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TO: All Medicare Hospital Providers

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SUBJECT: **ELIMINATION OF PACEMAKER DATA COLLECTION:
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

ATTENTION MEDICARE BUSINESS OFFICE: Please distribute to all appropriate health care facility personnel.

The purpose of this bulletin is to ensure that all Medicare hospital providers are aware of the repeal of the Pacemaker Registry, signed into law by President Clinton.

Public Law 98-369 required the Secretary to provide a registry for all permanent pacemaker devices and leads for which payment is made under Medicare. However, Public Law 104-224 repealed Section 1862(h) of the Social Security Act (The Act) as an unnecessary medical device reporting requirement of P.L. 98-369. As a result of this change, the pacemaker registry is no longer required to be maintained.

Therefore, effective immediately, Medicare intermediaries will stop processing the Pacemaker Registry and providers are instructed to stop submitting pacemaker data.

In the near future, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Bureau of Program Operations (BPO), will be issuing official manual instructions for Section 3678 of the Medicare Intermediary Manual (HCFA Publication 13-3) and Section 410 of the Medicare Hospital Manual (HCFA Publication 10).

Questions regarding this bulletin may be addressed to the Medicare Part A Customer Service Department by calling 904/355-8899.