

Update for the July 2008 Medicare Fee Schedule Hold

WPS Medicare is pleased to report that beginning on July 16, 2008, we began to release claims from the fee schedule hold. These claims are being released on a “rolling hold” basis per the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Before the first release, our system staff was able to prepare the system to process these claims based on the current fee schedule file. Therefore, these claims will not process with the -10.6% reduction and will not need to be reprocessed or mass adjusted. These claims do not need to be resubmitted.

WPS Medicare will release claims from the hold based on the following rolling schedule:

Date of Release	Date of Claim Receipt #1	Date of Claim Receipt #2
7/16/08	7/1/08	7/16/08
7/17/08	7/2/08	7/17/08
7/18/08	7/3/08	7/18/08

and so on....

Remember that these claims will not process in the system until their release dates. They are still subject to Medicare rules and regulations, including requests for additional information and the payment floor.

EXCEPTION – There are some pricing changes for several mental health codes. We are waiting for the complete list of codes, and until the system is ready to process at these new rates, any claims affected by this change will be released based on the above rolling schedule. Therefore, there will be some claims that need to be reprocessed. WPS Medicare will reprocess these claims.