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CHANGE REQUEST 3453

SUBJECT: Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: To provide a quarterly update of the interest rate for Medicare overpayments and underpayments.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL – EFFECTIVE/IMPLEMENTATION DATE:
November 12, 2004

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N/A	

III. FUNDING: *Medicare contractors only:

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

	Business Requirements
	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification
X	Recurring Update Notification

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Medicare Regulation 42 CFR §405.378 provides for the assessment of interest at the higher of the current value of funds rate (one percent for calendar year 2004) or the private consumer rate as fixed by the Department of the Treasury.

B. Policy: The Department of the Treasury has notified the Department of Health and Human Services that the private consumer rate has been changed to **12.00 percent**.

C. Provider Education: None.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement

"Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
3453.1	The Medicare contractors shall implement an interest rate of 12.00% effective November 12, 2004 for Medicare overpayments and underpayments.	X	X	X	X					

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions:

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions
3453.1	This reaffirms interest rates for prior periods:

Period	Interest Rate
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 – August 7, 2002	11.75%
August 8, 2002 – November 18, 2002	12.625%
November 19, 2002 – February 10, 2003	11.25%
February 11, 2003 – April 27, 2003	10.75%
April 28, 2003 – August 10, 2003	11.625%
August 11, 2003 – November 2, 2003	12.125%
November 3, 2003 –February 3, 2004	12.00%
February 4, 2004 – May 6, 2004	12.00%
May 7, 2004 – August 8, 2004	11.875%
August 9, 2004 – November 11, 2004	11.75%
November 12, 2004	12.00%

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

IV. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

Effective Date: November 12, 2004 Implementation Date: November 12, 2004 Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Tom Noplock (410) 786-3378 Post-Implementation Contact(s): Tom Noplock (410) 786-3378	Medicare contractors shall implement these instructions within their current operating budgets.
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