

## **Heads-up on Retroactive Medicare 5% Restoration Payments**

Dear Federal Advocacy Coordinators:

I wanted to give you a heads-up in the event you receive any questions regarding when the Medicare Administrative Carriers (MACs) will issue retroactive payments for the difference owed to psychologists on claims paid before the 5% restoration was implemented this year. As you may recall, Congress passed an extension of the 5% psychotherapy payment restoration as part of the new health care reform law (PPACA), making the restoration retroactive to January 1, 2010.

The MACs report that they are awaiting further guidance from CMS. Our regulatory team spoke with CMS staff in July who informed us that they are working to prepare instructions for the MACs regarding how to make adjustments for claims already paid. CMS staff emphasized that providers should not resubmit claims already paid because of the risk they will be treated as duplicates. If you receive any inquiries from psychologists, please let us know.

Best,

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