

Expedited Determinations – 07/08/05

Regulations became effective July 1, 2005 allowing beneficiaries in specific care settings, home health, hospice, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF), Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) and swing bed, the right to appeal a pending discharge from a period of covered care to a Quality Improvement Organization (QIO). This process is similar to the QIO review of inpatient hospital discharges that has existed for some time.

A link to this instruction has been provided to facilitate this important CMS communication so that providers may be informed of the new requirements regarding notification of Medicare patients about the cessation of Medicare coverage of their services. Change Request 3903, Transmittal 594 dated June 24, 2005 contains the necessary information pertaining to Expedited Determinations and can be accessed at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R594CP.pdf