

## § 405.1804

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made to the provider during the period to which the determination applies, including recoupment under § 405.373 from ongoing payments to the provider of any overpayments to the provider identified in the determination. Recoupment is made notwithstanding any request for hearing on the determination the provider may make under § 405.1811 or § 405.1835.

(d) *Effect of certain final agency decisions and final court judgments; audits of self-disallowed and other items.*(1) This paragraph applies to the following administrative decisions and court judgments:

(i) A final hearing decision by the intermediary (as described in § 405.1833 of this subpart) or the Board (as described in § 405.1871(b) of this subpart).

(ii) A final decision by a CMS reviewing official (as described in § 405.1834(f)(1) of this subpart) or the Administrator (as described in § 405.1875(e)(4) of this subpart) following review of a hearing decision by the intermediary or the Board, respectively.

(iii) A final, non-appealable judgment by a court on a Medicare reimbursement issue that the court rendered in accordance with jurisdiction under section 1878 of the Act (as described in §§ 405.1842 and 405.1877 of this subpart).

(2) For any final agency decision or final court judgment specified in paragraph (d)(1) of this section, the intermediary must promptly, upon notification from CMS—

(i) Determine the effect of the final decision or judgment on the intermediary determination for the cost reporting period at issue in the decision or judgment; and

(ii) Issue any revised intermediary determination, and make any additional program payment, or recoup or offset any program payment (as described in § 405.371 of this subpart), for the period that may be necessary to implement the final decision or judgment on the specific matters at issue in the decision or judgment.

(3) CMS may require the intermediary to audit any item, including any self-disallowed item, at issue in an appeal or a civil action, before any revised intermediary determination or additional Medicare payment,

recoupment, or offset may be determined for an item under paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

(4) For any final settlement agreement, whether for an appeal to the intermediary hearing officer(s) or the Board or for a civil action before a court, the intermediary must implement the settlement agreement in accordance with paragraphs (d)(2) and (d)(3) of this section, unless a particular administrative or judicial settlement agreement provides otherwise.

[48 FR 39834, Sept. 1, 1983, as amended at 49 FR 322, Jan 3, 1984; 51 FR 34793, Sept. 30, 1986; 61 FR 63748, Dec. 2, 1996; 73 FR 30244, May 23, 2008; 74 FR 39412, Aug. 6, 2009]

### **§ 405.1804 Matters not subject to administrative and judicial review under prospective payment.**

Neither administrative nor judicial review is available for controversies about the following matters:

(a) The determination of the requirement, or the proportional amount, of any budget neutrality adjustment in the prospective payment rates.

(b) The establishment of—

(1) Diagnosis related groups (DRGs);

(2) The methodology for the classification of inpatient discharges within the DRGs; or

(3) Appropriate weighting factors that reflect the relative hospital resources used with respect to discharge within each DRG.

[49 FR 322, Jan. 1, 1984]

### **§ 405.1805 Parties to intermediary determination.**

The parties to the intermediary's determination are the provider and any other entity found by the intermediary to be a related organization of the provider under § 413.17 of this chapter.

[48 FR 39835, Sept. 1, 1983, as amended at 51 FR 34793, Sept. 30, 1986]

### **§ 405.1807 Effect of intermediary determination.**

The determination shall be final and binding on the party or parties to such determination unless:

(a) An intermediary hearing is requested in accordance with § 405.1811 and an intermediary hearing decision rendered in accordance with § 405.1831; or

(b) The intermediary determination is revised in accordance with § 405.1885; or

(c) A Board hearing is requested in accordance with § 405.1835 and a hearing decision rendered pursuant thereto.

**§ 405.1809 Intermediary hearing procedures.**

(a) *Hearings.* Each intermediary must establish and maintain written procedures for intermediary hearings, in accordance with the regulations in this subpart, for resolving issues that may arise between the intermediary and a provider concerning the amount of reasonable cost reimbursement, or prospective payment due the provider (except as provided in § 405.1804) under the Medicare program. The procedures must provide for a hearing on the intermediary determination contained in the notice of program reimbursement (§ 405.1803), if the provider files a timely request for a hearing.

(b) *Amount in controversy.* In order for an intermediary to grant a hearing, the following dates and amounts in controversy apply:

(1) For cost reporting periods ending prior to June 30, 1973, the amount of program reimbursement in controversy must be at least \$1000.

(2) For cost reporting periods ending on or after June 30, 1973, the amount of program reimbursement in controversy must be at least \$1000 but less than \$10,000.

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**§ 405.1811 Right to intermediary hearing; contents of, and adding issues to, hearing request.**

(a) *Criteria.* A provider (but no other individual, entity, or party) has a right to an intermediary hearing, as a single provider appeal, for specific items claimed for a cost reporting period covered by an intermediary or Secretary determination for the period, but only if—

(1) The provider has preserved its right to claim dissatisfaction with the amount of Medicare payment for the specific item(s) at issue, by either—

(i) Including a claim for a specific item(s) on its cost report for a period if the provider seeks payment that it be-

lieves to be in accordance with Medicare policy; or

(ii) Effective with cost reporting periods that end on or after December 31, 2008, self-disallowing a specific item(s) by following the applicable procedures for filing a cost report under protest, if the provider seeks payment that it believes may not be allowable or may not be in accordance with Medicare policy (for example, if the intermediary lacks discretion to award the reimbursement the provider seeks for the item(s)),

(2) The amount in controversy (as determined in accordance with § 405.1839 of this subpart) is at least \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; and

(3) Unless the provider qualifies for a good cause extension under § 405.1813 of this subpart, the date of receipt by the intermediary of the provider's hearing request must be—

(i) No later than 180 days after the date of receipt by the provider of the intermediary or Secretary determination; or

(ii) When the intermediary determination is not issued (through no fault of the provider) within 12 months of the date of receipt by the intermediary of the provider's perfected cost report or amended cost report (as specified in § 413.24(f) of this chapter), no later than 180 days after the expiration of the 12-month period for issuance of the intermediary determination. The date of receipt by the intermediary of the provider's perfected cost report or amended cost report is presumed to be the date the intermediary stamped "Received" unless it is shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the intermediary received the cost report on an earlier date.

(b) *Contents of request for an intermediary hearing.* The provider's request for an intermediary hearing must be submitted in writing to the intermediary, and the request must include the elements described in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(3) of this section. If the provider submits a hearing request that does not meet the requirements of (b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(3) of this section, the intermediary hearing officer may dismiss with prejudice the appeal, or take any other remedial action he or she considers appropriate.