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Urgent Notice

To New York and Massachusetts Suppliers *Change in Date of Transition to DME Regional Carrier*

The following is a change to the state-by-state transition schedule for the Region A DMERC, The Travelers Insurance Group. This change affects New York and Massachusetts suppliers only.

Transfer Dates

The transfer date for New York suppliers has been extended to April 1, and the transfer date for Massachusetts suppliers has been extended to May 1. Due to the short notice for this change, and because many suppliers may have already made systems and other changes, suppliers billing paper claims or EMC in New York and Massachusetts have the option of billing the Region A DMERC beginning on March 1, as scheduled, or continuing to bill their local New York and Massachusetts carriers until the new transfer date, April 1 or May 1, respectively. Suppliers that bill the Region A DMERC beginning March 1 must follow DMERC processing guidelines (for example, new DMERC certificates of medical necessity must be used when required, new DMERC procedure codes must be used, and claims submitted electronically must be in the national standard format). Suppliers that continue to bill the New York and Massachusetts carriers should continue to bill in the same manner as they have in the past.

RRB Annuitant Claims

Suppliers not billing the Region A DMERC, April or May respectively, will continue to submit RRB claims to The Travelers RRB office. This will prevent situations that require suppliers to submit Medicare DMEPOS claims to New York and Massachusetts carriers, and RRB annuitant claims to the appropriate regional carrier, based on beneficiary residence.

Therapeutic Shoes

Suppliers not billing the Region A DMERC until April or May will continue to submit therapeutic shoes claims to The Travelers Insurance Group, Richmond, VA.

Other Transition Changes

Other DMERC transition changes include Texas and Florida:

- Texas transition changed to April 1, 1994.
- Florida transition changed to May 1, 1994.

This adjustment to the transition schedule will allow for a smoother overall transition.