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# Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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## CHANGE REQUEST 1321

**SUBJECT: Destroy Outdated Stock Of Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) and Part A Explanation of Medicare Benefits (EOMBs) Under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)**

Program Memorandum (PM) A-00-36, Change Request 1229, dated June 2000, provides instructions for implementing the hospital OPSS and supercedes PM A-00-23, Change Request 1141, dated April 2000. The purpose of this PM is to provide additional instructions regarding the backs of both the MSN and the Part A EOMB.

Destroy all outdated stock containing the original language on the back of the notices, including any stock containing language that may have been revised in accordance with the April PM (A-00-23). The backs of both notices must be printed to include the following revised language referenced in the above mentioned PM A-00-36:

**THE AMOUNT YOU MAY BE BILLED** for **Part B** services includes:

- o **An annual deductible**, the first \$100 of Medicare Part B charges each year;
- o After the deductible has been met for the year, depending on services received, a **coinsurance amount** (20 percent of the amount charged), or a fixed **copayment** for each service; and
- o Charges for services or supplies that are **not covered** by Medicare. You may not have to pay for certain denied services. If so, a note on the front will tell you.

**NOTE:** Continue to print all other HCFA mandated language on the back of the notices.

**The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum is August 31, 2000.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is August 31, 2000.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after August 1, 2001.**

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