



MMSEA Section 111 Update - Medicare is Secondary Payer

Many of you may have received information related to new reporting obligations under Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007. These new reporting obligations provide further verification that Medicare's interest must be considered at the time of claim settlements and that Medicare is considered a secondary payer of medical benefits when a primary payer exists.

The new reporting obligations require electronic reporting of all settlements, judgments, awards or other payments made by various types of liability insurers including workers' compensation insurers. Those required to report are known as Responsible Reporting Entities or RREs and they must register with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. **The initial deadline for RREs to register was 7/1/09. However, the deadline for RREs to register has now been extended to 9/30/09.**

Please be advised that AEU is working with FARA to ensure timely registration of ALMA as a RRE. FARA will also act as our Reporting Agent and Account Manager as it relates to this new reporting requirement. We will update you should there be any additional changes in the registration deadline.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your AEU Claims Department.