

Jurisdiction B DME MAC Payment Floor Release

Effective May 16, 2007 National Government Services, Inc. (NGS), the Jurisdiction B DME MAC will release the payment floor for the States of Virginia and West Virginia DME claims. NGS will continue to immediately pay claims as they are released for payment during the period that Virginia and West Virginia files and records are transferred to CIGNA Government Services (CGS), the Jurisdiction C DME MAC on June 1, 2007. Standard payment floor requirements will continue in place at NGS for DME claims other than Virginia and West Virginia. Any pending Virginia and West Virginia claims and new claims held between May 31 and June 1st will be transferred to CGS at cutover.

The purpose of this letter is to explain the impact that the National Government Services' (NGS) release of the payment floor will have on your Medicare payments. In an attempt to make the transition as smooth as possible, we are providing you with this information to ensure minimal disruption in your Medicare payments, including both checks and Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs).

We ask that you please take time to read this information carefully and share it with appropriate staff.

Temporary Waiver of the Claims Processing Payment Floor

CMS has approved a plan to release claims approved for payment beginning on May 16, 2007 and to continue to immediately pay claims as they are released for payment during the period that Virginia and West Virginia files and records are transferred to CIGNA Government Services (CGS), the Jurisdiction C DME MAC on June 1, 2007.

This waiver of the payment floor rules will result in all payments being issued early, including both checks and Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs)

Transition Activities

The release of the payment floor will begin following the last payment cycle on May 16, 2007.

- The above *waiver of the payment floor rules* will result in all payments being issued early. This includes both checks and EFTs.
- The schedule for payments and Remittance Advices (RAs) will resume normal distribution following the transition to CGS on June 1, 2007.

National Government Services Transition Timeline

Date	Action
May 16, 2007 through May 31, 2007.	Payment of all claims processed and released for payment (payment floor rules waived).
June 1, 2007	Transition to CIGNA Government Services completed; standard payment floor requirements reinstated.
June 1, 2007 through June 14, 2007	During this time, suppliers may experience lower, or no payment amounts for claims submitted for Virginia and West Virginia beneficiaries due to claims being paid earlier than normal.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this notification, please contact the Jurisdiction B DME MAC Provider Services/Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Unit at 1-877-299-7900. The Provider Services call center is available - 8:00 am - 5:30 pm EST, and the IVR is available 6:00 am - 7:00 pm EST.