthcare Medicare MedRx will have this pricing adjustment in place on May 1, 2020.

- ◁ **Accelerated Advanced Payment forms from both DME MACs** (details previously communicated in CSA 040220e dated 04/02/20):

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<https://med.noridianmedicare.com/documents/10546/2911943/>

CGS:

https://cgsmedicare.com/pdf/covid_accelerated_req_form.pdf

Previously Published CSAs Related to COVID



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