

Following is a summary of important Part A and B FCSO News from this week – It is extremely important for everyone to read and become familiar with the new information below on ESAs.

Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents in Cancer and Related Neoplastic Conditions

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CMS has revised this article on March 18, 2008, to correct the bullet on **page 3** regarding the "Maintenance of ESA therapy" (see bullet paragraph in bold). All other information remains the same. [MM5818]

Additional Clarification to Processing Drug Claims with Modifier JW

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Medicare contractors may require the use of modifier JW to identify unused drug or biologicals from single use vials or single use packages that are appropriately discarded. This modifier provides payment for the discarded drug or biological. [MM5923]

Mail Returned - Mailboxes Closed in Error

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Certain Medicare Post Office Boxes were closed in error for approximately two business days (March 18 - 20, 2008). Here's what you need to do to resubmit mail returned to you from Medicare on those days.

Website for ZIP Code Additions and Deletions Requiring Four Digit Extension

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Payment for services paid under the MPFS is determined by the ZIP code where the services are rendered. Certain ZIP codes fall into more than one payment locality and require a plus four ZIP code extension to ensure proper payment. [MM5970]

April Update to the 2008 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database

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CR 5980 amends payment files previously issued to contractors based upon the 2008 Medicare physician fee schedule final rule. Modifications include changes to bilateral indicators, relative value units, and procedure code statuses. [MM5890]

Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Fact Sheet now Available

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The revised fact sheet that provides general information about the Medicare physician fee schedule is now available for ordering in print format from the CMS Medicare Learning Network. [PERL 200803-13]

Clarification on Billing for the Oral Three-Drug Combination Anti-Emetic

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