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IMPORTANT REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has indicated that because Congress acted so late in 2011 to prevent the 27.4 percent Medicare physician reimbursement cut that was slated for January 1, 2012, claims must still be held for a period of time to allow CMS time to develop the new payment rate files and the Medicare claims administration contractors time to install and test the files. CMS expects that most if not all contractors will be ready to process claims under the revised rates on or before January 18, 2012, which is the end of the 10-business-day claims hold period previously announced, but contractors' time frames may differ. Contractors are expected to have the new payment rates posted to their web sites by January 11, 2012.

SCCT will keep you updated as developments occur.