

PC-ACE PRO32

Service Pack Newsletter

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Service Pack Two

CMS MEDICARE MANDATES

CR5699 - Reporting of Hematocrit and/or Hemoglobin Levels on All Claims for Non-ESRD Indications for the Administration of Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents and Implementation of New Modifiers for Non-ESRD Indications

The following changes are being reversed for CR5699. This change request has been tentatively rescheduled by CMS for the April 2008 release:

- ♣ Modified several existing edits which enforce existing ESA billing requirements to terminate them effective 1/1/2008.
- ♣ Added a new Institutional claim edit requiring that either Value Code 48 or 49 be present on the claim when one of the following HCPCS codes is present: J0881, J0882, J0885, J0886 or Q4081 (effective 1/1/2008)
- ♣ Added a new Institutional claim edit requiring that anemia quality Modifier EA, EB or EC always be billed with non-ESRD ESA HCPCS codes J0881 or J0885 (effective 1/1/2008).

CR5746 – Billing Instructions for Home Health PPS Case Mix Refinement

The following additional changes have been made in support of the new OASIS data format effective 1/1/2008 on Home Health PPS claims.:

- ♣ Deleted an existing Institutional claim edit which required the OASIS data to be numeric only.
- ♣ Added a new Institutional claim edit which enforces the requirement that OASIS data be 18 positions in length.
- ♣ Added a new Institutional claim edit which enforces the specific alphanumeric format rules for OASIS data. Specifically, positions 1, 2, 5, 6, and 9 must be numeric, position 10 must be 1 or 2, and all other positions must be alphabetic. This format validation is bypassed when Condition Code 21 is present on the claim.

INSTALLING THE SERVICE PACK

IMPORTANT: This service pack can be used with the January 2008 (1.89.0.200) release only.

Perform a full PC-ACE Pro32 database backup before installing the service pack. To install the service pack, run the attached PC189SP2.EXE file using Windows Explorer or equivalent, and follow the simple upgrade wizard steps. No update password will be required. For networked installations, it is recommended (but not required) that the service pack be run from the server's console.

IMPORTANT: The recommended database backup is for safety purposes only, and should NOT be restored after successfully installing this service pack. The service pack preserves all existing claims and reference file settings.