

# Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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This Program Memorandum re-issues A-99-50, Change Request 1007 dated November 1999. The only change is the discard date; all other material remains the same.

## CHANGE REQUEST 1007

**SUBJECT: Policy Clarification: Coding for Adequacy of Hemodialysis--ACTION**

Intermediary Manual, §3644 states that End Stage Renal Disease facilities are to report the appropriate G-modifier indicating the patient's Urea Reduction Ratio level for each renal patient on each monthly bill. The purpose of this Program Memorandum (PM) is to inform you not to edit for the G-modifier. This edit should be disabled without system changes. **Process and pay the claim whether the code is present on the claim or not. Do not return these claims to the facility.**

Continue to encourage the use of the modifier and continue to educate your providers.

The *effective date* for this PM is upon receipt.

The *implementation date* for this PM is December 1, 1999.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

**This PM may be discarded after December 1, 2001.**

If you have any questions, contact your regional office.