

TO: All Providers

FROM: CareFirst of Maryland, Inc.

DATE: May 23, 2002

**SUBJECT(S): Notice of Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments
Diabetes Self Management Training (DSMT) Payment**

Notice of Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments

Medicare Regulation 42 CFR §405.378 provides for the assessment of interest at the higher of the private consumer rate (PCR) or the current value of funds rate (5 percent for calendar year 2002). The Secretary of the Treasury has notified the Department of Health and Human Services that the PCR has been changed to **11.75 percent**. The notice of the PCR was published in the *Federal Register* (see Vol. 67, No. 89 dated 05/08/02).

Therefore, the PCR will remain in effect until a new rate change is published. In addition, this reaffirms interest rates for prior periods.

INTEREST RATE TABLE

<u>Period</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
January 23, 1997 - April 23, 1997	13.625%
April 24, 1997 - July 24, 1997	13.50%
July 25, 1997 - October 23, 1997	13.75%
October 24, 1997 - January 27, 1998	13.875%
January 28, 1998 - May 12, 1998	14.50%
May 13, 1998 - July 30, 1998	14.00 %
July 31, 1998 - October 22, 1998	13.75%
October 23, 1998 - January 31, 1999	13.50%
February 01, 1999 - May 04, 1999	13.75%
May 05, 1999 - August 03, 1999	13.375%
August 04, 1999 - October 27,1999	13.25%
October 28, 1999 - February 1, 2000	13.375%
February 2, 2000 - May 2, 2000	13.5%

May 3, 2000 - July 31, 2000	13.75%
August 1, 2000 – October 23, 2000	13.875%
October 24, 2000 – February 6, 2001	13.875%
February 7, 2001 – April 25, 2001	14.125%
April 26, 2001 - August 6, 2001	13.75%
August 7, 2001 – October 30, 2001	13.25%
October 31, 2001 – January 31, 2002	13.25%
February 1, 2002 – May 7, 2002	12.625%
May 8, 2002	11.75%

(Source: Program Memorandum A-02-032; Change Request 2049)

The effective date for this instruction is May 8, 2002.

The implementation date for this instruction is May 8, 2002.

Diabetes Self Management Training (DSMT) Payment

The purpose of this article is to clarify prior instructions related to the payment and certification of diabetes training programs.

Disregard prior instructions (Change Request 1455, Transmittal 1836, issued June 15, 2001) stating that the amount paid for the DSMT benefit should be comparable to the Physician Fee Schedule. Diabetic Self Management Training Services rendered in a hospital outpatient setting, will be paid under the CORF Supplementary Fee Schedule.

Important Information:

Providers must submit a copy of their American Diabetes Association (ADA) recognition certificate to:

CareFirst of Maryland, Inc. Medicare Part A
 1946 Greenspring Dr.
 Timonium, Maryland 21093
 Attn: Michael Kaniecki, Audit & Reimbursement Department

Providers who do not submit this certificate will not receive payment for this service.

(Source: Program Memorandum AB-02-068; Change Request 1898)

The effective date for this instruction is February 27, 2002.

The implementation date for this instruction is October 1, 2002.

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