

## **CMS Requests Public Comment on a Revised Version of the Important Message from Medicare**

A notice was published in the *Federal Register* on January 5, 2007, requesting comments on a revised version of the Important Message from Medicare (IM) (CMS-R-193). There is a 60-day comment period. This notice stems directly from the November 27, 2006, final rule, Notification of Hospital Discharge Appeal Rights, CMS-4105-F. Beginning July 1, 2007, hospitals must deliver a revised version of the IM to inform Medicare beneficiaries who are hospital inpatients about their hospital discharge appeal rights. Notice is required both for original Medicare beneficiaries and for beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare health plans. For now, hospitals must continue to use current notices and processes.

To view the announcement in the *Federal Register*, go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E6-22570.pdf>

To obtain copies of the IM and supporting documents, go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>. On the menu on the left side of that page, click on “PRA Listing,” then scroll down or search for “CMS-R-193.”

Or, you may e-mail your request—including your name, address, phone number, OMB number (0938-0692), and CMS document identifier (CMS-R-193)—to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office at (410)786-1326.

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Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on March 6, 2007.

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