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This Program Memorandum re-issues Program Memorandum AB-99-94, Change Request 868 dated December 1999. The only change is the discard date; all other material remains the same.

This Program Memorandum re-issues Program Memorandum AB-99-23, Change Request 868 dated April 1999. The only change is the discard date; all other material remains the same.

CHANGE REQUEST 868

SUBJECT: Reimbursement for Ambulance Services to Nonhospital-Based Dialysis Facilities

Beginning February 24, 1999 claims for end-stage-renal disease (ESRD) patients with a destination of nonhospital-based dialysis facility, origin and destination modifier J, are covered in accordance with 42 CFR ' 410.40. (See §3660.1.D of the Intermediary Manual, Part 3.) (See §2120.3J of the Carriers Manual, Part 3.) As of the effective date of the regulation, contractors should be paying for these services.

Contractors should make all necessary changes to assure that these claims will be paid by the automated claims processing system. This should be implemented by July 1, 1999. Do not automatically reprocess claims. Adjust claims that are brought to your attention with dates of service beginning February 24, 1999.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This Program Memorandum may be discarded December 31, 2001.

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