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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Dentists, podiatrists, and optometrists are added to the definition/list of physicians who may opt out of Medicare.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: December 8, 2003 *IMPLEMENTATION DATE: February 2, 2004.

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual not updated.)
(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED – (Only One Per Row.)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
R	Chapter 15/40.4-Definition of Physician/Practitioner

*III. FUNDING:

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

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

^{*}Medicare contractors only