

TO: Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities

FROM: CareFirst of Maryland, Inc. – Medicare Part A

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SUBJECT: The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/ Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2002 for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) Paid Under the PPS

This bulletin is to notify providers that the SSI data for 2002 has been released by CMS. Fiscal Intermediaries will begin to update payment files within the next two weeks to reflect these changes. This data is used for determining additional payment amounts for the low-income patient adjustment applicable for facilities subject to the IRF PPS.

The *effective date* of this bulletin is October 1, 2003.

(Source: Publication 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing, Transmittal 39, Change Request 2978)

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