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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2006

TO: All Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Maintainer

FROM: Director, Medicare Contractor Management Group
Center for Medicare Management

Director, Business Standards and Systems Operations Group
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Director, Provider Billing Group
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SUBJECT: Holding of Claims for Medicare Supplemental Payments to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Under Contract with Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans

On December 29, 2005, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Change Request (CR) 3886, Transmittal 794, Announcement of Medicare Supplemental Payments to FQHCs Under Contract with MA Plans. During testing, some problems were identified among the FISS changes and the common working file (CWF) system changes. As a result, FIs must hold claims for the supplemental payment.

Additional CWF and FISS changes are being made for CR3886. Until these changes are in place, FIs will need to hold all FQHC bills, type of bill (TOB) 73x, that contain revenue code 0519. FIs need to do two things: 1) Add revenue code 0519 as valid as of January 1, 2006, for FQHC bills (TOB 73X); and 2) Set reason codes 32956 and 32078 to suspend. Until the revised FISS changes are in place, claims suspending with these reason codes that also contain 0519 must be held. Claims that do not have a 0519 revenue code can take the action currently taken, i.e., return-to-provider, worked in-house, etc. The CWF changes are planned for release on April 13, 2006, with a planned production date of April 17, 2006. The FISS changes are scheduled to be released on the April 'U' release on May 4, 2006, with a planned implementation date of June 5, 2006. Once these changes are in production, claims can be released in FISS for processing.

After the successful promotion of the April 'U' release to production, you may release the held claims in your systems containing revenue code 0519 on TOB 73x. When you release held claims for payment, enter condition code 15, to indicate they are clean claims in which payment was delayed due to a CMS processing delay and, therefore, not subject to contractor performance evaluation for claims processing timeliness.

If you have any questions, please contact Gertrude Saunders at (410) 786-5888 or Cindy Murphy at (410) 786-5733.

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