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<b>Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 2349</b>	<b>Date: November 18, 2011</b>
	<b>Change Request 7628</b>

**SUBJECT: Reasonable Charge Update for 2012 for Splints, Casts, and Certain Intraocular Lenses**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This transmittal provides instructions regarding the calculation of reasonable charges for payment of claims for splints, casts, and intraocular lenses furnished in calendar year 2012.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2012**

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 3, 2012**

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs):**

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**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**Recurring Update Notification**

*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

# Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** Payment continues to be made on a reasonable charge basis for splints and casts, as well as, intraocular lenses implanted in a physician’s office. For splints and casts, the Q-codes are to be used when supplies are indicated for cast and splint purposes. This payment is in addition to the payment made under the physician fee schedule for the procedure for applying the splint or cast. For intraocular lenses, payment is only made on a reasonable charge basis for lenses implanted in a physician’s office.

**B. Policy:** This transmittal provides instructions regarding the calculation of reasonable charges for payment of claims for splints, casts, and intraocular lenses furnished in calendar year 2012. Payment on a reasonable charge basis is required for these items by regulations contained in 42 CFR 405.501.

The inflation indexed charge (IIC) is calculated using the lowest of the reasonable charge screens from the previous year updated by an inflation adjustment factor or the percentage change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (United States city average) or CPI-U for the 12-month period ending with June of 2011. The 2012 payment limits for splints and casts will be based on the 2011 limits that were announced in CR 7225 last year, increased by 3.6 percent, the percentage change in the CPI-U for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2011. The IIC update factor for 2012 is 3.6 percent.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Use “Shall” to denote a mandatory requirement

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an “X” in each applicable column)									
		A / B	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
7628.1	A/B MACs and Carriers shall compute 2012 customary and prevailing charges for the codes identified below using actual charge data from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. <u>Intraocular Lenses Implanted in a Physician’s Office</u> V2630, V2631, V2632	X			X						
7628.2	A/B MACs and Carriers shall compute 2012 Inflation-Indexed Charge (IIC) amounts for the codes identified in requirement 7628.1 that were not paid using gap-filled payment amounts in 2011.	X			X						
7628.3	Contractors shall make payment for splints and casts furnished in 2012 based on the lower of the actual charge or the payment limits established for these codes. Refer to Attachment A for a detailed list of the applicable HCPCS codes and 2012 payment limits.	X		X	X						

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B  M A C	D M E  M A C	F I	C A R R I E R	R H H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
7628.4	Contractors shall use the 2012 reasonable charges or payment limits in Attachment A to pay claims for items furnished from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.	X		X	X						
7628.5	The DME MACs shall not compute 2012 customary and prevailing charges or Inflation-Indexed charge (IIC) amounts for the codes identified below: <u>Dialysis Supplies Billed with AX Modifier</u> A4215 A4216 A4217 A4244 A4245 A4246 A4247 A4248 A4450 A4452 A4651 A4652 A4657 A4660 A4663 A4670 A4927 A4928 A4930 A4931 A6216 A6250 A6260 A6402  <u>Dialysis Supplies Billed Without AX Modifier</u> A4653 A4671 A4672 A4673 A4674 A4680 A4690 A4706 A4707 A4708 A4709 A4714 A4719 A4720 A4721 A4722 A4723 A4724 A4725 A4726 A4728 A4730 A4736 A4737 A4740 A4750 A4755 A4760 A4765 A4766 A4770 A4771 A4772 A4773 A4774 A4802 A4860 A4870 A4890 A4911 A4918 A4929 E1634  <u>Dialysis Equipment Billed With AX Modifier</u> E0210NU E1632 E1637 E1639  <u>Dialysis Equipment Billed Without AX Modifier</u> E1500 E1510 E1520 E1530 E1540 E1550 E1560 E1570 E1575 E1580 E1590 E1592 E1594 E1600 E1610 E1615 E1620 E1625 E1630 E1635 E1636		X						X		

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B  M A C	D M E  M A C	F I	C A R R I E R	R H H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
7628.6	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLN MattersArticles/">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLN MattersArticles/</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters"	X	X	X	X						

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							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	<p>listserv.</p> <p>Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.</p>										

#### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Section A: For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below:**  
Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
7628.1 through 7628.4	Instructions for calculating reasonable charges are located in section 80 of chapter 23 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Pub. 100-04).
7628.1, 7628.2	Instructions for calculating customary and prevailing charge are located in section 80.2 and 80.4 of chapter 23 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Pub. 100-04).
7628.3, 7628.4	Instructions for calculating the IIC are located in section 80.6 of chapter 23 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Pub. 100-04). The IIC update factor for 2012 is 3.6 percent.

**Section B: For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space:**

#### V. CONTACTS

**Pre-Implementation Contact(s):** Hafsa Bora (410) 786-7899 and Karen Jacobs (410) 786-2173

**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) or Contractor Manager, as applicable.

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**Attachment A**

## 2012 Payment Limits for Splints and Casts

A4565	\$8.12
Q4001	\$46.21
Q4002	\$174.65
Q4003	\$33.19
Q4004	\$114.91
Q4005	\$12.24
Q4006	\$27.58
Q4007	\$6.13
Q4008	\$13.79
Q4009	\$8.17
Q4010	\$18.39
Q4011	\$4.08
Q4012	\$9.20
Q4013	\$14.88
Q4014	\$25.08
Q4015	\$7.44
Q4016	\$12.54
Q4017	\$8.60
Q4018	\$13.71
Q4019	\$4.31
Q4020	\$6.86
Q4021	\$6.36
Q4022	\$11.48
Q4023	\$3.20
Q4024	\$5.74
Q4025	\$35.68
Q4026	\$111.41
Q4027	\$17.85
Q4028	\$55.72
Q4029	\$27.29
Q4030	\$71.83
Q4031	\$13.64
Q4032	\$35.91
Q4033	\$25.45
Q4034	\$63.30
Q4035	\$12.72
Q4036	\$31.66
Q4037	\$15.53
Q4038	\$38.90
Q4039	\$7.78
Q4040	\$19.44
Q4041	\$18.88
Q4042	\$32.23
Q4043	\$9.45
Q4044	\$16.12
Q4045	\$10.96
Q4046	\$17.63
Q4047	\$5.47
Q4048	\$8.82
Q4049	\$2.00