MEDICARE PART A BULLETIN

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TO: All Medicare End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Providers

FROM: Andy DePirro, Director, Program Relations

SUBJECT: ESRD BENEFICIARY SELECTION FORM (HCFA-382):

ACCEPTABLE VERSION(S)

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

It has come to the attention of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) that some End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) providers are using an obsolete version of the Beneficiary Selection Form (HCFA-382). The purpose of this bulletin is to ensure that all ESRD customers are aware that only the current versions of HCFA-382 should be used, and forms should be processed through the Medicare Fiscal Intermediary.

The obsolete version instructs ESRD providers to send completed HCFA-382 forms to the Bureau of Data Management and Strategy (BDMS), at Post Office Box 27, Baltimore, Maryland. However, ever since responsibility for the HCFA-382 was transferred to fiscal intermediaries, the BDMS has been forwarding all HCFA-382 forms it receives to the appropriate intermediaries for processing.

Effective March 7, 1997, any HCFA-382 forms sent to the HCFA-BDMS (at the Baltimore post office box) will be returned to the sender, not forwarded for processing. Therefore, all ESRD providers are requested to use only Form HCFA-382-U3 (6-92) and/or Form HCFA-382- U3 (6-94). These acceptable versions of HCFA-382 form instruct providers to send completed forms directly to their intermediary.

ESRD providers that do not have a current version of the Beneficiary Selection Form (HCFA- 382) may contact the Medicare Part A Customer Service Department, either in writing or by telephone, as indicated below:

Medicare Part A Customer Service Post Office Box 2711 Jacksonville, Florida 32231