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## *Transmittal 49 Implementation Date Extension*

### Provider Types Affected

Hospitals and other providers who bill Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries.

### Provider Action Needed

Affected providers should note that Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) were instructed in Transmittal 49, CR 2879 to implement the Arkansas Part A Standard System (APASS) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Implementation Guide (IG) module in the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS). This CR was to be effective April 1, 2004 and had an implementation date of April 5, 2004.

Based on FI feedback, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is **extending the Implementation Date for Transmittal 49, CR 2879 from April 5, 2004 to July 6, 2004**. Providers need take no additional action other than to be aware of the delayed implementation of these additional edits. Also, due to the delay in implementing these IG edits, claims are still being edited under the rules in existence prior to those specified in CR2879.

### Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) developed requirements for Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) who use the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) to ensure that they are consistently rejecting X12N 837 claims at the claim level when certain levels of errors are detected.

Intermediaries who return the entire batch of claims as a result of errors that occur at the claim level must make the necessary IG editing changes to their front-end system and/or translator to:

- Accept HIPAA complaint claims; and
- Reject only those claims with IG errors.

Intermediaries must implement the APASS IG module in the FISS and the requirements for the APASS IG module that were to go into effect on April 1, 2004 with an implementation date of April 5, 2004 (Transmittal 49, Change Request 2879, dated Dec. 19, 2003).

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Many FIs have already implemented or have begun the process of implementing the APASS IG module, and based on FI feedback, this instruction is extending the Implementation Date for Transmittal 49, CR 2879, from April 5, 2004 to July 6, 2004.

## Implementation

The Implementation Date of this instruction is July 6, 2004.

## Additional Information

The official instruction issued to your carrier regarding this change may be found by going to:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm\\_date\\_dsc.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm_date_dsc.asp)

From that web page, look for CR3197 in the CR NUM column on the right, and click on the file for that CR. If you have any questions, please contact your carrier/intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/tollnums.asp>

Also, Transmittal 49, Change Request 2879, dated Dec. 19, 2003, can be found at the following CMS website:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm\\_trans/R49CP.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R49CP.pdf)

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