

## **Notification of Hospital Discharge Appeal Notices**

Beginning July 2, 2007 hospitals must notify Medicare beneficiaries of their rights as a hospital patient, including an opportunity to appeal the decision to be formally released or discharged from inpatient care.

“Hospital” is defined as any facility that provides inpatient care, including short- and long-term acute care; critical access; psychiatric and rehabilitation. Hospitals must use “An Important Message from Medicare About Your Rights” to explain these rights.

Final versions of “An Important Message from Medicare About Your Rights” (CMS-R-193) and “Detailed Notice of Discharge” (CMS 10066) are posted at [www.cms.hhs.gov/bni](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/bni). Click “Hospital Discharge Appeal Notices.”

Manual instructions are posted in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Pub 100-04) Chapter 30, Section 200 at [www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov).

In Georgia, the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) contact information for “An Important Message From Medicare About Your Rights” is:

Georgia Medical Care Foundation  
1-800-982-0411 ext 3413  
TTY/TDD 1-877-486-2048