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DME MACs and CMS COVID-19 Updates

Dear Valued Customer,

Change Healthcare is committed keeping you informed about the ongoing publications related to COVID-19. The details are rapidly changing, and we assure you we're working diligently to confirm the specifics pertaining to the pharmacy line of business.

This notification is to inform you of the following items resulting from publications from CMS, HHS and the DME MACs related to pharmacies. It also contains an outline of previously published notifications to help consolidate all COVID-19 items into one reference guide.

Current Details

- **HHS Statement on Authorizing Licensed Pharmacists to Order and Administer COVID-19 Tests**

In an effort to expand testing capabilities, licensed pharmacists are being authorized to order and administer COVID-19 tests to their patients. Follow this link for more details:

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/04/08/hhs-statements-on-authorizing-licensed-pharmacists-to-order-and-administer-covid-19-tests.html>

Our MedRx suite of solutions remains ready to support you during this time of extreme uncertainty, and we're engaged with payers, partners, and customers across the industry to ensure collaboration and information sharing as details emerge. Please let us know your plans and needs as we adapt our products to support you in this changing landscape. Change Healthcare will continue to provide updates on operational and industry changes as well as any new findings or discoveries related to the COVID-19 crisis.

- **Medicare FFS Claims: 2% Payment Adjustment Suspended (Sequestration)**

Section 3709 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act temporarily suspends the 2% payment adjustment currently applied to all Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) claims due to sequestration. The suspension is effective for claims with dates of service from May 1 through Dec. 31, 2020. Change Healthcare Medicare MedRx will have this pricing adjustment in place on May 1, 2020.

- **Accelerated Advanced Payment forms from both DME MACs** (details previously communicated in CSA 040220e dated 04/02/20):
 - Noridian
 - <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/documents/10546/2911943/>
 - CGS:
 - https://cgsmedicare.com/pdf/covid_accelerated_req_form.pdf

Previously Published CSAs Related to COVID-19

<u>CSA Title</u>	<u>CSA Publication #</u>	<u>CSA Date</u>
COVID-19 Medicare Day Supply Adjustment	CSA 032020d	March 20, 2020
Financial Payment Changes	CSA 040220e	April 2, 2020
DME MACs and CMS COVID-19 Updates	CSA 041020b	April 10, 2020

Change Healthcare continues to monitor this rapidly evolving situation and will provide updates as circumstances change. If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact Pharmacy Support at 866.379.6389.

Change Healthcare is proud to be your business partner and remains committed to your success.

Learn how Change Healthcare is providing Technology and business support during the COVID-19 crisis: www.changehealthcare.com/covid-19.

Thanks for your attention to this announcement,

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