

Medicare Member Overpayment Reimbursements: What Providers Need to Know

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Protecting members from inappropriate out-of-pocket costs is a shared responsibility. As a reminder, under 42 C.F.R. §422.270(b), providers are required to refund all amounts inaccurately collected from Medicare members.

Follow these 3 easy steps when a Medicare member overpayment has occurred:

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Reimburse Timely	Show Evidence of Reimbursement	Send Documentation
Reimburse the member within a reasonable timeframe using one of the following methods. - Reimbursement by check - Applied as a member account credit - Completed through another agreed upon method	Provide evidence of reimbursement or account credit which may include one of the following: - An image of the reimbursement check and mail date. - A screenshot of member's account that shows the credit adjustment. - A printout of the member's account reflecting a zero balance, including the full account history showing no member payment received since the date of service. - A letter on company letterhead, signed by an authorized representative including name and title, confirming the member has a zero balance and was not charged.	Send the required documentation via secure email within two (2) weeks of receiving a letter from us requesting documentation for adjusted claims showing overpayment.



Failure to reimburse members in a timely manner may result in Civil Monetary Penalties (CMP) imposed by CMS.

If you have questions about this requirement, please contact Provider Services.

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