

# Medicare Reporting: Navigating the Labyrinth of Regulations

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Presented By the IADC Civil Justice Response Committee and Insurance & Reinsurance Committee

**Welcome! The Webinar will begin promptly at 12:00 pm CDT. Please read and follow the below instructions:**

- For you information, this Webinar presentation is being recorded.
- If you have not already done so, please join the conference call.
- Mute your phone line. If you do not have a mute button or are on a cell phone, press \*1 to mute your phone.
- If you are on a conference phone, please move all cellular or wireless devices away from the conference phone to avoid audio interference.
- If you have questions during the presentation, you may utilize the Q&A pod on the upper-right-hand side of your screen. You may type questions here and it will be sent to the presenter for response. If your question is not answered during the presentation, our presenter will answer questions at the end of the webinar.
- Visit the “Files” pod in the lower-right-hand corner of the screen if you would like to download a copy of this PowerPoint presentation.

The screenshot shows an Adobe Connect meeting window. The top bar includes a browser address bar with the URL [https://iadc.adobeconnect.com/\\_a1101933513/r13152pj8pi/?launcher=false](https://iadc.adobeconnect.com/_a1101933513/r13152pj8pi/?launcher=false) and a meeting toolbar with 'Meeting' and 'Help' buttons. The main area is split into a 'Share' pane on the left and a 'Q & A' pane on the right. The 'Share' pane contains a large blue callout box with the text: 'Type your questions for presenters here in the Q&A Pod'. An arrow points from this box to the 'Q & A' pane. Below the 'Q & A' pane is a 'Files' pane with a table header: 'Name' and 'Size'. A second blue callout box with the text: 'Click on the file name to download this Power Point or any referenced documents' has an arrow pointing to the table area. At the bottom of the 'Files' pane is a 'Download File(s)' button.

Warning! Slippery Experts

[https://iadc.adobeconnect.com/\\_a1101933513/r13152pj8pi/?launcher=false](https://iadc.adobeconnect.com/_a1101933513/r13152pj8pi/?launcher=false)

Meeting Help

Share Q & A

Type your questions for presenters here in the Q&A Pod

Click on the file name to download this Power Point or any referenced documents

Name	Size

Download File(s)



**The Foundation**  
*of the*  
*International Association*  
*of Defense Counsel*

*IADC Webinars are made possible by a grant from The Foundation of the IADC.*

*The Foundation of the IADC is dedicated to supporting the advancement of the civil justice system through educational opportunities like these Webinars. For more information on The Foundation, visit [www.iadcfoundation.org](http://www.iadcfoundation.org).*

# Moderator



**Mitch Smith**

*Germer PLLC*

*Beaumont, TX*

[jmsmith@germer.com](mailto:jmsmith@germer.com)

# Presenters



**Leigh Ann Schell**

*Kuchler Polk Schell Weiner & Richeson, LLC*

*New Orleans, LA*

[lschell@kuchlerpolk.com](mailto:lschell@kuchlerpolk.com)



**Michele Hale DeShazo**

*Kuchler Polk Schell Weiner & Richeson, LLC*

*New Orleans, LA*

[mdeshazo@kuchlerpolk.com](mailto:mdeshazo@kuchlerpolk.com)

# Medicare is Created (1965)

Medicare created through the Social Security Act of 1965.



As of 1965,  
Medicare is  
primarily  
responsible for  
funding  
medical  
services for  
Medicare  
beneficiaries.



It establishes  
that Medicare  
is the primary  
payer for all  
Medicare-  
eligible  
persons...



...EXCEPT for  
injuries covered  
by workers'  
compensation.



# Who is a Medicare Recipient?

**1. Age 65 and over** - Most people qualify for Medicare beginning at age 65.



**2. If you are under age 65, you will qualify for Medicare if:**

- You have End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), or
- You have received Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) payments for 24 months (or in the first month of disability for ALS ("Lou Gehrig's Disease")).

# Medicare Secondary Payer ("MSP") Act Passed (1980)

In 1980, Congress passed the MSP Act.  
42 U.S.C. § 1395y.



Its primary purpose was to make Medicare the secondary payer to certain primary plans, including liability insurers and self-insured entities.



Medicare would no longer be first in line to pay for medical services given the growing numbers of baby boomers.

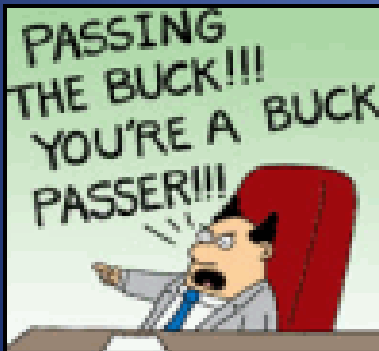


# Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act (“MMSEA”) Passed (2007)



In 2007, Congress passed the MMSEA.

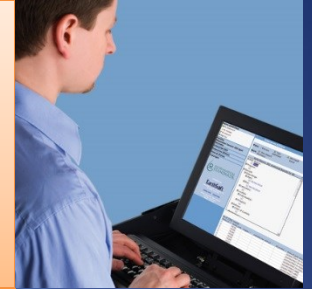
This ushers in a whole new expectation of reporting as it requires primary plans, including liability insurers and self-insured entities, to report settlements and judgments made to Medicare beneficiaries.



Prior to this, it was the beneficiary's and his/her attorney's responsibility to reimburse and protect Medicare's interest. The MMSEA expands that obligation to ensure greater compliance through subjecting industry to \$\$\$ fines.

# Overview of Section 111 of the MMSEA

Adds **mandatory reporting requirements** with respect to Medicare beneficiaries who receive **settlements**, judgments, awards or other payment from liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, or workers' compensation.



## *References:*

The statutory language (42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(8)) for the liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, and workers' compensation provisions can be found in the NGHP User Guide Appendices Chapter (Appendix G).

See CMS MMSEA home page:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coordination-of-Benefits-and-Recovery/Mandatory-Insurer-Reporting-For-Non-Group-Health-Plans/Overview.html>



# Who Must Report a Medicare Settlement under Section 111 of the MMSEA?

- "[A]n applicable plan."

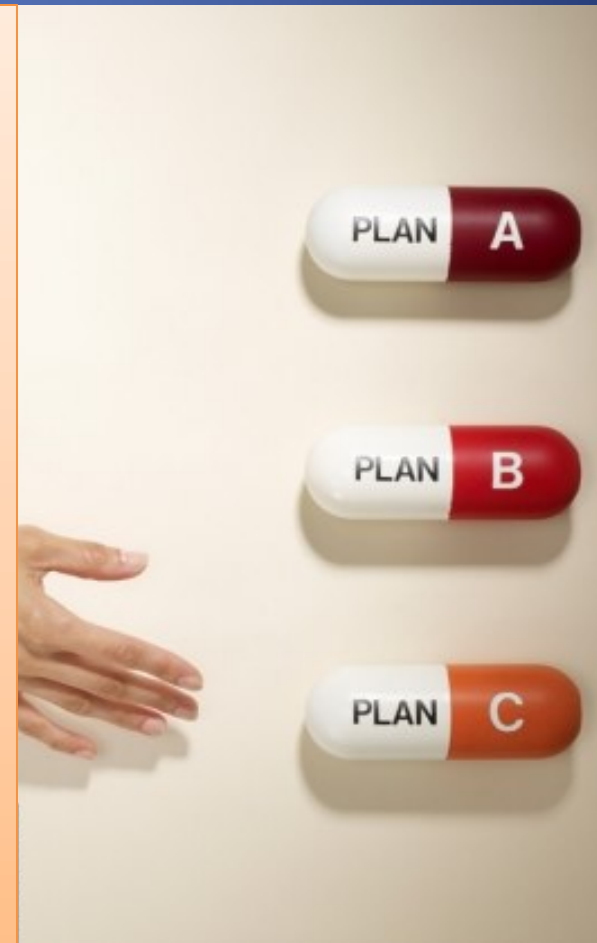
- "[T]he term 'applicable plan' means the following laws, plans, or other arrangements, including the fiduciary or administrator for such law, plan, or arrangement:

- (i) **Liability insurance (including self-insurance).**

- (ii) No-fault insurance.

- (iii) Workers' compensation laws or plans."

- See 42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(8)(F).



# What Must Be Reported under Section 111 of the MMSEA?

The identity of a **Medicare beneficiary** whose illness, injury, incident, or accident was at issue as well as such other information specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to enable an appropriate determination concerning coordination of benefits, including any applicable CMS lien recovery claim.



In a form and manner, including frequency, specified by the Secretary of HHS.

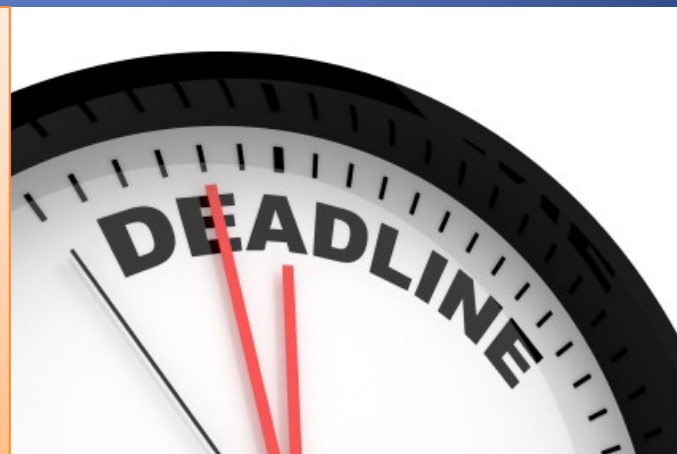


## When/How Reporting Must be Done under Section 111 of the MMSEA?



Submissions will be in an electronic format.

Information shall be submitted within a time specified by the Secretary after the claim is addressed/resolved. Generally it's within 45 days of the date of the Total Payment Obligation to the Claimant ("TPOC").



## Injured Party Information

Step 1 of 6

Enter injured party information below. When you click the Next button, a query transaction will be created to determine if this injured party is a Medicare beneficiary. Your transactions remaining will be reduced by one whether or not the beneficiary is found. Please carefully check your information before clicking the Next button.

**Required\***

**Injured Party\***

HICN

(12 characters max.)

OR

SSN

(9 digits)

First Name\*, Middle Initial,  
Last Name\*

Gender\*

Female  Male

Date of Birth\*

 /  / 

(mm/dd/yyyy)

Cancel

Next

**QUICK HELP**

[Help About This Page](#)

**Transactions  
Remaining**

450

**Claim:**

Reporter ID 30590

Claim ID 0

Claim Add Dt 05/05/2011

Status Cd Saved Not Submit

## Injury Information

Step 2 of 6

Enter injury information below.

**Required\***

Insurance Type*	Not Defined	
CMS Date of Injury*	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	(MM/DD/YYYY)
Industry Date of Injury	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	(MM/DD/YYYY)
State of Venue*	Not Defined	

Diagnosis Code Indicator\*  ICD-09  ICD-10

Alleged Cause of Injury Diagnosis Code	(none selected)	
Code Lookup Tool	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Apply Code"/> Search
Keyword Lookup Tool	<input type="text"/>	Search

ICD-9 Cause-of-injury codes begin with "E". ICD-10 Cause-of-injury codes begin with "V", "W", "X" or "Y". To specify the diagnosis, enter a known code and click "Apply Code." Or you can search for a code using a lookup tool. Code searches match leading characters and keyword searches match embedded ones.

Diagnosis Codes (up to 19)*	Nothing found to display.	
Code Lookup Tool	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Diagnosis"/> Search
Keyword Lookup Tool	<input type="text"/>	Search

Please enter as few as one or as many as 19 diagnoses. To specify the diagnosis, enter a known diag code and click "Add Diagnosis." Or you can search for a code using a lookup tool. Code searches match leading characters and keyword searches match embedded ones.

**QUICK HELP**

[Help About This Page](#)

**Transactions Remaining**

450

**Claim:**

Reporter ID: 30890  
 Claim ID: 0  
 Claim Add Dt: 06-06-2011  
 Status Cd: Saved Not Submit

# Medicare Conditional Payments

## Conditional payment:

Is a payment that Medicare makes for services where another payer (insurer or tortfeasor) may be responsible. This conditional payment is made so that the beneficiary won't have to use their own money to immediately pay the bill.



The payment is "*conditional*" because it must be repaid to Medicare when a settlement, judgment, award or other payment is secured related to that injury.

If Medicare makes a conditional payment, and the beneficiary gets a settlement, judgment, award or other payment from an insurance company or self-insured company, Medicare will recover the conditional payment from the settlement. **The beneficiary is responsible for making sure that Medicare gets repaid for the conditional payments.**



## Example of a Conditional Payment (from MSPRC.info, a good resource):

Jane is driving her car when someone in another car hits her. Jane has to go to the hospital. The hospital tries to bill the other driver's liability insurer. The insurance company disputes who was at fault, and won't pay the claim right away. The hospital bills Medicare, and Medicare makes a conditional payment to the hospital for health care services that Jane received. Later, when a settlement is reached with the other driver's liability insurer, Jane (and her attorney) makes sure that Medicare gets its money back for the conditional payment.

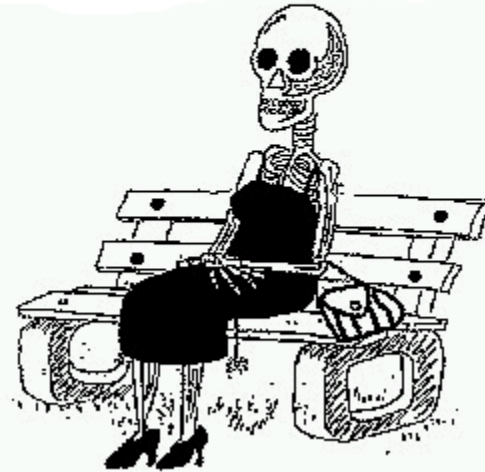


# Strengthening Medicare and Repaying Taxpayers (“SMART”) Act Passed (2013)

The SMART Act was signed into law by President Obama on January 10, 2013.



## Waiting..



It amends the MSP in order to increase the snail's pace in which the Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services (“CMS”) has been asserting claims for reimbursement.

The SMART Act affects the MSP's repayment and reporting mechanisms through helping to identify Medicare's interests in a settlement more quickly.

# Strengthening Medicare and Repaying Taxpayers (“SMART”) Act Continued...

CMS will have 9 months (October 10, 2013) from the date of enactment to issue final regulations to carry out Section 201.



To take advantage of the fast-tracked resolution process, the notification to Medicare must occur within 120 days of settlement, and the entire process must be completed within that timeframe.



# The SMART Act Continued...

## **Section 203, MMSEA Reporting Penalties:**

The initial \$1,000 per day failure to report a Medicare settlement penalty is now a permissive one in which CMS has greater flexibility to decide to impose.



## **Section 205, 3 Year Statute of Limitations:**

The United States must file a complaint within 3 years following notice of a settlement/judgment/award provided as a result of MMSEA reporting. This 3 year statute of limitations applies to all actions brought and penalties sought on or after 6 months from date of enactment, which would be July 10, 2013.

# Mandatory Thresholds for Medicare Reporting (2014)

## Total Payment Obligation to the Claimant (“TPOC”) Settlements, Judgments, Awards or Other Payments for Liability Claims

### Section 111 Reporting:

- TPOCs over \$2,000: As of October 1, 2013
- TPOCs over \$1,000: As of October 1, 2014 *(up from \$300 per CMS alert, February 28, 2014)*



# Medicare Reporting Exemptions—1980 is a Key Date



RREs: Generally don't report settlement to CMS where the date of incident (DOI) was prior to December 5, 1980.

For an environmental hazard like asbestos, Medicare focuses on the date of last exposure or ingestion for purposes of determining whether the exposure or ingestion occurred on or after December 5, 1980.



For cases involving ruptured implants that allegedly led to a toxic exposure, the date of last exposure is used. For non-ruptured implanted medical devices, Medicare focuses on the date the implant was removed.

# Medicare Reporting Exemptions Continued...



- If the date of first exposure is prior to December 5, 1980, but that exposure continues on or after December 5, 1980; Medicare has a potential recovery claim.

- The application of the December 5, 1980 date is specific to a particular claim/defendant.
  - For example, if an individual is pursuing a liability claim against “X”, “Y” and “Z” for asbestos exposure and exposure for “X” ended prior to December 5, 1980, but exposure for “Y” and “Z” did not; a settlement, judgment, award or other payment with respect to “X” would **NOT** be reportable to CMS.



# Medicare Reporting Continued...



In the following situations, Medicare **WILL** assert a recovery claim against settlements, judgments, awards, or other payments, and MMSEA Section 111 mandatory reporting rules must be followed:

- Exposure, ingestion, or the alleged effects of an implant on or after 12/5/1980 is claimed, released, or effectively released.
- A specified length of exposure or ingestion is required in order for the claimant to obtain the settlement, judgment, award, or other payment, and the claimant's date of first exposure plus the specified length of time in the settlement, judgment, award or other payment equals a date on or after 12/5/1980.
- A requirement of the settlement, judgment, award, or other payment is that the claimant was exposed to, or ingested, a substance on or after 12/5/1980.



# Medicare Set Asides (“MSAs”)

Not currently “required” in liability insurance settlements (See Sally Stalcup Memo from CMS of 2011), but recent rulemaking alert notes that it likely will be at a later date.



The purpose of a MSA is to ensure that some portion of the settlement is put into an escrow account to fund the cost of likely future treatment. These funds must be depleted before Medicare will pay for treatment related to the injury, illness, or disease being compensated.



# Implementation of ICD-10 Coding System Further Delayed (2014)

The U.S. Senate recently passed the House's Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014, which will delay the implementation of the ICD-10 coding system by one year.



The bill was signed into law by President Obama on April 2, 2014.

As a result, instead of going into effect on October 1, 2014, the ICD-10 system is now scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2015 or later.

This is the **THIRD** delay of the ICD-10 system.



# ICD-10 versus the ICD-9 Codes

The healthcare industry and reporting entities currently use the ICD-9 system, which would have been phased out by the ICD-10 codes.








ICD-9 has approximately 14,000 codes.

ICD-10 is more descriptive, with roughly 68,000 codes.

Links to the current ICD-9 codes (including keyword lookup):

- <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/codes.html>
- <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/staticpages/icd-9-code-lookup.aspx>

# ICD-9 Code Lookup Website

 Share  Help  Email  Print  Close Window

# CMS.gov

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

## ICD-9 Code Lookup

Enter a code or keyword to conduct your search for ICD-9 Codes. After searching, select an ICD-9 Code link from the results table to populate the corresponding text box and close the pop-up window.

Enter ICD-9 description keyword(s):

**Search**

[Get Help with File Formats and Plug-Ins](#) | [Submit Feedback](#)

www

[Home](#)

# CMS.gov

A federal government website managed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244



### CMS & HHS Websites

[Medicare.gov](#)  
[MyMedicare.gov](#)  
[StopMedicareFraud.gov](#)  
[Medicaid.gov](#)  
[InsureKidsNow.gov](#)  
[HealthCare.gov](#)

### Tools

[Acronyms](#)  
[Contacts](#)  
[FAQs](#)  
[Glossary](#)  
[Archive](#)

### Helpful Links

[Web Policies & Important Links](#)  
[Privacy Policy](#)  
[Plain Language](#)  
[Freedom of Information Act](#)  
[No Fear Act](#)  
[HHS.gov](#)



## Receive Email Updates

**Submit**

# ICD-9 Code List

A	B	C
147 01152	Tubercular bronchiectasis, bacteriological or histological examination unknown (at present)	TE bronchiect:exam unkn
148 01153	Tubercular bronchiectasis, tubercle bacilli found (in sputum) by microrcopy	TE bronchiect:micro dx
149 01154	Tubercular bronchiectasis, tubercle bacilli not found (in sputum) by microrcopy, but found by bacterial culture	TE bronchiect:cult dx
150 01155	Tubercular bronchiectasis, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological examination, but tubercular confirmed	TE bronchiect:hista dx
01156	Tubercular bronchiectasis, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological or histological examination, but tubercular confirmed by other methods (in sputum of animal)	TE bronchiect:oth test
151 01160	Tubercular pneumonia [any form], unspecified	TE pneumonia:unspec
01161	Tubercular pneumonia [any form], bacteriological or histological examination not done	TE pneumonia:na exam
154 01162	Tubercular pneumonia [any form], bacteriological or histological examination unknown (at present)	TE pneumonia:exam unkn
01163	Tubercular pneumonia [any form], tubercle bacilli found (in sputum) by microrcopy	TE pneumonia:micro dx
156 01164	Tubercular pneumonia [any form], tubercle bacilli not found (in sputum) by microrcopy, but found by bacterial culture	TE pneumonia:cult dx
157 01165	Tubercular pneumonia [any form], tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological examination, but tubercular confirmed	TE pneumonia:hista dx
01166	Tubercular pneumonia [any form], tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological or histological examination, but tubercular confirmed by other methods (in sputum of animal)	TE pneumonia:oth test
158 01170	Tubercular pneumothorax, unspecified	TE pneumothorax:unspec
160 01171	Tubercular pneumothorax, bacteriological or histological examination not done	TE pneumothorax:na exam
161 01172	Tubercular pneumothorax, bacteriological or histological examination unknown (at present)	TE pneumothorax:exam unkn
162 01173	Tubercular pneumothorax, tubercle bacilli found (in sputum) by microrcopy	TE pneumothorax:micro dx
163 01174	Tubercular pneumothorax, tubercle bacilli not found (in sputum) by microrcopy, but found by bacterial culture	TE pneumothorax:cult dx
164 01175	Tubercular pneumothorax, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological examination, but tubercular confirmed	TE pneumothorax:hista dx
01176	Tubercular pneumothorax, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological or histological examination, but tubercular confirmed by other methods (in sputum of animal)	TE pneumothorax:oth test

A	B	C
1	<b>DIAGNOSIS CODE</b>	<b>LONG DESCRIPTION</b>
2	0010	Cholera due to vibrio cholerae
3	0011	Cholera due to vibrio cholerae el tor
4	0019	Cholera, unspecified
5	0020	Typhoid fever
6	0021	Paratyphoid fever A
7	0022	Paratyphoid fever B
8	0023	Paratyphoid fever C
		<b>SHORT DESCRIPTION</b>
		Cholera d/t vib cholerae
		Cholera d/t vib el tor
		Cholera NOS
		Typhoid fever
		Paratyphoid fever a
		Paratyphoid fever b
		Paratyphoid fever c

182 01202	Tubercular pleurisy, bacteriological or histological examination unknown (at present)	TE pleurisy:exam unkn
183 01203	Tubercular pleurisy, tubercle bacilli found (in sputum) by microrcopy	TE pleurisy:micro dx
184 01204	Tubercular pleurisy, tubercle bacilli not found (in sputum) by microrcopy, but found by bacterial culture	TE pleurisy:cult dx
185 01205	Tubercular pleurisy, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological examination, but tubercular confirmed histologically	TE pleurisy:hista dx
01206	Tubercular pleurisy, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological or histological examination, but tubercular confirmed by other methods (in sputum of animal)	TE pleurisy:oth test
186 01210	Tubercular intrathoracic lymph nodes, unspecified	TE thoracic nodes:unspec
187 01211	Tubercular intrathoracic lymph nodes, bacteriological or histological examination not done	TE thoracic nodes:na exam
189 01212	Tubercular intrathoracic lymph nodes, bacteriological or histological examination unknown (at present)	TE thoracic nodes:exam unkn
190 01213	Tubercular intrathoracic lymph nodes, tubercle bacilli found (in sputum) by microrcopy	TE thoracic nodes:micro dx
191 01214	Tubercular intrathoracic lymph nodes, tubercle bacilli not found (in sputum) by microrcopy, but found by bacterial culture	TE thoracic nodes:cult dx
01215	Tubercular intrathoracic lymph nodes, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological examination, but tubercular confirmed histologically	TE thoracic nodes:hista dx
192 01216	Tubercular intrathoracic lymph nodes, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological or histological examination, but tubercular confirmed by other methods (in sputum of animal)	TE thoracic nodes:oth test
194 01220	Isolated tracheal or bronchial tubercular, unspecified	IR tracheal tb:unspec
195 01221	Isolated tracheal or bronchial tubercular, bacteriological or histological examination not done	IR tracheal tb:na exam
196 01222	Isolated tracheal or bronchial tubercular, bacteriological or histological examination unknown (at present)	IR tracheal tb:exam unkn
197 01223	Isolated tracheal or bronchial tubercular, tubercle bacilli found (in sputum) by microrcopy	IR tracheal tb:micro dx
198 01224	Isolated tracheal or bronchial tubercular, tubercle bacilli not found (in sputum) by microrcopy, but found by bacterial culture	IR tracheal tb:cult dx
01225	Isolated tracheal or bronchial tubercular, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological examination, but tubercular confirmed histologically	IR tracheal tb:hista dx
199 01226	Isolated tracheal or bronchial tubercular, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological or histological examination, but tubercular confirmed by other methods (in sputum of animal)	IR tracheal tb:oth test
200 01230	Tubercular laryngitis, unspecified	TE laryngitis:unspec
202 01231	Tubercular laryngitis, bacteriological or histological examination not done	TE laryngitis:na exam
203 01232	Tubercular laryngitis, bacteriological or histological examination unknown (at present)	TE laryngitis:exam unkn
204 01233	Tubercular laryngitis, tubercle bacilli found (in sputum) by microrcopy	TE laryngitis:micro dx
205 01234	Tubercular laryngitis, tubercle bacilli not found (in sputum) by microrcopy, but found by bacterial culture	TE laryngitis:cult dx
01235	Tubercular laryngitis, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological examination, but tubercular confirmed histologically	TE laryngitis:hista dx
01236	Tubercular laryngitis, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological or histological examination, but tubercular confirmed by other methods (in sputum of animal)	TE laryngitis:oth test
208 01280	Other specific respiratory tubercular, unspecified	Rare TB NEC:unspec
209 01281	Other specific respiratory tubercular, bacteriological or histological examination not done	Rare TB NEC:na exam
210 01282	Other specific respiratory tubercular, bacteriological or histological examination unknown (at present)	Rare TB NEC:exam unkn
211 01283	Other specific respiratory tubercular, tubercle bacilli found (in sputum) by microrcopy	Rare TB NEC:micro dx
212 01284	Other specific respiratory tubercular, tubercle bacilli not found (in sputum) by microrcopy, but found by bacterial culture	Rare TB NEC:cult dx
01285	Other specific respiratory tubercular, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological examination, but tubercular confirmed histologically	Rare TB NEC:hista dx
213 01286	Other specific respiratory tubercular, tubercle bacilli not found by bacteriological or histological examination, but tubercular confirmed by other methods (in sputum of animal)	Rare TB NEC:oth test
214 01300	Tubercular meningitis, unspecified	TE meningitis:unspec
216 01301	Tubercular meningitis, bacteriological or histological examination not done	TE meningitis:na exam
217 01302	Tubercular meningitis, bacteriological or histological examination unknown (at present)	TE meningitis:exam unkn
218 01303	Tubercular meningitis, tubercle bacilli found (in sputum) by microrcopy	TE meningitis:micro dx

# Lien Resolution Services

Lien Resolution Companies, which can assist with a formal written MSA analysis and mass lien resolution, have been on the rise particularly in mass tort cases.



The Garretson Group and Gould & Lamb are some of the largest in this regard.

# Suggestions for Good Litigation Practices

Obtain from Plaintiff's counsel at the outset of the case the key data points for the "injured party": First and last name, date of birth, Social Security Number and Gender.

Defense counsel should use that information to have their client query the party's Medicare status, in addition to propounding written discovery confirming the injured party's Medicare status.

Plaintiff's counsel may obtain a copy of any Conditional Payment letter, MyMedicare.gov screen shot, and Proof of Claims Satisfaction. Request this information from CMS, and provide it to defense counsel as soon as possible.

Determine if the Plaintiff/Claimant will need future medical benefits based on medical prognosis. Is future treatment recommended by the treating physician? Has the cancer been in remission 3 years or more?

Determine if the Plaintiff/Claimant alleges exposure before or after December 5, 1980. All exposure before 1980 greatly simplifies the settlement from a CMS standpoint.



## Suggestions for Good Practices Continued...

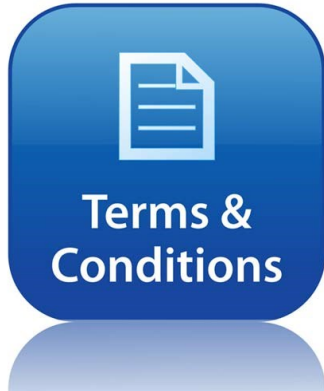
If the Plaintiff is pleading only a wrongful death claim without his/her own claim for mental damages or other personal injury, only the “Injured Party” claim is subject to Medicare reporting/reimbursement. The wrongful death Plaintiff would be treated as a NOINJ claimant by CMS.



Discuss Medicare reimbursement issues at the outset of any settlement dialogue. In conjunction with this, Plaintiff’s counsel should begin to isolate only “injury-related CMS paid medical care” in a Plaintiff’s medicals. This can help reduce the settlement lien by eliminating unrelated medical treatment from the lien computation.



# Suggestions for Good Practices Continued...



- Ensure that certain terms are required in any release involving a Medicare enrolled beneficiary:
  - a. A General Release;
  - b. Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement by Plaintiff/Claimants; and
  - c. Additional Medicare-specific language
    - (1) Future medical allocation or clear disclosure of no allocation;
    - (2) Payment of claims process described;
    - (3) Waiver of private cause of action under 42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(3)(A); and
    - (3) Agreement to resolve all other liens to include specific hold harmless and indemnity (by Plaintiff + Plaintiff's counsel).

# Suggestions for Good Practices Continued...

Obtain the signed Medicare Form B which captures Medicare data and ICD-9 injury code, ideally before the execution of the settlement release. Ensure that the information in the Medicare Form B, particularly as to dates of exposure, matches the information in the release and addendum thereto.

**Medicare Confidential Reporting Information\*** [Updated to Capture Loss of Consortium Claimant Data]  
Pursuant to Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007

Case Name:		Case Number:	17. State of Venue: <small>(USPS Abbreviation)</small>	
Defendant Name:				
<b>Is the injured party presently or has he/she ever qualified for or been enrolled in Medicare Part A, B, C or D?</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
<b>Section A ALLEGED INJURED PARTY INFORMATION</b> (If a party is DECEASED, also complete Section D. If living, provide address in Section G) see LOC section on page 2 for LOC information.				
4. Medicare Claim Number <small>(as known as HCB)</small>				
5. Social Security Number:		6. Injured Party Last Name: <small>(Please print name as it appears on Social Security card.)</small>		
7. Injured Party First Name: <small>(Please print name exactly as it appears on Social Security card.)</small>		8. Injured Party Middle Name: <small>(Please print name exactly as it appears on Social Security card.)</small>		
9. Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	10. Date of Birth: <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small>	Deceased? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date of Death: <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small>	
<b>Section B ALLEGED INCIDENT INFORMATION</b>				
12. CMS Date of Incident: Please state the date of the accident or date of first exposure, ingestion, or implantation with respect to settling defendant's product and/or premises <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small> .				
13. Industry Date of Incident: Please state the date of accident or date of last exposure, ingestion, or implantation with respect to settling defendant's product and/or premises <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small> .				
15. Alleged Cause of Injury, Illness or Incident <b>("e" codes only -- no "v" codes)</b> :				
19. ICD-9 Diagnosis Code 1 (infective): <small>Provide valid ICD-9-CM Code for any injury or illness you allege arose from the allegations made against settling defendant.</small>				
21. ICD-9 Diagnosis Code 2:	23. ICD-9 Diagnosis Code 3:	25. ICD-9 Diagnosis Code 4:	27. ICD-9 Diagnosis Code 5:	29. ICD-9 Diagnosis Code 6:
Description of Illness/Injury (Free Form Text Description):				
<b>Section C ALLEGED INJURED PARTY'S ATTORNEY OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION</b>				
84. Claimant Representative Type (please check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian/Gestorian <input type="checkbox"/> Other				
85. Claimant Representative Last Name:		86. Claimant Representative First Name:		87. Claimant Representative Firm Name:
88. TIN/EIN, if Firm Entity; SSN, if Individual:		89-90. Representative Mailing Address:		
91. City:	92. State:	93-94. Zip Code-4:	95. Phone:	96. Ext. (if any):
<b>Section D CLAIMANT INFORMATION</b> (Use only if Alleged Injured Party in Section A is deceased or there is loss of Consortium claimed; for LOC Plaintiff also see Section A LOC)				
104. Claimant Relationship to Alleged Injured Party (please check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse (Spouse) <input type="checkbox"/> Son (Child) <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter (Child) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Individual) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Estate)				
105. TIN/EIN (Social Security, if individual):		106. Claimant Last Name:		
107. Claimant First Name:		108. Claimant Middle Initial:		
109. Claimant Entity/Organization Name:				
110. Mailing Address:				
112. City:	113. State:	114. Zip Code 4:	116. Phone:	117. Ext. (if any):
<b>Section E SETTLEMENT INFORMATION</b>				
100. Date of Settlement:		101. Amount of Settlement:		

# Final Suggestion for Good Practices

Paper your file with the proof of lien resolution from CMS, completed Medicare Form B, signed release, along with any Medicare-related addendum, affidavits, or third-party MSA analysis. These establish that you've painstakingly considered Medicare's interests.



# How to ask CMS Questions regarding Section 111 Reporting



FIRST VISIT THE CMS SITE:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coordination-of-Benefits-and-Recovery/Mandatory-Insurer-Reporting-For-Non-Group-Health-Plans/Overview.html>

for current information on reporting requirements, including updates to the User Guide (Current User Guide version is 4.2; updated on February 28, 2014).

Send CMS reporting questions through the following e-mail link: PL110-173SEC111-comments@cms.hhs.gov “ which will open in Microsoft Outlook.

# Other Questions? CMS Town Hall Teleconferences



CMS conducts Non-Group Health Plan (NGHP) Town Hall Teleconferences several times a year to provide updated policy and technical information related to Section 111 Mandatory Insurer Reporting.

Prior Town Hall Teleconference transcripts are also posted on the CMS Medicare page. They're a good resource.

Announcements for upcoming NGHP Town Hall events are posted to the What's New page. The last Town Hall took place on December 17, 2013.

# Questions for Presenters?



**Leigh Ann Schell**

*Kuchler Polk Schell Weiner & Richeson, LLC*

*New Orleans, LA*

[lschell@kuchlerpolk.com](mailto:lschell@kuchlerpolk.com)



**Michele Hale DeShazo**

*Kuchler Polk Schell Weiner & Richeson, LLC*

*New Orleans, LA*

[mdeshazo@kuchlerpolk.com](mailto:mdeshazo@kuchlerpolk.com)

# Medicare Reporting: Navigating the Labyrinth of Regulations

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

## Thank you for Participating!

To access the PowerPoint presentation from this or any other IADC Webinar, visit our website under the Members Only Tab (you must be signed in) and click on “Resources” → “Past Webinar Materials,” or contact Melisa Maisel at [mmaisel@iadclaw.org](mailto:mmaisel@iadclaw.org).