



Medicare Part B Secondary Payer Post-Pay Overpayments

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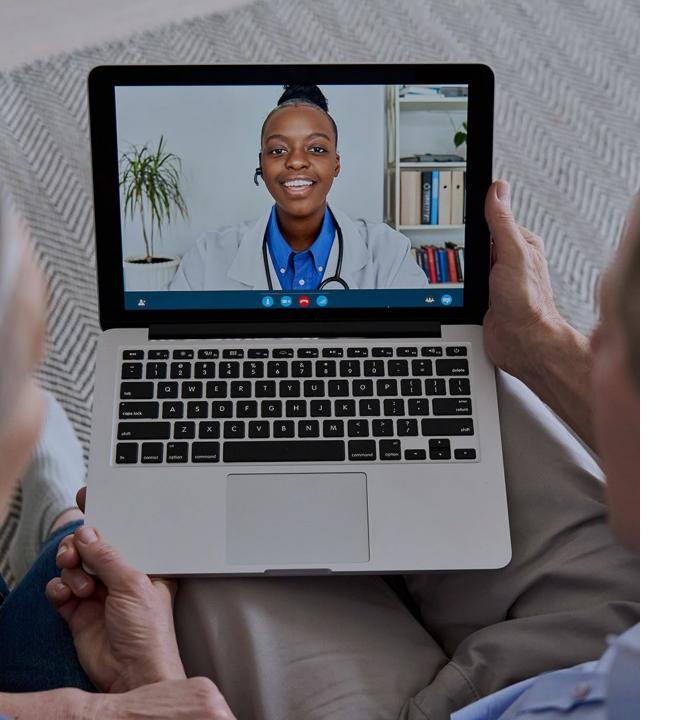


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Objective

After this session, you will have a better understanding on how to report MSP postpay overpayments properly to NGS.







Agenda

- Coordination of Benefits
- <u>Determining Medicare</u>
 <u>Secondary Payment Amounts</u>
- How to Refund Medicare
- NGS Automation Process







Coordination of Benefits

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- Coordination of benefits rules decide which entity pays first
- There are a variety of methods and programs used to identify situations in which Medicare beneficiaries have other insurance primary to Medicare
- After a Medicare claim is paid, CMS receives new information indicating Medicare has made a primary payment by mistake and CMS takes action to recover mistaken Medicare payment
- Coordination of Benefits



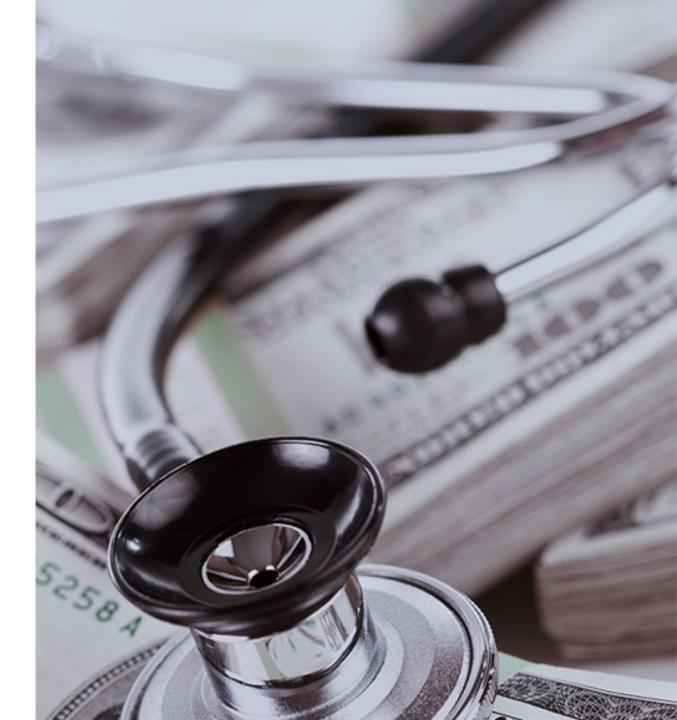


MSP Overpayment

- MSP overpayment is a payment providers receive in excess of amounts properly payable under Medicare statutes and regulations
- Money becomes debt owed to federal government
 - Provider responsibility when MSP overpayments are received to report and return within 60 days
- CMS IOM Publication 100-05, Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Manual, Chapter 3, Section 10.4









MSP Overpayments Occur

- Overpayments occur when Medicare has processed and paid claim as primary payer, but should have paid secondary
- Prior to refunding, check patient eligibility
- Avoid MSP overpayments
 - Verify MSP online data and use model admission questions with your patient
 - CMS IOM Publication 100-05, <u>Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP)</u> <u>Manual, Chapter 3, Section 20.2. and</u> 20.2.1





Avoiding Overpayments

- Ask Medicare patients if there's other insurance
 - Your Billing Responsibilities
 - CMS IOM Publication 100-05, Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Manual, Chapter 3, Section 20.2.1- Model Admission Questions to Ask Medicare Beneficiaries
- Submit MSP claims with appropriate
 - Electronic Data Interchange: Medicare Secondary Payer ANSI Specifications for 837P









Provider Responsibility

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Multiple Primary Payments Received

- If Medicare should be secondary
 - Medicare must be repaid within 60 days of receiving payment from primary plan
 - Repay difference between
 - Amount Medicare actually paid
 - Amount Medicare should have paid (if any)
- CMS IOM Publication 100-05, Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Manual, Chapter 3, Section 10.4





Determining Medicare Secondary Payment Amounts



How to Determine Medicare Secondary Payment Amounts

- MSP payment is determined by the following
- Actual charge by provider or OTAF minus amount paid by primary
- Usual Medicare payment determination
 - <u>Fee Schedule</u> amount (minus any unmet deductible 2024 \$240)
 - Multiply results by 80% (or other as appropriate)
- Highest allowed amount minus amount paid by primary
 - MPFS or amount payable under Medicare (not including deductible or coinsurance)
 - Primary payer's allowed amount
- The Medicare payment is the lowest of the three amounts



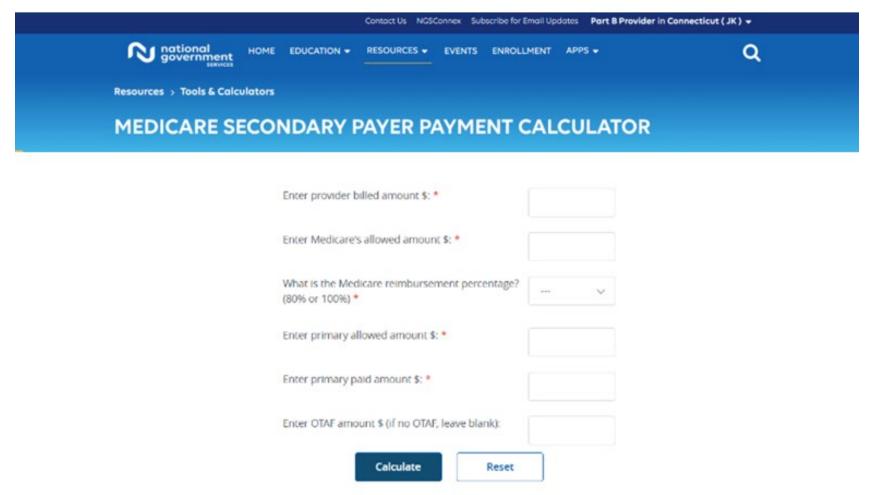


NGS MSP Resources





MSP Payment Calculator





Step-By-Step Example

Example	Calculation
 Physician's charge = \$175 Primary payer's allowed charge = \$150 Primary payer paid 80% of allowed charge = \$120 Medicare fee schedule amount = \$125 Patient's Part B deductible met 	 Actual charge by physician minus primary payers' payment \$175 - \$120 = \$55 Usual Medicare payment determination 80% x \$125 = \$100 Highest allowed amount minus amount paid by primary \$150 - \$120 = \$30



How to Refund Medicare

Refunds Determine Practice Set Up

- Practices on automatic immediate recoupments all and future
 - If providers are set up for immediate recoupment, demanded overpayments are offset by day 16
 - Saves administrative burden and interest accrual
- Practices not on automatic immediate recoupments
 - Interest without immediate recoupment
 - Interest accrual on day 31
 - Offset with interest on day 40





Providers on Automatic Immediate Recoupments

- Complete Medicare Part B MSP Overpayment Request Form (no check)
- Include the EOB from the primary plan and the appropriate form
 - Jurisdiction 6 Medicare Part B MSP Overpayment Request Form
 - Jurisdiction K Medicare Part B MSP Overpayment Request Form
- When claim(s) is adjusted, Medicare will issue demand letter, but offset will occur automatically







Part B Overpayment Request Form

- Use appropriate form based on practice location
- JK Part B: CT-MA-ME-NH-NY-RI-VT
 - MAC MSP Overpayment Recovery Unit
 - P.O. Box 6178
 Indianapolis, IN 46206-6178
 - Or fax this completed form and primary EOB to 502-889-4703
- J6 Part B: IL-MN-WI
 - MAC MSP Overpayment Recovery Unit
 - P.O. Box 6475 Indianapolis, IN 46206-6475
 - Or fax this completed form and primary EOB to 315-442-4151







Providers not on **Automatic Immediate** Recoupments

- Complete <u>Medicare Secondary</u> Payer Part B Voluntary Refund Form-JK or <u>Medicare Secondary</u> Payer Part B Voluntary Refund Form-J6 and attach a check for the overpayment amount and include EOB from primary plan
- Complete <u>Jurisdiction K</u> Medicare Part B MSP Overpayment Request Form or Jurisdiction 6 Medicare Part B MSP Overpayment Request Form and include EOB from primary plan

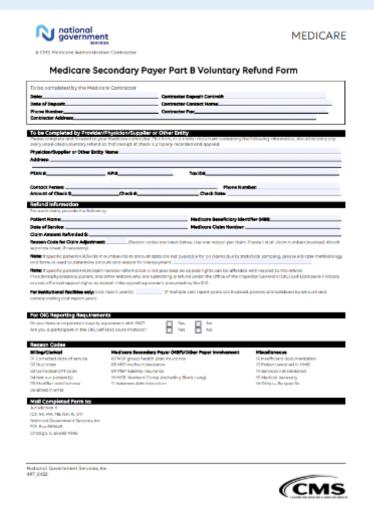






MSP Voluntary Refund Form

- Providers Not on Automatic Immediate Recoupments
 - Use appropriate form for line of business
 - Medicare Secondary Payer Part B Voluntary Refund Form-JK or Medicare Secondary Payer Part B Voluntary Refund Form-J6 and a copy of the demand letter
 - Submit check with Part B MSP Voluntary Refund Form and include EOB from primary plan
 - When claim(s) is adjusted, Medicare will apply overpayment amount to AR







NGS Automation Process

Benefits of Automatic Immediate Recoupments

- Avoids making payment by check and assessment of interest if immediate recoupment pays the debt in full before day 31
- Interest on debt payments accrues monthly rather than daily
- Treasury rate ranges from nine to ten percent or more
- Providers who activate automatic immediate recoupment
 - Generally, have their debts offset and recouped on day 16
 - Payments are considered on time
 - Recoupment does not begin until 16th day from the date of the demand letter, so there is time to file an appeal if you disagree with contractor-initiated overpayments
- Note: Ensure that your organization does have claims being submitted and scheduled Medicare payments
- CMS IOM Publication 100-06, Medicare Financial Management Manual transmittal updated quarterly





Activating Automated Immediate Recoupments

- NGS website
- Accept Attestation
- From the Part B home page, select Overpayments
- On right, select All Forms, then select <u>Immediate Recoupment Request Form Electronic/E-Mail</u> and complete
 - For Immediate Recoupment Type, select Current and Future Overpayments
 - Fill in remainder of electronic form with your provider information
 - Ensure contact information is listed
 - Check Demand Letter Number box, if no demand letter number
 - Click the Submit button
- Note
 - If the form continues to display, you will need to make corrections
 - If form disappears, your submission was successful, and you will receive email confirmation





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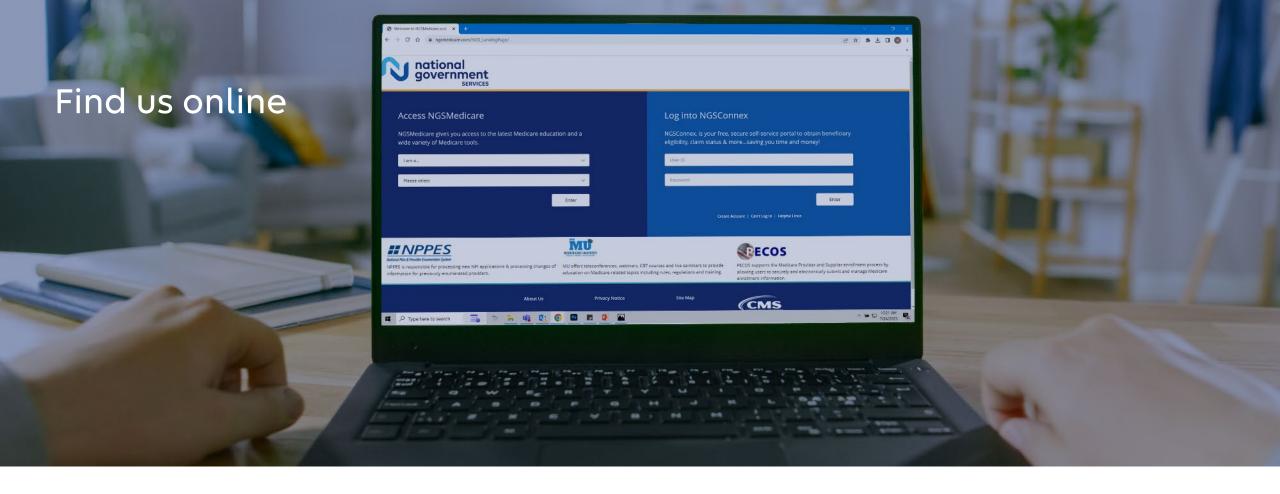














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