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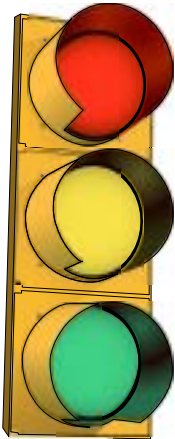
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## *MMA -Shared Systems Changes for Medicare Part B Drugs for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Independent Dialysis Facilities*

### Provider Types Affected

Providers caring for ESRD patients and billing Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for drugs under Part B.

### Provider Action Needed



#### **STOP – Impact to You**

Beginning on January 01, 2005, Medicare's Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) will carry at least two payment limits for ESRD-related HCPCS drug codes billed by differing types of facilities.

#### **CAUTION – What You Need to Know**

FIs will select the appropriate payment limits for HCPCS codes, based on type of facility. The ESRD price will apply only to independent dialysis facilities' claims and the non-ESRD price to all other providers' claims where payment is not based on cost or a PPS.

#### **GO – What You Need to Do**

When billing for PART B drugs for ESRD patients make sure that the correct TOB is used.

### Background

Section 303 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) provides that the payment limits for ESRD-related drugs billed by differing types of facilities vary depending on the site of service.

For calendar year 2005, the payment limits for Medicare Part B drugs will be updated on a quarterly basis. Therefore, Medicare shared systems (FISS) will have at least two payment limits, one for independent ESRD facilities and another for other facilities, for HCPCS drug codes, effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2005.

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Independent dialysis facilities should use **TOB 72x** for separately billable drugs to ESRD beneficiaries. When Medicare receives a TOB 72x claim, it will pay based on the ESRD rate when the claim shows it is from an independent dialysis facility based on a provider number within the range of 2500-2899 (non-hospital renal facilities, or within the range of 2900-2999 (independent special purpose renal dialysis facilities).

## Implementation

This change will be implemented by Medicare on January 3, 2005.

## Additional Information

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Web site furnishes **current** drug-related information to Medicare providers, physicians and other suppliers at:

<http://cms.hhs.gov/providers/drugs/asp.asp>

**These files will be updated effective January 1, 2005.**

If you have any questions about this issue, please contact your FI at their toll-free number, which may be found at:

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

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