
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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**SUBJECT: Extension of Moratorium on the Application of the Financial Limitation for
Outpatient Rehabilitation Services**

Section 421 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Beneficiary Improvement and Protection Act of 2000, (BIPA) extends the moratorium on application of the financial limitation for claims for outpatient rehabilitation services with dates of service January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002. Therefore, the moratorium is now for a 3-year period and will apply to outpatient rehabilitation claims with dates of service January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2002. It is not necessary for you to track the limitation until the moratorium is lifted.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2002.

The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2002.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded January 1, 2002.

If you have any questions, contact your local regional office.