

May 5, 1998

To: All Home Health Agency Providers

The new rates for home health services, effective January 1, 1998 and as published in the April 21 bulletin, have been loaded for claims processing. Claims that have been submitted at the new rates will process at the new rates after April 21. Claims processed for dates of service January 1, 1998 and thereafter that were paid at the old rate will be mass adjusted. The net mass adjustment will appear on April 28 and May 5 RAs. Mass-adjusted claims are assigned region number 56 as the first two numbers in the ICN. For claims that were overpaid, recoupment will be made by an offset. For claims that were underpaid, the net difference will be paid and reflected on the RA for April 28 or May 5.