

Program Memorandum Carriers

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SUBJECT: Medicare TeleMedicine Demonstration Ending Date

The purpose of this Program Memorandum (PM) is to inform the carriers for the states of Iowa, Georgia, North Carolina, and West Virginia that the five TeleMedicine demonstration projects that CMS implemented on October 1996 will end on September 30, 2001. These five TeleMedicine demonstration projects include the Mercy Foundation (Midwest Rural Telemedicine Consortium) project and the Iowa Methodist Health System project in Iowa; the Medical College of Georgia/University of Michigan project in Georgia; the East Carolina University Project in North Carolina; and the West Virginia project.

The procedure codes created specifically for these demonstrations must be given end dates of September 30, 2001. The demonstration codes are:

QQ211 – QQ215	QQG11 – QQG15	QQS11 – QQS15	QQD11 – QQD15
QQ221 – QQ233	QQG21 – QQG33	QQS21 – QQS33	QQD21 – QQD33
QQ241 – QQ245	QQG41 – QQG45	QQS41 – QQS45	QQD41 – QQD45
QQ251 – QQ263	QQG51 – QQG63	QQS51 – QQS63	QQD51 – QQD63

NOTE: Some of these codes were not used by all demonstration sites/carriers.

For dates of service after September 30, 2001, these codes are no longer valid and should not be paid. Use the following messages to deny dates of service after September 30, 2001, for these codes: EOMB message 9.22; MSN message 16.13; and remittance advice remark code B 18.

In your next regularly scheduled bulletin each demonstration carrier must include a notice that the TeleMedicine demonstration is ending and that the applicable demonstration codes used by your particular demonstration site(s) will not be valid for dates of service after September 30, 2001.

The effective date for this PM is October 1, 2001.

The implementation date for this PM is October 1, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after October 1, 2002.

If you have any questions, contact your regional office.