

Medicare Private Practice Speech–Language Pathologists

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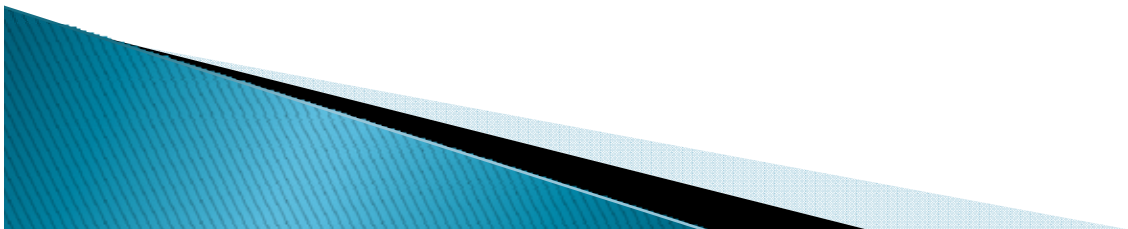
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▶ MIPPA 2008

- Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPAA)
- allows private-practice speech-language pathologists to bill Medicare Part B starting July 1, 2009

▶ Final Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) 2009

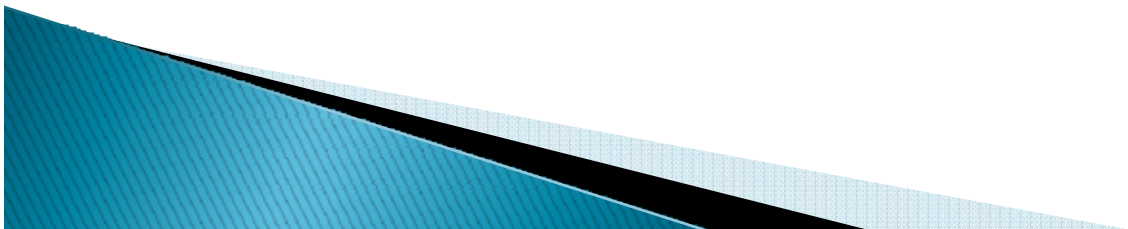
- SLPs can enroll as Medicare providers on or after June 2, 2009
- New regulations for participation in Medicare
 - Mirror physical therapy regulations, except no provision for assistants



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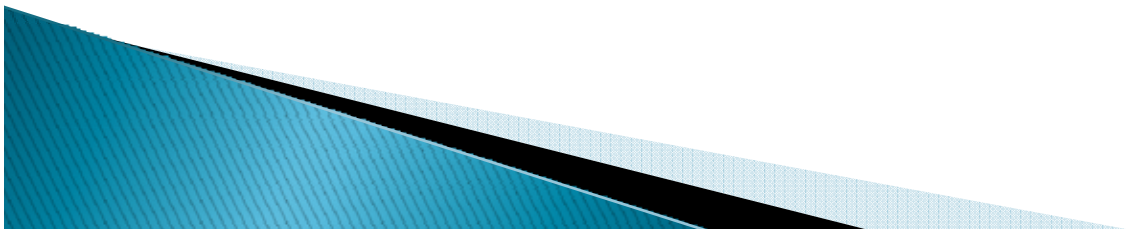
▶ Regulations in MPFS

- An SLP can provide services in one of the following practice types:
 - An unincorporated solo practice, partnership, or group practice, or a professional corporation or other incorporated speech-language pathology practice
 - An employee of a physician group
 - An employee of a group that is not a professional corporation



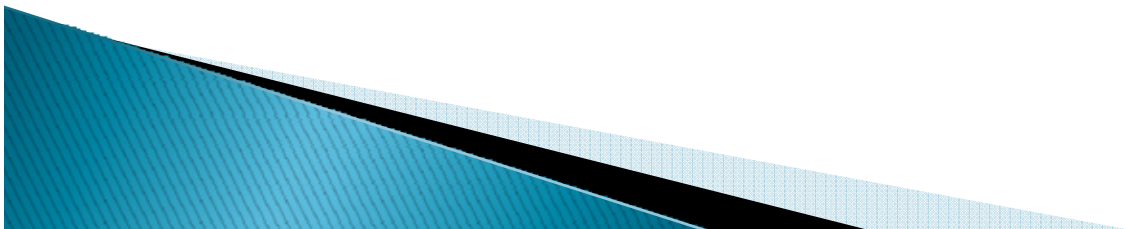
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- ▶ An SLP can provide services in the following locations:
 - The SLP's private office space. The space must be owned, rented, or leased by the practice and used exclusively for the practice.
 - The patient's home, not including any institution that is a hospital, a critical access hospital, or a skilled nursing facility



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- ▶ ASHA recommendations
 - Encourage CMS to include in regulations use of assistants
 - Encourage CMS to include in regulations ability to provide services to patients in natural environment
 - Provide members with resources for enrollment and Medicare billing



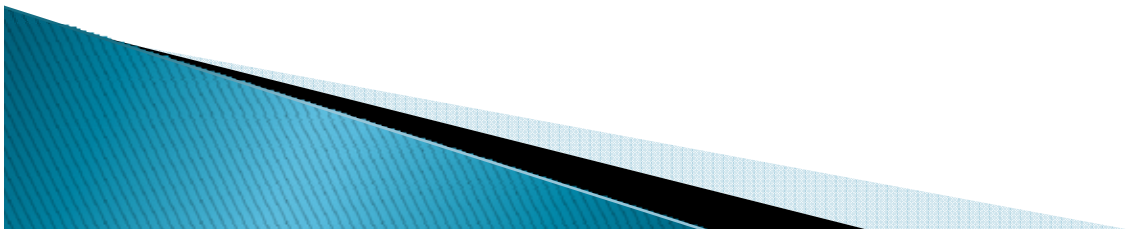
An NPI Number is a *Prerequisite* to Medicare Enrollment

- ▶ A National Provider Identifier is required for all direct-bill practitioners under Medicare.
- ▶ Private health plans may require the NPI only for practitioners who directly bill electronically.
- Apply online or by mail:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/nationalprovidentstand/03_apply.asp

NPI, contd.

- ▶ Taxonomy code for SLPs (Level II classification)
 - 235Z00000X
- ▶ Provider Type: 23
- ▶ Include legacy identifiers for other payers
 - Provider #'s that already identify you with other health insurance plans



Medicare Form CMS–855i “Application for Individual Health Care Practitioners”

Download this form at:

www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/cms855i.pdf

or go to your MAC/carrier Web site (next slide)

- ▶ If the practice is under your name or “Doing Business As,” or
- ▶ You are billing as sole owner of a professional corp., professional association, or limited liability company
- ▶ Effective for SLP services rendered [July 1, 2009](#)

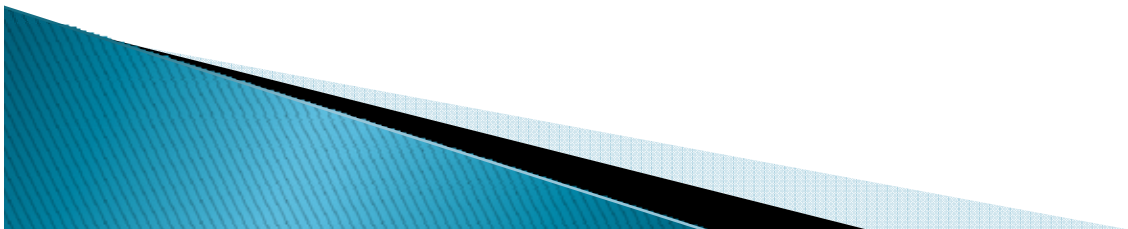
Where Do I Submit the Enrollment Form?

- ▶ Locate the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) or carrier for your state:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ContractingGeneralInformation/Downloads/02_1Cdirectory.pdf

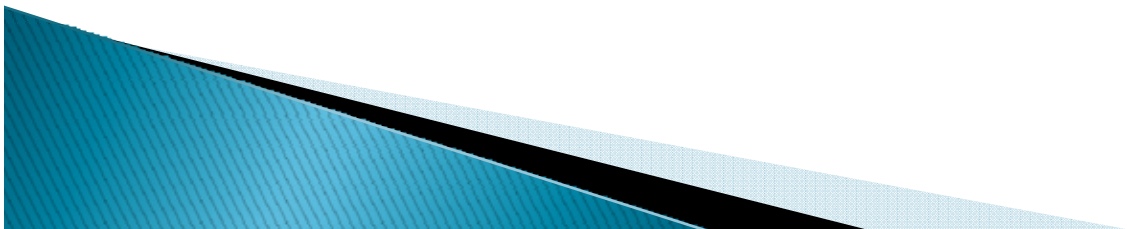
(Directory identifies Web sites/phone numbers)

- ▶ Enter in Search Box: "CMS-855i" for
 - FAQs
 - Contact information
 - Mailing address



Do Not Submit the 855i or 855B Until the Date Below

- ▶ CMS has now released the earliest date for acceptance of the 855i
 - Tuesday, June 2, 2009



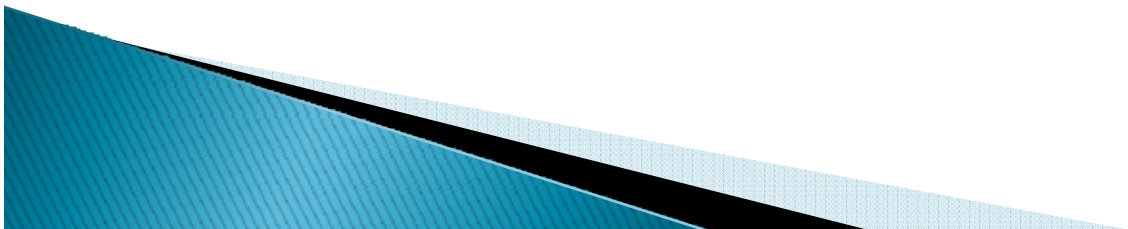
To Enroll as a Group/Organization: Form CMS-855B

- ▶ You complete the 855B
- ▶ Each employee/contractor (SLP/OT/PT):
 - completes the 855i if not already active in Medicare Part B
 - Completes the 855R "Reassignment of Medicare Benefits"
 - names the practice owner or corporation as the recipient of Medicare payments

Related CMS Forms

Can be submitted with the 855i:

- ▶ CMS-460 “Participating Physician or Supplier Agreement”
 - You agree to accept payment directly from Medicare instead of the patient (except for the patient’s 20% copayment)
- ▶ CMS-588 “Authorization Agreement for Electronic Funds Transfers”
 - Allows payment directly to your bank account



Thank You!

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