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MEDICARE AS SECONDARY PAYER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

BACKGROUND

We want to remind you, that under federal law, insurers providing any liability, no-fault and workers' compensation must register by July 1, 2009 with the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This requirement applies to personal and commercial lines coverages including Homeowners, Dwelling Liability, Auto Liability and Commercial Liability and would also extend to any medical payments and auto uninsured motorists coverages.

Under the federal law, Medicare pays secondary to any of these insurance payments. The Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 includes mandatory reporting requirements relating to Medicare beneficiaries who also receive such payments.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Insurers must register by July 1, 2009. Following a testing period, insurers must then file quarterly reports. After January 1, 2010, insurers not in compliance may be fined up to \$1,000 per day.

AVAILABILITY

Information about the registration and reporting process is available on the Federal Government website at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mandatoryinsrep/>

QUESTIONS

Contact Jan Kozlowski at (800) 935-6900.