

TO: All Providers

FROM: CareFirst of Maryland, Inc.

DATE: August 19, 2004

SUBJECT: The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2003 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This bulletin provides updated data for determining additional payment amounts for hospitals with a disproportionate share of low-income patients. The SSI/Medicare beneficiary data for IPPS is available electronically and contains the name of the hospital, provider number, SSI days, covered Medicare days, and the ratio of Medicare Part A patient days attributable to SSI recipients. The file is located at the following CMS Web site address:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/hipps/dsh.asp>

The file is also located on the CMS mainframe for FIs to download at:

[K143.@BFN2699.SSIF0203.FILE](#)

The data is used for settlement purposes for hospitals with cost reporting periods beginning during FY 2003 (cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2002 and before October 1, 2003).

B. Policy: Section 9105 of The Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) provides additional payment amounts for hospitals with a disproportionate share of low-income patients. This is done by making adjustments to the prospective payment rate.

The *effective* date for this bulletin is October 1, 2004.

The *implementation* for this bulletin is October 4, 2004

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