

# **COMPREHENSIVE OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION FACILITIES (CORF) AND OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION THERAPY (OPT) SPECIALTY GUIDE**

For Medicare Part A Providers



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## Introduction

Highmark Medicare Services has developed this Specialty Guide to help you locate the most current policies, procedures, regulations, and billing information in order that you may accurately file your Medicare claims.

You'll find references to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website and the CMS Online Manuals.

You'll also find references to the Highmark Medicare Services website where you can find helpful information such as fee schedules, claim filing instructions, and much, much more.

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## CMS Website References

2006 Therapy Cap Exception Process

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4364.pdf>

2006 Outpatient Therapy Cap Exception Clarifications

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5271.pdf>

Use of the KX Modifier on Claims Submitted to the Fiscal Intermediary When Some Services Exceed the Therapy Caps

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0637.pdf>

2007 Outpatient Therapy Cap Exception Process

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5478.pdf>

January 2008 Outpatient Therapy Caps without KX Modifier Exceptions

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5871.pdf>

July 2008 Extension of Therapy Cap Exceptions Process

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R1631CP.pdf>

National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI)

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/01\\_overview.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/01_overview.asp)

Frequently Asked Questions / Physician Fee Schedule Look Up

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National Provider Identifier

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/01\\_overview.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/01_overview.asp)

National Coverage Determinations

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/indexes.asp?from2=indexes.asp&>

## Highmark Medicare Services References

**Provider Information Index**

<http://www.highmarkmedicare services.com/parta/index-provinfo.html>

Local Coverage Determinations

<http://www.highmarkmedicare services.com/transition/j12/lcd.html>

Provider Bulletins

<http://www.highmarkmedicare services.com/bulletins/parta/bulletins.html>

Frequently Asked questions (FAQs)

<http://www.highmarkmedicare services.com/faq/parta/freqlist.html>

Medicare Part A Online Training Modules

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