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# Medicare Program Integrity Manual

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**NEW/REVISED MATERIAL--EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2001**  
**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 31, 2001**

This change adds Section 1.1.6 to Chapter 5 of the Program Integrity Manual.

**Chapter 5, Section 1.1.6 Physician Assistant Rules Concerning Orders and CMNs** is a new section allowing physician assistants to sign certificates of medical necessity and orders.

**NOTE: Red italicized font identifies new material.**

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

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***1.1.6 – Physician Assistant Rules Concerning Orders and CMNs --  
(Rev. 4, 01-31-01)***

***Physician assistants may provide the dispensing order and write and sign the detailed written order if they satisfy all the following requirements:***

- ***They meet the definition of physician assistant found in §1861(aa)(5)(A) of the Act and §2156(A) of the Medicare Carriers Manual;***
- ***They are treating the beneficiary for the condition for which the item is needed;***
- ***They are practicing under the supervision of a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy;***
- ***They have their own UPIN; and***
- ***They are permitted to perform services in accordance with State law.***

***Physician assistants may complete Section B and sign Section D of a CMN if they meet all the criteria described above for signing orders.***