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MULTI-CARRIER SYSTEM RELEASE INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER 2008

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires and schedules standard system quarterly updates that each Medicare contractor must load into their claim processing system. These quarterly updates take place each January, April, July, and October.

The October 2008 update will take place the weekend of October 4, 2008. The System staff will create a hold edit and place it in the system on October 1, 2008, to ensure that all claims submitted on or after October 1, 2008, with dates of service 10/01/08 and after, are held in the system until the October update has been completed. Once we confirm and validate that the system updates are processing correctly, we will start releasing the claims from the hold edit. Due to the volume of claims, it may take a few business days to release all the claims from the hold.

Quarterly release information is available to all providers on the CMS Website at:
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/QuarterlyProviderUpdates/032_QPUOctoberDecember2008.asp

The information is in a grid format with the CMS Transmittal #, subject, Issue/Publication Date, Implementation Date, Change Request #, Provider Type, Publication #, and Additional Information.

To receive e-mail notices from CMS regarding quarterly releases, including prior release information, visit the CMS Website at
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/QuarterlyProviderUpdates>