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**Transmittal 719**

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**Change Request 4103**

**SUBJECT: Clarification and Update to Hospital Billing Instructions and Payment for Epoetin Alfa (EPO) and Darbepoetin Alfa (Aranesp) for Beneficiaries with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)**

***NOTE:** Transmittal 719, dated October 21, 2005, is rescinded and replaced with Transmittal 736, dated October 31, 2005. This instruction was modified to include information regarding the termination of the current HCPCS mentioned in the instruction and the replacement codes used for claim with dates of service on or after January 1, 2006. All other information remains the same.*