

# RMD Bulletin

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## Timely Filing Changes For Medicare Part B Claims

On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) which amended the time period for filing Medicare claims as one of many provisions aimed at curbing fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicare program. PPACA amended the timely filing requirements to reduce the maximum time period for submission of all Medicare claims to one calendar year after the date of service.

Under this new law, claims for services furnished on or **after** January 1, 2010, must be filed within one calendar year (365 days) after the date of service. In addition, claims for services furnished **before** January 1, 2010, must be filed no later than December 31, 2010.

Claims with dates of service before October 1, 2009, must follow the pre-PPACA timely filing rules. Claims with dates of service October 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, must be submitted by December 31, 2010.

Medicare payment amounts for claims submitted beyond 12 months of the date of service will be reduced by 10%.

The chart below outlines data entry deadlines:

For dates of service rendered:	Claims must be filed by:
10/1/2008 – 9/30/2009	12/31/2010
10/1/2009 – 12/31/2009	12/31/2010
1/1/2010 – AND FORWARD	Service for this date must be filed within one calendar year.

The filing deadline for dates of service prior to October 1, 2008 has already passed. Claims submitted for these dates of service will be denied.

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