
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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SUBJECT: Notice Requirement Related to Local Medical Review Policies (LMRP)

Recently, CMS issued Program Memorandum (PM) AB-02-155 related to providing information to beneficiaries when an LMRP was used in adjudicating a claim. In a related activity, contractors must publish on the homepage of their Web sites a link to the text of the “Notice of Proposed Settlement and Fairness Hearing” which appears on the CMS Web site at <http://cms.hhs.gov/erringersettlement.asp>. Alternatively, contractors may place the complete text of the notice on their own Web sites. If creating a link to the CMS Web site, contractors must preface the link with the heading, “Notice of Proposed Settlement and Fairness Hearing in Erringer v. Thompson litigation” on the homepage of their Web sites, and the link should be prominently displayed on their homepages. This notification must be posted before November 30, 2002 and must remain posted through December 31, 2002.

The *effective date* for this PM is: November 22, 2002.

The *implementation date* for this PM is: November 22, 2002.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after December 31, 2002.

If you have any questions, contact Dan Schwartz at (410) 786-4197.