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MEMORANDUM

October 5, 2006

To: All Judges and Attorneys

From: Peter J. Calderone, Director and Chief Judge 

Subject: New Medicare Conditional Payment Recovery Contractor

As previously advised, Riverbend, the Center for Medicare Services (CMS) recovery contractor that had handled New Jersey conditional payment reviews and approvals for CMS suspended operations this summer. CMS has announced that it has entered into a national contract for such services with Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. It appears that this new contractor will take new matters and most pending matters involving New Jersey workers' compensation cases where the petitioner is a Medicare beneficiary. The procedures for obtaining conditional payment reviews and approvals have not changed and are outlined in my January 10, 2005 memorandum which is contained in the Medicare Section of our website. The only change being implemented on October 2, 2006 is the new recovery contractor for CMS.

Specifically, in every workers' compensation case where the petitioner is a Medicare beneficiary, the petitioner must obtain conditional payment information and must repay or obtain a waiver for any conditional payments Medicare has made on behalf of the petitioner for injuries or disabilities alleged in the claim petition (this is referred to as the "past payment" track of the CMS process). To initiate this requirement, one must call the "MSP Claims Investigation Project" at 1-800-999-1118 with the file and case information. CMS will take the necessary information, provide a bar code number and send a consent form to be completed. The consent form and other required case information is sent to CMS/COBC, P.O. Box 5041, NY, NY 10274. When this preliminary procedure is completed, the CMS/COBC will send the file for conditional payment review, processing and further contacts to the CMS recovery contractor which is now the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. The resolution of any conditional payment issues and conditional payment closure will be with the recovery contractor. Contact with the recovery contractor is by mail to MSPRC WC, PO Box 33831, Detroit, MI 48232-3831. Telephone access is available at 1-866-MSPRC-20 or 1-866-677-7220. For additional information on the change of recovery contractor, you may want to review the CSM website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MSPRCGenInfo/>

It should be noted that there has been no change in procedures for set-aside trusts when required by CMS.

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