



Do you have your NPI? National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) will be required on claims sent on or after May 23, 2007. Every health care provider needs to get an NPI. Learn more about the NPI and how to apply for an NPI by visiting <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/> on the CMS website.

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## MMA - Payment for Islet Cell Transplantation in NIH-Sponsored Clinical Trials

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, suppliers, and providers billing Medicare contractors (carriers and fiscal intermediaries (FIs))

### Provider Action Needed



#### STOP – Impact to You

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is updating the modifier used for claims for islet cell transplantation and for routine follow-up care related to the transplantation in NIH-sponsored clinical trials.

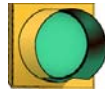


#### CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Please note that effective for islet cell transplantation and routine follow-up services related to the islet cell transplantation on or after **May 1, 2006**, the **QV modifier is no longer valid**. The **QR modifier** (item or service provided in a Medicare-specified study) will replace the QV modifier for services on or after **May 1, 2006**.

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### GO – What You Need to Do

Refer to the *Background* and *Additional Information* sections of this article for more information. Be ready to use the new QR modifier for payment of islet cell transplantation and routine follow-up care when appropriate.

## Background

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As a result of section 733 of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (P.L. 108-173), for services performed/ discharges on or after October 1, 2004, Medicare covers islet cell transplantation for patients with Type I diabetes who are participating in an NIH-sponsored clinical trial. The islet cell transplantation may be done alone or in combination with kidney transplantation.

## Additional Information

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Effective for services on or after **May 1, 2006**, Medicare will accept the **QR modifier** for payment on claims for patients who participate in an NIH-sponsored clinical trial in conjunction with:

- Islet cell transplantation; and
- Routine follow-up care related to islet cell transplantation, when:
  - Performed in an outpatient department of a hospital; and
  - Billed on type of bill (TOB) 13X or 85X.

For additional information, please refer to MM3385, "MMA-Billing Requirements for Islet Cell Transplantation for Beneficiaries in a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Trial," which can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3385.pdf> on the CMS website. Also, refer to the *Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual*, publication 100-03, Chapter 1, Part 4, Section 260.3.1 "Islet Cell Transplantation in the Context of a Clinical Trial (Effective October 1, 2004)," located at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/ncd103c1\\_Part4.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/ncd103c1_Part4.pdf) on the CMS website.

CR5140 is the official instruction issued to your Medicare carrier or FI regarding changes mentioned in this article, and the manual attachment to CR5140, the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Publication 100-4, Chapter 32, "Billing Requirements for Special Services," Section 70 "Billing Requirements for Islet Cell Transplantation for Beneficiaries in a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical

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Trial." CR5140 may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R986CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare carrier or FI at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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