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FYI -- Updates

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CMS Web – Based Manuals

The on-line CMS manual system may be found at <http://www.com.hhs.gov/manuals>. Click on Internet Only Manuals for a listing of the current manuals that are available on line. These manuals may be downloaded at no charge or viewed on line. Some that may be of interest to you include:

- **Pub. 100-1 -- Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement**
- **Pub. 100-2--Medicare Benefit Policy (basic coverage rules)**
- **Pub. 100-4 --Medicare Claims Processing (includes appeals, contractor interface with CWF, and MSN)**
- **Pub. 100-7 --Medicare State Operations**
- **Pub. 100-10-- Medicare Quality Improvement Organization**
- **Pub. 100-12 -- State Medicaid**-- (The new manual is under development. Please continue to use the Paper-Based Manual to make your selection.)
- **Pub. 15 -- The Provider Reimbursement Manual (PRM)** includes instructions on calculating Medicare payments to hospitals and skilled nursing facilities that are reimbursed under the prospective payment system, as well as other providers that are reimbursed on a reasonable cost basis. For the time being, this manual continues to be in the Paper-Based format. The downloadable files are zipped Word files.
 - **Provider Reimbursement Manual (PRM)-Part I**
 - **Provider Reimbursement Manual (PRM)-Part II**

MDS REVISION

The June 2004 > clarification to the RAI Manual can be found at our website <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/quality/mds20> ... This revision only include one area of change and that relates to coding for Hospice services at P/1.

Building Effective Care Plans

In collaboration with NeighborCare I will be conducting training on August 4 at Our Lady of Hope in Richmond on Building Effective Care Plans. If you need information on this training session, please let me know.

Mandated Reporting

New regulations regarding mandatory reporting to APS on suspicion of abuse became effective July 1, 2004. The DSS website has some wonderful information that is available for download to assist you with training your staff.

<http://www.dss.state.va.us/family/aps.html>. A summary of the requirements may be found at http://www.dss.state.va.us/pub/pdf/mandated_reporters_broch.pdf.



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