

CMS Introduces New and Revised MLN Publications for You, Your Staff, Your Physicians and Your Patients



“Publications For Your Medicare Beneficiaries”

New! The Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) has released a new product titled “Publications For Your Medicare Beneficiaries.” This factsheet lists a variety of beneficiary-related publications available to assist providers in responding to patients’ questions related to Medicare, all of which can be printed and provided to patients. This product is available in downloadable format [here](#). Check it out – links to more than 70 different publications!

“The 2007 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative”

New! A new Medicare Learning Network® publication titled “The 2007 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI)” (November 2010) is now available in downloadable format [here](#). This booklet is a compilation of CMS’s various educational resources relevant to the 2007 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative.

“Guidelines for Teaching Physicians, Interns, and Residents”

The “Guidelines for Teaching Physicians, Interns, and Residents” (**revised December 2010**) is now available in downloadable format [here](#). This factsheet provides information about payment for physician services in teaching settings, general documentation guidelines, and evaluation and management documentation guidelines.

“HIPAA EDI Standards” Web-Based Training

The Medicare Learning Network® is now offering the revised “HIPAA EDI Standards” web-based training (**revised January 2011**) for CE credit. The goal of this activity is to provide information to physicians, suppliers, and healthcare professionals regarding electronic billing and other healthcare electronic transactions such as the Administrative Simplification provisions of HIPAA, electronic transaction standards and code sets required by HIPAA, and an overview of the steps involved in the Medicare electronic data interchange process. To take this training, go **here** and click on “Web-Based Training Modules” under “Related Links Inside CMS.” There are 15 other web-based training classes available on the same site.



“Understanding the Remittance Advice: A Guide for Medicare Providers, Physicians, Suppliers and Billers”

The publication titled “Understanding the Remittance Advice: A Guide for Medicare Providers, Physicians, Suppliers and Billers” (**revised October 2010**) is designed to educate institutional and professional providers who bill Medicare with general remittance advice (RA) information. It includes instructions to help you interpret the RA received from Medicare and reconcile it against submitted claims and provides guidance on how to read Electronic Remittance Advices (ERAs) and Standard Paper Remittance Advices (SPRs), as well as information on balancing an RA. This publication may be downloaded **here**. If you are training an employee to be a biller or post payments, or if you want to understand more about your billing yourself, this is an excellent resource.

“Evaluation and Management Services Guide”

The publication titled “Evaluation and Management Services Guide” (**revised December 2010**) is now available in downloadable format from the Medicare Learning Network® **here**.

This guide is designed to provide education on medical record documentation and evaluation and management billing and coding considerations. The “1995 Documentation Guidelines for Evaluation and Management Services” and the “1997 Documentation Guidelines for Evaluation and Management Services” are included in this publication. This is another great resource that you can use to train staff, physicians, and other providers, or to get up to speed yourself if E & M codes are not part of your education or experience.

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