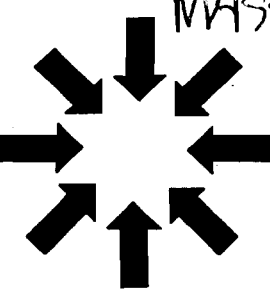


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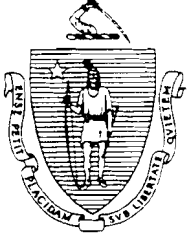
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The Executive Office of Elder Affairs recognizes that most Medicare beneficiaries are unaware of their rights to appeal medical decisions. This booklet was developed to give the health care consumer a better understanding of the Medicare appeal systems so they can improve the quality of care they receive. This booklet explains how to start a Medicare or Medicare HMO appeal.

A SHINE Telephone List appears at the end of this booklet. You may also contact the Executive Office of Elder Affairs at 1-800-882-2003, your Council on Aging or Area Agency on Aging in your area to learn about the SHINE Program nearest you.

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Dear Senior Citizen or Medicare Beneficiary:

**The Medicare appeals and complaints system is difficult to understand.** This APPEALS Booklet was designed to help you identify situations where you may have been wrongfully denied Medicare coverage. And, just as important, after you have read this material, you will know how to start an appeal within the time guidelines of the Medicare fee-for-service system or the Medicare HMO appeal system.

If you have health insurance problems or questions, we encourage you to contact SHINE, the health insurance counseling program for senior citizens and disabled Medicare beneficiaries administered by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The **Serving Health Information Needs of Elders Program (SHINE)** has 465 health insurance counselors across Massachusetts. **SHINE counselors provide free, one-on-one counseling to senior citizens and Medicare beneficiaries of any age.** Also, SHINE publishes this informative booklet, "*A Massachusetts Guide to Medicare and Medicare HMO APPEALS*", to help you learn about your rights to have medically necessary care and how to report a quality of care complaint or appeal a medical decision made by your medical provider.

**SHINE Counselors help elders understand what Medicare covers, how Medigap and Medicare HMO plans work with Medicare, how to decide which Medigap or Medicare HMO coverage they should buy, and how to apply for Medical Assistance programs. Once elders are insured, SHINE Counselors can show them how to file for reimbursement claims, how to access care through the HMO, and how to exercise their Medicare appeal rights in the managed care and fee-for-service systems of health care.**

On page 11 of this booklet, the **SHINE Program Telephone Directory** with a town-by-town index identifies the Regional SHINE Health Insurance Counseling Program serving your community. We hope you will contact a SHINE Counselor whenever you have questions about your health insurance coverage.

Sincerely,

  
Franklin P. Ollivierre

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# How to Appeal a Medicare Claim

## Introduction

If you disagree with a decision on the amount Medicare (or a Medicare HMO) will pay on a claim or whether services you received are covered by Medicare (or the HMO), you have the right to appeal the decision. There are separate appeals processes for Medicare Part A services, Medicare Part B services, and Medicare HMOs.

The appeal processes take time and perseverance in order to succeed. However, it can be worthwhile to appeal a denial when you believe the services being denied are Medicare or Medicare HMO covered services to which you are entitled.

Most appeals involve issues relating to:

- whether or not a service is medically necessary or appropriate for the treatment or diagnosis of an illness or injury.
- how much Medicare will pay towards a claim.
- whether or not a facility or medical provider should provide a certain medical service to a patient (level of care questions).
- the meaning of “urgent” versus “emergency” care in a Medicare Managed Care Plan (HMO).
- the quality of care they receive from medical staff and in medical settings.

It is important to understand there are two types of notices used in the Medicare system: those that are **not official Medicare determinations** and those that are **official Medicare determinations**.

The following are form letters or oral exchanges between a medical provider and a Medicare beneficiary; they are **not official Medicare notices**:

- Notices of Non-Coverage (NNC)  
[a SNF may use a “Skilled Nursing Facility Termination Notice”]
- verbal discussions with providers in which Medicare services are terminated or refused.

**Official Medicare determinations** are issued by the Medicare intermediary, MassPRO, or the Medicare carrier and include the following:

- Notice of Initial Determination
- Notice of Utilization
- Explanation of Medicare Benefits (EOMBs)
- Reconsideration Determination

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## APPEALS FOR MEDICARE PART A SERVICES

*Skilled nursing facility services and home health benefits in the fee-for-service system.*

**CASE 1:** *You have been receiving medical services as a patient in a skilled nursing facility, but have been told by the facility staff that Medicare won't cover your stay after a few more days. What can you do?*

**CASE 2:** *Or, you want to engage the services of a home health company, but they do not believe you meet one of Medicare's guidelines for home health care. What can you do?*

### STEP 1 - GET A WRITTEN NOTICE OF NON-COVERAGE (NNC)

A Part A provider should give you a written NNC to explain the services you seek will not be paid for by Medicare. If they have spoken to you about "no coverage for benefits", ask them to give you a written NNC.

### STEP 2 - ASK THE PROVIDER TO REQUEST AN OFFICIAL MEDICARE DETERMINATION

If you so request, the provider must submit a "demand bill" (also referred to as a "no-payment bill") to the Medicare intermediary on your behalf. A Medicare beneficiary always has the right to have a claim submitted to Medicare. Therefore, when a provider decides that a service is not covered, a bill at the request of the beneficiary can be submitted. The beneficiary must ask the Part A provider to get the official Medicare determination in order to develop the right to request further appeals. *When beneficiaries are unaware of their rights, they wrongly assume the provider's NNC is an official Medicare determination when, in fact, it is not an official determination by Medicare!*

### STEP 3 - RECEIVE THE OFFICIAL MEDICARE DETERMINATION IN THE FORM OF A NOTICE OF UTILIZATION

Medicare sends you a Notice of Utilization which states its ruling. If you do not receive this official determination within thirty days, then contact the local intermediary. If they rule in your favor, then you get the services requested paid for by Medicare. However, if you still disagree with the ruling, ask for a Reconsideration Determination.

### STEP 4 - REQUEST A RECONSIDERATION DETERMINATION

If you still disagree with the ruling in the Notice of Utilization, ask for a Reconsideration Determination by writing a letter to the intermediary. Its address is on the recent Notice of Utilization. Include in your written request a copy of the NNC and Notice of Utilization. You have 60 days from the date you received the Notice of Utilization to make this request.

### STEPS 5 AND BEYOND - INTERMEDIARY SENDS YOU A RECONSIDERATION DETERMINATION

The intermediary will assign someone new to reconsider your case and issue a determination. If they confirm your belief that Medicare services should be provided to you, then you have won. However, if they continue to rule against you, read the instructions on the reconsideration determination to learn about the next appeal step (a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge).

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## APPEALS FOR MEDICARE PART A SERVICES

### *Hospital pre-admission denial*

**CASE 3:** *You want to have your surgery performed at the local acute care hospital, but the hospital has informed you that you will not be admitted as an inpatient for this procedure. What can you do?*

#### INTRODUCTION

If a hospital decides not to admit you to the hospital, it must give you its decision in writing. However, this decision is **not an official Medicare determination**. In order to get an official Medicare determination, follow these steps:

#### STEP 1 -

##### **ASK MASSPRO TO REVIEW THE HOSPITAL'S DECISION**

You must ask MassPRO to review the hospital's decision. You can ask for an immediate review if you contact MassPRO within three days of the date you received the hospital's decision. You can contact MassPRO by telephone at **1-800-252-5533** or in writing at MassPRO, 235 Wyman Street, Waltham, MA 02154-1231. Otherwise, you have 30 days to ask MassPRO to make a review. If the hospital had already consulted with MassPRO while making its decision, then you are actually asking MassPRO to reconsider the pre-admission denial.

#### STEP 2 -

##### **RECEIVE MASSPRO'S DETERMINATION**

MassPRO will review the hospital's decision and send out an official Medicare determination. If MassPRO agrees with you and decides Medicare should pay for your stay in the hospital, then hospital will be expected to admit you. If MassPRO agrees with the hospital, the reconsideration determination will explain your rights and the next steps to take to continue the appeal.



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## APPEALS FOR MEDICARE PART A SERVICES

### *Inpatient hospital Notice of Non-Coverage*

**CASE 4:** *You have been in the hospital for ten days because you have a broken hip. The hospital issues a Notice of Non-Coverage to you stating that in three days time you will be discharged home. You think the discharge is premature. What can you do?*

#### INTRODUCTION

As a Medicare patient, you have the right to remain in the hospital to receive all necessary care for the proper diagnosis and treatment of your illness or injury.

#### STEP 1 -

##### **REQUEST TO RECEIVE THE NOTICE OF NON-COVERAGE IN WRITING**

The hospital must give you a written notice which explains their belief Medicare will no longer pay for your stay and includes the phone number of the Massachusetts Peer Review Organization (MassPRO).

#### STEP 2 -

##### **ASK MASSPRO TO REVIEW THE HOSPITAL'S DECISION**

To request an immediate review, you must contact MassPRO at **1-800-252-5533** by **noon of the next business day** (Saturdays and Sundays not included) after the date you received the Notice of Non-Coverage. You cannot be charged for any days until noon of the day after MassPro makes its decision, regardless of the outcome of the decision.

If you do not request an immediate review, you will have 30 days to ask MassPRO to make a review. If the hospital had already consulted with MassPRO while making its decision, then you are actually asking MassPRO to reconsider the decision to discharge you from your current Medicare-covered stay in the hospital. You can contact MassPRO by telephone at **1-800-252-5533** or in writing at MassPRO, 235 Wyman Street, Waltham, MA 02154-1231.

#### STEP 3 -

##### **RECEIVE MASSPRO'S DETERMINATION**

MassPRO will review the discharge decision and send out an official Medicare determination (if they are reconsidering their previous decision, then it will be a reconsideration determination). If MassPRO agrees with you and decides Medicare should pay for your stay in the hospital, then the hospital will be expected to retain you as an inpatient for the time being. If MassPRO agrees with the hospital, then the determination will also explain your rights and the next steps to take to continue the appeal.

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## APPEALS FOR MEDICARE PART B SERVICES

*Doctor's services, outpatient hospital care, diagnostic services, durable medical equipment and ambulance services.*

**Typical Case:** *EOMBs are often reviewed when coverage is denied, the amounts allowed seem out of line, when claims are denied for insufficient information or omitted facts, or when the medical necessity of certain procedures has not been fully demonstrated when the claim form was submitted by the Part B provider.*

### STEP 1 - REQUEST A REVIEW FROM THE CARRIER BY MAIL OR BY TELEPHONE

On the EOMB attach a note saying "Please review", sign it, and send it back to the carrier. The carrier's name and address are on the form. If appropriate, a letter from the doctor explaining the medical necessity for the procedure can also be included. You have six months to send in your request for a review.

You may also use the telephone to conduct the review. Between 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday, you may call the carrier for Massachusetts, known as C & S Administrative Services, at **1-800-294-2351** to request a review over the telephone. You must still request the review within six months of the date the EOMB was issued.

When you call, be prepared to tell the carrier the following facts:

- your full name
- current address
- your Medicare health insurance claim (HIC) number
- the 13-digit claim control number on the claim you want reviewed (this is on the EOMB)
- and the date of service.

In most cases, the carrier can inform you of its official determination of the review during the telephone call. You will also receive a formal letter or an adjusted EOMB. Follow the instructions on the review determination if a further appeal is necessary. The next step is a fair hearing before a carrier hearing officer.

For appeals regarding durable medical equipment, the carrier for Massachusetts is:

**MetraHealth**  
DMERC  
P.O. Box 6800  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18773-6800  
Tel: **1-800-842-2052**

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## APPEALS FOR MEDICARE HMO - EARLY DISCHARGE

*Inpatient hospital Notice of Non-Coverage*

**CASE 5:** *You have been in the hospital for ten days because you have a broken hip. The HMO issues a Notice of Non-Coverage to you stating that in three days time you will be discharged home. You think the discharge is pre-mature. What can you do?*

### INTRODUCTION

As a Medicare HMO patient, you have the right to remain in the hospital to receive all necessary care for the proper diagnosis and treatment of your illness or injury.

#### STEP 1 -

##### **REQUEST TO RECEIVE THE NOTICE OF NON-COVERAGE IN WRITING**

The HMO must give you a written notice, called a “*Notice of Non-Coverage*”, which explains your appeal rights and includes the phone number of the Massachusetts Peer Review Organization (MassPRO) to call if you wish to request an *immediate review*.

#### STEP 2 -

##### **ASK MASSPRO TO REVIEW THE HOSPITAL’S DECISION**

To request an immediate review, you must contact MassPRO at **1-800-252-5533** by **noon of the next business day** (Saturdays and Sundays not included) after the date you received the Notice of Non-Coverage. You cannot be charged for any days until noon of the day after MassPro makes its decision, regardless of the outcome of the decision.

#### STEP 3 -

##### **RECEIVE MASSPRO’S DETERMINATION**

If MassPRO agrees with you and decides the HMO should pay for your continued stay in the hospital, then the hospital will be expected to retain you as an inpatient for the time being. If MassPRO agrees with the HMO, then the determination will also explain your rights and the next steps to take to continue the appeal.

#### STEP 4 -

##### **REQUEST A REVIEW WITH HMO (if you did not request an immediate review)**

If you are discharged and you wish to appeal your HMO’s decision, you will have 60 days from the date on the NNC to ask your **HMO** to make a review. Send your written request for review to the HMO or the Social Security Office. If the HMO does not rule in your favor, they will automatically send your appeal on to the Network Design Group.

#### STEP 5 -

##### **AWAIT THE DETERMINATION OF THE NETWORK DESIGN GROUP**

The NDG can take up to five months to issue its determination. If you lose at this stage, the determination will contain instructions on how to request a hearing before the Administrative Law Judge.

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## APPEALS IN MEDICARE HMOs

*Case 6: You have been receiving home health services three times a week with Medicare fee-for-service. You decide to enroll in a Medicare HMO and three weeks later you are informed by the Medicare HMO that they will not pay for any further home health services. You feel you still need assistance and you have contacted your primary care physician about your concerns.*

### INTRODUCTION

Medicare beneficiaries in Medicare HMO plans have similar appeal steps for questioning decisions made by HMO staff as to the medical necessity of services and the appropriateness of certain

settings for receiving medical care. If an HMO refuses to provide Medicare-covered services you have requested, then they must give you the denial in writing.

### STEP 1 -

#### GET THE DECISION IN WRITING

Under the law, the HMO must give you a written denial if the treating physician says you cannot have a particular service. Tell the physician **“I want your decision in writing”**. This denial is called a **“Notice of Initial Determination”**. Along with this notice, the HMO is required to give you an explanation of your appeal rights.

### STEP 2 -

#### ASK FOR A RECONSIDERATION IN WRITING

Send your request for a reconsideration to the HMO within 60 days of the date you received the Notice of Initial Determination. In your letter requesting a reconsideration, tell the HMO that you believe the plan has an obligation to provide the service because you believe it is a Medicare-covered service. Also, include a copy of the written Notice of Initial Determination given to you by the physician or the HMO.

### STEP 3 -

#### RECEIVE THE RECONSIDERATION DETERMINATION

Your HMO has 60 days to reconsider its initial determination to deny the services or payment for services you believe they should provide. If the HMO agrees with you upon appeal, then they shall provide the service or pay for the care you received. However, if the HMO denies your request on appeal, then it must automatically submit your case for further review to an independent group called the Network Design Group (NDG).

### STEP 4 -

#### AWAIT THE DETERMINATION OF THE NETWORK DESIGN GROUP (NDG)

The NDG can take up to five months to issue its determination. If you lose at this stage, the determination will contain instructions on how to request a hearing before the Administrative Law Judge.

## DIRECTORY

### INTERMEDIARIES - Part A Claims

**Aetna Life Insurance Company** 203-636-5666  
151 Farmington Ave.  
Hartford, CT 06156

**Associated Hospital Service of Maine** 207-822-8484  
2 Gannet Drive  
South Portland, Maine 04106  
Processes claims for: *hospital, SNF, home health, hospice*

### CARRIERS - Part B Claims

**C & S Administrative Services** 800-882-1228  
P.O. Box 1000  
Hingham, MA 02044-9191

**MetraHealth (Travelers Insurance Co.)** 800-842-2052  
Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier  
P.O. Box 6800  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18773-6800

**MetraHealth (Travelers Insurance Co.)** 800-833-4455  
Railroad Medicare Claim Service Center  
P.O. Box 10066  
Augusta, GA 30999-0001

### MEDICARE FRAUD & ABUSE HOTLINE

**Department of Health & Human Services** 800-368-5779  
*Concerns about abuse of services or billings to Medicare*

**Office of the Inspector General (Boston)** 617-565-2664

**C & S Administrative Services (Part B Claims)** 800-882-1228

## PEER REVIEW ORGANIZATION (PRO)

**Massachusetts Peer Review Organization  
(MassPRO)**  
235 Wyman Street  
Waltham, MA 02154-1231

800-252-5533  
617-890-0011

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*Serving Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk and Suffolk counties.*

**Greater Boston Legal Services**  
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Boston, MA 02114

800-323-3205  
617-371-1234

*Serving Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket and Plymouth counties.*

**Legal Services for Cape Cod and Islands**  
460 West Main Street  
Hyannis, MA 02601

800-742-4107  
508-775-7020

*Serving Essex and Middlesex counties.*

**Merrimack Valley Legal Services**  
11 Lawrence Street, Suite 324  
Lawrence, MA 01840

800-427-2521  
508-687-1177

*Serving Bristol and Plymouth counties.*

**Southeastern Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corp.**  
21 South Sixth Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

800-244-9023  
508-996-8576

*Serving Franklin, Hampden, Berkshire and Hampshire counties.*

**Western Massachusetts Legal Services**  
145 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

413-781-7814

*Serving Worcester county.*

**Legal Assistance Corp. of Central Massachusetts**  
405 Main Street, 4th Floor  
Worcester, MA 01608

800-649-3718  
508-752-3718

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01	Dalton Council on Aging	Lydia Boynton	800-974-4055
02	Northampton Council on Aging	Joann Lutz	800-498-4232
03	Springfield Council on Aging	Gail Noe	800-307-4463
<b>Central Mass:</b>			
04	Central Mass Agency on Aging	Sharon McKenzie	800-244-3032
05	Community & Home Services of the BayPath Area	Pam LeFrancois	800-287-7284
06	HESSCO (AAA)	Peggy McDonough	800-462-5221
<b>Northeastern Mass:</b>			
07	Danvers Council on Aging	Sara Bronstein	800-598-1122
08	Minuteman Home Care	Cynthia Phillips	617-272-7177
09	Merrimack Valley Elder Services	Elaine Rotolo	800-892-0890
<b>Eastern Mass:</b>			
10	Mystic Valley Elder Services	Holly Kisler	617-324-7705
11	Needham Council on Aging	Maura Walsh	617-964-5009
12	Quincy Council on Aging	Jane Mudge	617-376-1247
13	Boston Commission on Affairs of the Elderly	SHINE Coordinator	617-635-3995
<b>Southeastern Mass:</b>			
14	Edgartown Council on Aging	Marilyn White	508-693-4120
15	Middleborough Council on Aging	Steve Perchard	800-231-1155
16	Attleboro Council on Aging	Marion Aspinall	800-987-2510
17	Coastline Elder Services	Carolyn Avery	508-999-6400
18	Chatham Council on Aging	Beth Fletcher	800-334-9999

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INDEX OF AREA NUMBERS AND TOWNS**

*(Find the city you live in and its area. Then look up the Regional SHINE Program from the list.)*

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 07 Reading  
 16 Rehoboth  
 10 Revere  
 01 Richmond  
 17 Rochester  
 15 Rockland  
 07 Rockport  
 13 Roslindale  
 02 Rowe  
 09 Rowley  
 13 Roxbury  
 02 Royalston  
 03 Russell  
 04 Rutland  
  
 07 Salem  
 09 Salisbury  
 01 Sandisfield  
 18 Sandwich  
 07 Saugus

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01 Savoy  
 12 Scituate  
 16 Seekonk  
 06 Sharon  
 01 Sheffield  
 02 Shelburne  
 05 Sherborn  
 04 Shirley  
 04 Shrewsbury  
 02 Shutesbury  
 02 South Deerfield  
 16 Somerset  
 08 Somerville  
 13 South Boston  
 12 South Braintree  
 17 So. Dartmouth  
 02 South Hadley  
 02 Southampton  
 05 Southborough  
 04 Southbridge  
 03 Southwick  
 04 Spencer  
 03 Springfield  
 04 Sterling  
 01 Stockbridge  
 10 Stoneham  
 06 Stoughton  
 08 Stow  
 04 Sturbridge  
 05 Sudbury  
 02 Sunderland  
 04 Sutton  
 07 Swampscott  
 16 Swansea  
  
 16 Taunton  
 04 Templeton  
 09 Tewksbury  
 14 Tisbury  
 03 Tolland  
 07 Topsfield  
 04 Townsend  
 18 Truro  
 02 Turners Falls  
 09 Tyngsborough  
 01 Tyringham  
  
 04 Upton  
 04 Uxbridge  
  
 07 Wakefield  
 06 Walpole

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11 Waltham  
 02 Ware  
 15 Wareham  
 04 Warren  
 02 Warwick  
 01 Washington  
 11 Watertown  
 05 Wayland  
 04 Webster  
 05 Wellesley  
 18 Wellfleet  
 02 Wendall  
 07 Wenham  
 04 West Boylston  
 15 W. Bridgewater  
 04 West Brookfield  
 09 West Newbury  
 13 West Roxbury  
 03 W. Springfield  
 01 W. Stockbridge  
 14 West Tisbury  
 18 West Yarmouth  
 05 Westborough  
 03 Westfield  
 09 Westford  
 02 Westhampton  
 04 Westminster  
 11 Weston  
 16 Westport  
 06 Westwood  
 12 Weymouth  
 02 Whately  
 04 Whitinsville  
 15 Whitman  
 03 Wilbraham  
 02 Williamsburg  
 01 Williamstown  
 08 Wilmington  
 04 Winchendon  
 08 Winchester  
 01 Windsor  
 10 Winthrop  
 08 Woburn  
 04 Worcester  
 02 Worthington  
 06 Wrentham  
  
 18 Yarmouth