

Timely Filing Limit Implementation Set



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Implementation Date: October 4, 2010

Section 6404 of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) amended the timely filing requirements to reduce the maximum time period for submission of all Medicare fee-for-service claims to one calendar year after the date of service. Additionally, this section mandates that all claims for services furnished prior to January 1, 2010, must be filed with the appropriate Medicare claims processing contractor no later than December 31, 2010.

What does this mean to your practice?

By October 4, 2010 Medicare system changes will be implemented that will result in the following:

- *Claims with dates of service October 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, received after December 31, 2010, will be denied as being past the timely filing deadline.*
- *Claims with dates of service January 1, 2010, and later received more than one calendar year (12 months) beyond the date of service will be denied as being past the timely filing deadline.*
- *Claims with dates of service prior to October 1, 2009 will be processed under former Medicare timely filing limits.*

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