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1.0 About This Reference Guide

This guide was written to help you understand CMS' Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement (WCMSA) amount approval process and to serve as a reference for those electing to submit such proposals to CMS for approval. Submitters of arrangements may include injured workers themselves (claimants), their attorneys, Workers' Compensation (WC) Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement (MSA) agents or consultants, or claimants' other appointed representatives.

This guide reflects information compiled from all WCMSA Regional Office (RO) Memorandums issued by CMS, and from information provided on the CMS website. For comprehensive explanations, please refer to the requisite WCMSA RO Memorandum.

There are no statutory or regulatory provisions requiring that you submit a WCMSA amount proposal to CMS for review. If you choose to use CMS' WCMSA review process, the Agency requests that you comply with CMS' established policies and procedures.

2.0 Introduction to Workers' Compensation and Medicare

2.1 Medicare as Secondary Payer

"Medicare Secondary Payer" (MSP) is the term used when the Medicare program does not have primary payment responsibility on behalf of its beneficiaries—that is, when another entity has the responsibility for paying for medical care before Medicare. Until 1980, the Medicare program was the primary payer in all cases except those involving WC (including Black Lung benefits) or for care which is the responsibility of another government entity. With the addition of the MSP provisions in 1980 (and subsequent amendments), Medicare is secondary payer to group health plan insurance in specific circumstances, but is also secondary to liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, and WC. An insurer or WC plan cannot, by contract or otherwise, supersede federal law, for instance by alleging its coverage is "supplemental" to Medicare.

WC is a primary payer to the Medicare program for Medicare beneficiaries' work-related illnesses or injuries. Medicare beneficiaries are required to apply for all applicable WC benefits. If a Medicare beneficiary has WC coverage, providers, physicians, and other suppliers must bill WC first.

By law (42 U.S.C. §1395y(b)(2) and § 1862(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act), Medicare may not pay for a beneficiary's medical expenses when payment "has been made or can reasonably be expected to be made under a workers' compensation plan, an automobile or liability insurance policy or plan (including a self-insured plan), or under no-fault insurance." If responsibility for the WC claim is in dispute and WC will not pay promptly, the provider, physician, or other supplier may bill Medicare as primary payer. If the item or service is reimbursable under Medicare rules, Medicare may pay conditionally, subject to later recovery if there is a subsequent settlement, judgment, award, or other payment. (See 42 C.F.R. 411.21 for the definition of "promptly" with regard to WC.)

2.2 Reporting a WC Case

All WC occurrences that involve a Medicare beneficiary should be reported to the Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC). Contact the COBC by phone or mail. Customer Service Representatives are available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, except holidays. The COBC's toll free number is 1 (800) 999-1118 or TTY/TDD: 1 (800) 318-8782 for the hearing and speech impaired.

Written reports of WC occurrences should be addressed to:

Medicare—Coordination of Benefits
MSP Claims Investigation Project
P.O. Box 33847
Detroit, MI 48232

NOTE: This mailing address is for reporting a WC occurrence, not for the submission of Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-aside Arrangement (WCMSA) proposals. See [What Are Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangements?](#) for an explanation of WCMSAs, or [Paper Copy/CD Submission via the Mail](#) for the WCMSA submission address.

When contacting the COBC to report a new WC occurrence by phone or by mail, please be sure to have the following information available:

- Injured person's name
- Injured person's Medicare Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) or Social Security Number (SSN)
- Date of incident
- Nature of illness/injury
- Name and address of the WC insurance carrier
- Name and address of the injured person's legal representatives
- Name of insured
- Policy/claim number

Once this information is received, the COBC will apply it to the beneficiary's Medicare record and assign the case to the Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor (MSPRC). The MSPRC will send the beneficiary a "Rights and Responsibilities" letter that explains Medicare's recovery rights with respect to conditional payments and information regarding what steps the beneficiary should take next. Once the Rights and Responsibilities letter is received, all further inquiries must be made through the MSPRC. Please note that Medicare's interests cannot be determined until the specifics of the WC occurrence are noted on the claimant's record.

2.3 Past and Future Medical Services

Generally, the term "past medical services" refers to Medicare-covered and otherwise-reimbursable items and services that the beneficiary receives before he or she obtains a WC settlement, judgment, award, or other payment. The term "future medical services" refers to Medicare-covered and otherwise-reimbursable items and services that the beneficiary receives after he or she obtains a settlement, judgment, award, or other payment.

In situations in which the WC prompt payment rules have been met and Medicare has paid for WC-related care before the beneficiary has obtained a settlement, judgment, award, or other

payment, those Medicare payments are referred to as “conditional payments.” They are considered conditional payments because Medicare pays under the condition that it is reimbursed when the beneficiary gets a WC settlement, judgment, award, or other payment.

Medicare is required by statute (42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)) to seek reimbursement for conditional payments related to the settlement. Further, Medicare is prohibited from making payment where payment has been made (that is, where the beneficiary obtains a settlement, judgment, award, or other payment). Medicare remains the secondary payer until the settlement proceeds are appropriately exhausted. In many situations, the parties to a WC settlement choose to pursue a CMS-approved WCMSA amount in order to establish certainty with respect to the amount that must be appropriately exhausted before Medicare begins to pay for care related to the WC settlement, judgment, award, or other payment.

3.0 What Are Workers’ Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangements?

A WCMSA allocates a portion of the WC settlement for all future work-injury-related medical expenses that are covered and otherwise reimbursable by Medicare. When a proposed WCMSA amount is submitted to CMS for review and the individual or beneficiary obtains CMS’ approval, the CMS-approved WCMSA amount must be appropriately exhausted before Medicare will begin to pay for care related to the beneficiary’s settlement, judgment, award, or other payment.

The goal of establishing a WCMSA is to estimate, as accurately as possible, the total cost that will be incurred for all medical expenses otherwise reimbursable by Medicare for work-related conditions during the course of the claimant’s life, and to set aside sufficient funds from the settlement, judgment, or award to cover that cost. WCMSAs may be funded by a lump sum or may be structured, such that a fixed amount of funds are provided each year for a fixed number of years.

Any claimant who receives a WC settlement, judgment, or award that includes an amount for future medical expenses must take Medicare’s interest with respect to future medicals into account. If Medicare’s interests are not considered, CMS has a priority right of recovery against any entity that received a portion of a third party payment either directly or indirectly. Medicare may also refuse to pay for future medical expenses related to the WC injury until the entire settlement is exhausted. These arrangements are typically not created until the individual’s condition has stabilized so that it can be determined, based on past experience, what the future medical expenses may be.

Once the CMS-approved set-aside amount is exhausted and accurately accounted for to CMS, Medicare will pay primary for future Medicare-covered expenses related to the WC injury that exceed the approved set-aside amount.

4.0 Should I Consider Submitting a WCMSA Proposal?

4.1 Considerations and Guidelines

An individual or beneficiary may consider seeking CMS approval of a proposed WCMSA amount for a variety of reasons. The primary benefit is the certainty associated with CMS reviewing and approving the proposed amount with respect to the amount that must be appropriately exhausted. It is important to note, however, that CMS approval of a proposed WCMSA amount is not required.

4.1.1 Commutation and Compromise

WC cases may involve past medical expenses, future medical expenses, or both. When a settlement includes compensation for medical expenses incurred prior to the settlement date, it is referred to as a “WC compromise case.” When a settlement includes compensation for future medical expenses, it is referred to as a “WC commutation case.” A settlement also has a commutation aspect if it does not provide for future medical expenses when the facts of the case indicate the need for continued medical care related to the WC illness or injury. A WC settlement can have both compromise and commutation aspects. Please refer to the July 2001 WC RO Memorandum for more information.

4.1.2 Outstanding WC Claims

If a Medicare beneficiary has outstanding WC-related claims that were not paid by either Medicare or the WC carrier prior to the settlement, the beneficiary is required to pay for related unpaid medicals bills out of his or her WC settlement. Medicare cannot pay because it is secondary to the WC settlement.

4.2 When Establishing a WCMSA is Not Necessary

It is unnecessary for the individual or beneficiary to obtain CMS approval for a proposed WCMSA amount if all of the following are true:

- a) The facts of the case demonstrate that the injured individual is only being compensated for past medical expenses (i.e., for services furnished prior to the settlement);
- b) There is no evidence that the individual is attempting to maximize the other aspects of the settlement (e.g., the lost wages and disability portions of the settlement) to Medicare’s detriment; and
- c) The individual’s treating physicians conclude (in writing) that to a reasonable degree of medical certainty the individual will no longer require any Medicare-covered treatments related to the WC injury. However, if Medicare made any conditional payments for WC-related services furnished prior to settlement, then Medicare will recover those payments. In addition, Medicare will not pay for any WC-related services furnished prior to the date of the settlement for which it has not already paid.

5.0 WCMSAs Can Be Funded in Two Ways: a Lump Sum or Structured Payments

There are two kinds of WCMSAs. An individual or a beneficiary may obtain a settlement that provides for a lump-sum WCMSA or a structured WCMSA.

5.1 Lump-Sum WCMSAs

A WCMSA can be established as a lump-sum arrangement where the beneficiary accepts a single payment intended to pay for all future medical expenses and disability benefits related to the work injury or disease. When a WCMSA is designated as a lump-sum commutation settlement, Medicare will not make any payments for the claimant's medical expenses (for work-related injuries or diseases) until all the funds within the WCMSA (including any interest earned on the funds in the account) have been completely exhausted. These same basic principles also apply to structured settlements. Generally, WCMSAs that are lump sums are easier to monitor than structured arrangements.

5.2 Structured WCMSAs

A WCMSA can also be established as a structured arrangement, where payments are made to the account on a defined schedule to cover expenses projected for future years. In a structured WCMSA, an initial deposit is required to cover the first surgical procedure or replacement and two years of annual payments. The initial deposit is followed by subsequent annual deposits (or a shorter time period if CMS agrees to such), based on the anniversary of the first deposit. If in any given coverage year the deposited funds are not exhausted (i.e., used up), they are carried forward to the next period and added to the next annual deposit. The whole fund, including carry-forwards, must be exhausted before Medicare will pay primary for any WC-related medical expenses. If the fund is exhausted appropriately in a given annual period, Medicare will pay primary for further WC-related medical expenses during that period. In the next annual period, the replenished WCMSA funds again must be used, until the WCMSA amount is appropriately exhausted.

6.0 Who Can Help with the WCMSA Process?

Setting up a WCMSA arrangement, submitting the proposal to CMS for approval, and selecting the best way to administer the arrangement can be complicated. If you are an injured worker who will need future medical treatment, an attorney may be able to explain this process and provide legal help. An attorney can also help you consider whether you should have a separate administrator for your WCMSA. You may also find it useful to seek advice from financial and tax professionals in the planning phases and once the WCMSA is established.

Once a WCMSA is established and funded, it must be administered. This can be done by the claimant, by the claimant's representative payee, appointed guardian, or conservator, or by a professional administrator. The administrator must establish the WCMSA account, pay Medicare-covered services from the WCMSA account, and provide CMS with a reporting of the expenditures from the WCMSA.

7.0 How is CMS Approval of a WCMSA Amount Obtained?

Generally there are four steps involved in creating a CMS-approved WCMSA. These steps are explained in more detail in the sections that follow:

1. Analysis of the claim and medical information in order to determine the amount of money required for the fund
2. Negotiation of a tentative settlement and preparation of draft settlement documents to settle the WC case incorporating terms for creation and administration of the WCMSA (CMS is not a party to the settlement)
3. Obtaining approval from CMS regarding the settlement and the proposed WCMSA
4. Finalizing the settlement and funding the WCMSA

8.0 Should CMS Review a WCMSA?

If a proposed WCMSA meets the workload review thresholds outlined below, the proposal can be submitted to CMS for approval. If the parties to a WC settlement stipulate a WCMSA but do not receive CMS approval, then CMS is not bound by the set-aside amount stipulated by the parties, and it may refuse to pay for future medical expenses in the case, even if they would ordinarily have been covered by Medicare. However, if CMS approves the WCMSA and the account is later appropriately exhausted, Medicare will pay related medical bills for services otherwise covered and reimbursable by Medicare regardless of the amount of care the beneficiary continues to require.

There are no statutory or regulatory provisions requiring that you submit a WCMSA amount proposal to CMS for review. If you choose to use CMS' WCMSA review process, the Agency requires that you comply with CMS' established policies and procedures in order to obtain approval.

CMS reviews certain WCMSA proposals in order to determine if the proposed WCMSA amount is sufficient to cover future medical expenses related to the WC settlement, judgment, or award.

Note: A WCMSA should not be submitted to CMS when the resolution of the WC claim results in the medical portion of the claim being left open—that is, the resolution does not include medical expenses and the WC plan or carrier maintains ongoing responsibility for medicals (ORM), i.e., the WC plan or carrier will continue to pay for medicals related to the WC injury.

8.1 Thresholds

CMS will review a proposed WCMSA amount when the following workload review thresholds are met:

- The claimant is a **Medicare beneficiary** and the total settlement amount is **greater than \$25,000.00**; or
- The claimant has a reasonable expectation of Medicare enrollment **within 30 months of the settlement date and** the anticipated total settlement amount for future medical expenses and disability/lost wages over the life or duration of the settlement agreement is expected to be **greater than \$250,000.00**.

Note: Please see [Settlement Details](#) in this Reference Guide for more details about what information is included in determining this amount.

A claimant has a reasonable expectation of Medicare enrollment within 30 months if any of the following apply:

- The claimant has applied for Social Security Disability Benefits
- The claimant has been denied Social Security Disability Benefits but anticipates appealing that decision
- The claimant is in the process of appealing and/or re-filing for Social Security Disability benefits
- The claimant is 62 years and 6 months old
- The claimant has an End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) condition but does not yet qualify for Medicare based upon ESRD.

If the threshold is met, a WCMSA can be submitted to CMS for approval.

These thresholds are created based on CMS' workload, and are not intended to indicate that claimants may settle below the threshold with impunity. Claimants must still consider Medicare's interests in all WC cases and ensure that Medicare pays secondary to WC in such cases.

Also note that both the beneficiary and non-beneficiary workload review thresholds are subject to adjustment. CMS reserves the right to change or remove these thresholds based on Medicare's interests. Claimants, employers, carriers, and their representatives should regularly monitor the CMS website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/WorkersCompAgencyServices> for changes to these thresholds and for other changes in policies and procedures.

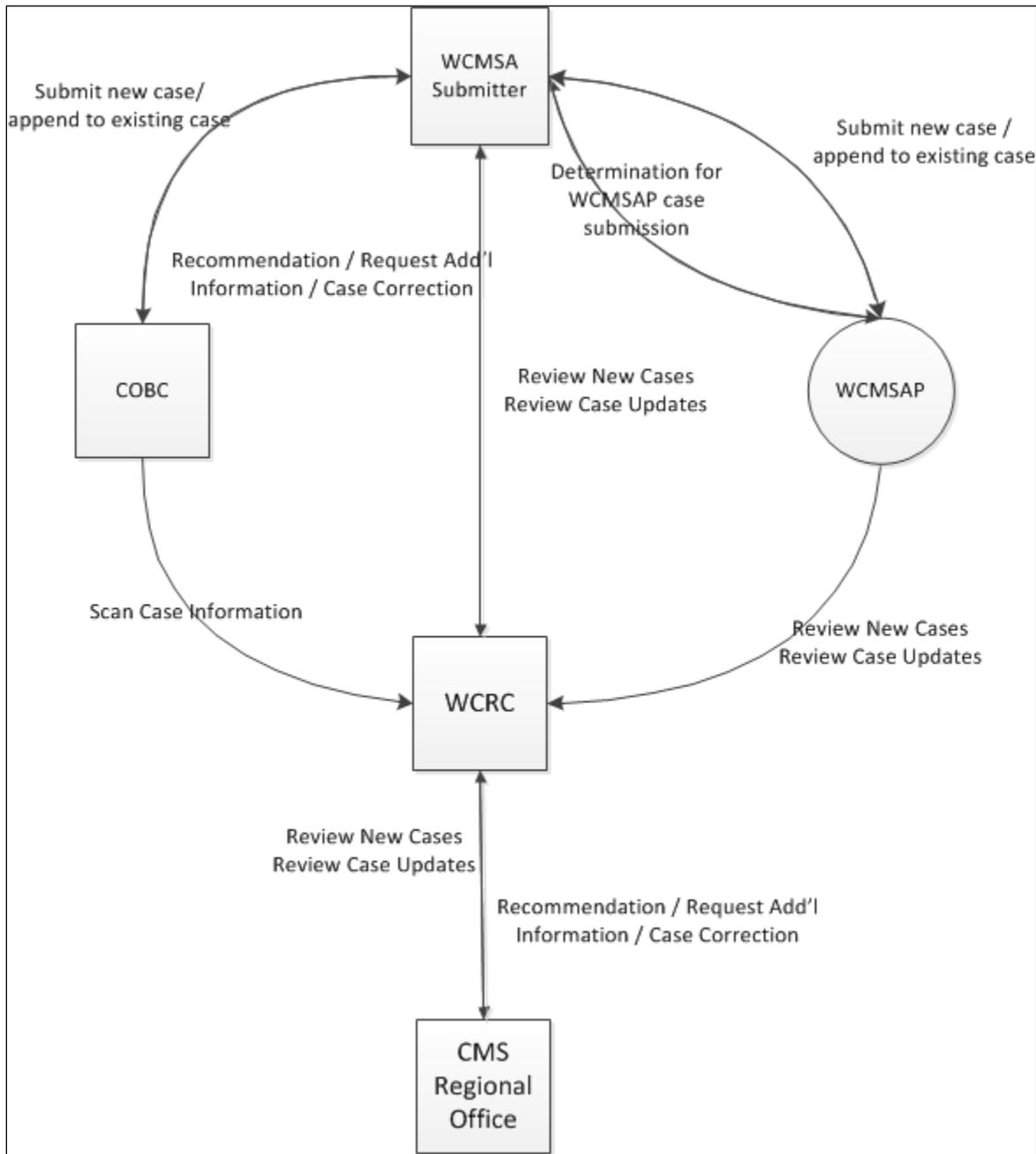
Further, note that if an individual's WC settlement does not meet the current workload review thresholds, CMS will not issue responses indicating that the review criteria have not been met.

9.0 WCMSA Submission Process Overview

When a WCMSA proposal is submitted on paper or CD, the Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC) transfers it to CMS' computerized system and checks it for completeness. Then it is ready to be reviewed by the Workers' Compensation Review Contractor (WCRC). Proposals submitted online via the WCMSA Portal (WCMSAP) go directly to the WCRC for review. Either the COBC or the WCRC may request more information from the submitter as necessary. The WCRC applies CMS' criteria in reviewing proposals, and forwards the proposals along with a recommendation on the appropriate funding amount to the assigned CMS Regional Office (RO) for a final determination. For more information on the submission process and documentation requirements, please see Section [11.0, How do I submit a WCMSA?](#)

[Figure 1](#) illustrates the submission process and all of the entities involved. A single-direction arrow indicates one-way communication. A double-direction arrow indicates two-way communication. More detailed information about this process immediately follows this diagram.

Figure 1: WCMSA Submission Process Overview



9.1 WCMSAP Submissions

When a WCMSA case is submitted online via the WCMSAP, case information is electronically transmitted to the CMS system used to report and track WCMSA cases. The submitter will receive an alert which can only be viewed on the WCMSAP. This alert acknowledges that the case was received.

9.2 Paper or CD Submissions

When the COBC receives a WCMSA via hard copy (paper documents, including faxes) or a CD with case information, it manually prepares, sorts, and scans all eligible WCMSA proposals, including all documentation received, into the CMS system used to report and track WCMSA cases.

9.3 Receipt Review

The review process is as follows:

1. **New Case:** If WCMSA is a new case and all required documentation has been submitted, it is ready for WCRC review. However, if any required documents are missing, the submitter is asked for the missing information, in a phase called Development.
2. **Existing Case:** If the submitted WCMSA documentation is for an existing case, it is matched with and appended to the existing case. At this point, the case is ready for WCRC review.
3. **Deceased Beneficiary:** If the WCMSA is for a beneficiary who is *possibly* deceased, the submitter is notified that, according to CMS' records, the beneficiary is deceased, and the submitter is requested to submit evidence to the contrary. If supplemental information is not supplied, the case is systematically closed.

The process varies depending on the method of submission. For hard copy submissions, the COBC performs the checks for completeness, makes requests for additional information, and enters the documents into Medicare's computerized system.

For portal submissions, no document scanning and entry is necessary. The WCMSAP will also check CMS' records for a death date for the beneficiary at the time of submission. Any requests for additional information or for proof that the beneficiary is living will arrive through the portal, with an email notification.

The COBC's role in this process is limited to preparing and developing the case. Once the case is ready, the WCRC performs the initial review of the proposal.

9.4 WCRC Review

The WCRC receives submissions from the COBC and from the portal, and performs an independent review of the adequacy of both the medical and prescription drug costs proposed.

The WCRC first reviews the case in detail for completeness and accuracy. If errors are found in a submitted case, the submitter is notified.

- a) If the case was submitted via the WCMSAP, the submitter will be notified via an e-mail alert to the address provided during the WCMSAP account setup.
- b) If the case was submitted via paper or CD, the submitter will receive a letter via the postal service.

Either type of notification will contain the case number and the type of error found.

The WCRC then reviews and evaluates the adequacy of the proposal submitted. Using some or all of the evaluation tools listed in [Appendix 4](#), the WCRC evaluates the likely need for, and prices of medical treatments and prescription medications for, the expected duration of the claimant’s life. Based on these findings, the WCRC makes recommendations as to the disposition of the case, the prescription drugs proposed and costs, treatment plans and costs, and the WCMSA amount. In other words, the WCRC ultimately renders an opinion to CMS as to whether the WCMSA amount proposed is adequate to protect Medicare’s interests.

During its review, the WCRC may need to develop the case for additional information or documentation. If the submitter does not respond to the development letter within the allotted time frame (i.e., 30 days for cases submitted to the COBC, 10 business days for cases submitted on the WCMSAP), the case is closed for lack of response. If the submitter does respond, but the response is insufficient, another request may be sent to the submitter. If more than one development request has been sent, the timestamp of the most recent request will be used to calculate the response time frame.

9.5 Regional Office Receipt

When the WCRC completes its review and recommendation, the case is sent to the Regional Office (RO) assigned to the case based on the claimant’s state of residence and CMS’ state and region logic. Although the RO assignment is based on the state of residence of the beneficiary, a case may be transferred from one RO to another based on the case’s legal state of venue, or because the RO that the case was originally assigned to no longer processes WCMSA cases.

When the RO receives the case, they review the WCRC recommendation and make a final determination in the case. The case may not progress to approval for a number of reasons:

- If the RO determines that the case does not qualify as a WCMSA case because it does not meet CMS’ workload review threshold for any reason, the RO notifies the submitter.
- If the claimant becomes deceased during the RO review of the WCMSA case submitted, and a date of death with supporting documentation, if requested, is provided, then a date of death is entered into the CMS WCMSA system and the case status is changed to “Deceased.”
- If the RO needs additional information or documentation from the submitter in order to continue processing the WCMSA case, the submitter is notified with a development letter. When documentation is received and scanned at the COBC, the status of the case changes to “Development Received,” and the RO begins the review again. If a response is not received within the allotted time frame (i.e., 30 days for cases submitted to the COBC, 10 business days for cases submitted on the WCMSAP), the case is closed for lack of response. If a response is received after the case is closed, CMS will reopen the case but treat it as a new submission.
- The RO may determine that the case should be closed. This can happen for a number of reasons, including: the parties are no longer settling, the case should be Black Lung instead of WC, the case is a Liability rather than WC case, or the submitter has failed to submit necessary information after repeated development requests. The submitter is notified of the case closure.

9.6 Final Determination

If the claimant is living, the case meets workload review thresholds, any needed development has been received, and the case is not closed for other reasons, the RO reviews the WCRC’s recommendation and makes a determination as to the final CMS-approved WCMSA amount. When the final WCMSA amount is determined by the RO, the RO approves the case and the submitter is notified.

After receiving the final settlement agreement, according to the applicable state law, the RO updates Medicare’s records with the final settlement date. **Note:** A case may be re-reviewed once completed, but Medicare’s records will not change until the new final determination is issued. Only then is the disposition recorded in Medicare’s system.

10.0 Information Needed for WCMSA Submission

When a WCMSA is submitted for approval, CMS must have certain documentation available to complete a review of the proposal. [Table 1](#) lists the documents normally submitted with a WCMSA proposal. It includes the section number, the document name, and whether the document is required. CMS recommends that documents submitted be labeled according to the section number to which they belong. For example, when submitting an electronic Consent to Release Form, the first two characters of the file name should correspond to the Consent to Release Section Number (10) e.g., 10AttorneyJonesConsent.PDF.

Cases using this or a similar format are generally processed more quickly with fewer errors and development requests, resulting in faster determinations at lower cost to submitters and the government.

Table 1: WCMSA Document Requirements Checklist

Section #	Document Name	Required	For more Information Go To
05	Cover Letter	Yes	Reference Guide Part 10.1.1
10	Consent To Release Form	Yes	Reference Guide Part 10.1.2
15	Rated Age Information or Life Expectancy	No	Reference Guide Part 10.1.3
20	Life Care / Future Treatment Plan	No	Reference Guide Part 10.1.4
25	Settlement Agreement or Proposed or Court Order	No	Reference Guide Part 10.1.5
30	WCMSA Administration Agreement	No	Reference Guide Part 10.1.6
35	Medical Records	Yes	Reference Guide Part 10.1.7
40	Payment History	Yes	Reference Guide Part 10.1.8
50	Supplemental or Additional Information	No	Reference Guide Part 10.1.9

10.1.1 Section 05 – Cover Letter

The cover letter is **required** with your WCMSA submission. It is used to present CMS with a high-level overview of all of the information that is included in the WCMSA proposal. It is important to include as much information as possible in the cover letter rather than simply referring to the different sections that are included in your submission. Include all pertinent names, addresses, phone and fax numbers; all demographic information about the claimant; and all summary numbers and other data for the settlement and the WCMSA. This helps CMS review the proposal more quickly.

Please submit the following information in the format as noted:

A. Claimant (Injured Party) Information:

1. Name – Claimant first, middle, and last name.
2. Address – Claimant mailing address (street, city, state, & ZIP code).
Note: The address is used primarily for (1) mailing copies of CMS correspondence and (2) for information purposes when the claimant is also the Administrator of the WCMSA.
3. Phone & Fax Numbers - Telephone number where claimant can be reached (including area code) and fax number, if applicable.
4. HICN or SSN – Claimant’s Medicare Health Insurance Claim Number as displayed on their Medicare card, or on their Social Security Number if the claimant is not yet entitled to Medicare.
5. Gender – Claimant’s sex (male/female).
6. Date of Birth – Claimant’s date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy).
7. Median Rated Age – A rated age is the age of the claimant that has been adjusted to take into consideration the impact of pertinent medical conditions and impairments. The median (not mean) rated age shall be used where more than one rated age is obtained.

The median is the value at the center of an ordered range of numbers. (E.g., 67 is the median where the values are 62, 65, 67, 72, and 77.) If there is an even number of values, the median is the average of the two middle values, rounded down (e.g., 61 is the median for rated ages of 61 and 62 because the life expectancy will be computed using the table for someone who is 61 but not yet 62.)
 If there are no rated ages, enter “None.” Please see [Section 15 - Rated Age Information or Life Expectancy](#) for additional information.
8. Life Expectancy Used in Proposal – The expected number of years of life remaining at the claimant’s given age. The CMS computes the claimant’s life expectancy as of the date WC carrier or plan responsibility is expected to end and claimant responsibility is expected to begin for medical expenses related to the work injury, using the Center for Disease Control table (please see [Section 15 - Rated Age Information or Life Expectancy](#) for additional information).

9. Consent to Release Form is included in submission. Yes/No.

Note: This form is **required** with your WCMSA proposal submission. Although there is no official Consent to Release form, an example of an acceptable form is shown in [Figure 2](#).

B. Claimant Entitlement Information:

1. Is the claimant entitled to Medicare? Yes/No.

If the answer to B.1 is *Yes*, do not submit the WCMSA proposal for review unless the total settlement amount exceeds \$25,000.

2. When the claimant is not currently enrolled in Medicare, indicate if any of the following situations apply to the claimant or if another situation will result in the claimant being enrolled in Medicare within 30 months of the date of settlement.

Individual has applied for Social Security Disability Benefits (SSDB)

Individual has been denied SSDB but anticipates an appeal

Individual is in process of appealing and/or re-filing for SSDB

Individual is 62 years and 6 months old

Individual has End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) but does not yet qualify for Medicare based on ESRD

Other (explain)

If at least one of the answers to B.2 is *Yes*, do not submit the WCMSA proposal for review unless the total settlement amount exceeds \$250,000.

If you should not submit the WCMSA proposal based on the guidelines above, see the [Thresholds](#) section of this guide for information on what to do instead.

C. Injury Information

1. Description of Injury - Submit a description of the work-related injuries sustained, which major body part(s) were affected (e.g., head, arm, leg, etc.) and the cause of illness/injury, with diagnosis codes.
2. Date of Injury/Incident (DOI) as defined by CMS – List all date(s) of injury/illness being settled (mm/dd/yyyy). List the oldest first. Show first and last dates of any cumulative traumas. For claims involving cumulative injury, CMS’ definition of the DOI is the earlier of the date that treatment for any manifestation of the cumulative injury began, when such treatment preceded formal diagnosis; or the first date that formal diagnosis was made by any medical practitioner.
 - a) For an automobile wreck or other accident, the date of incident is the date of the accident.
 - b) For claims involving exposure (including, for example, occupational disease and any associated cumulative injury) the DOI is the date of first exposure.

- c) For claims involving ingestion (for example, a recalled drug), it is the date of first ingestion.
- d) For claims involving implants, it is the date of the implant (or date of the first implant if there are multiple implants).

Note: CMS' definition of the DOI generally differs from the definition routinely used by the insurance/WC industry only for claims involving exposure, ingestion, or implants.

D. Contact Information:

1. Submitter – Name, address, phone & fax of person/entity submitting the WCMSA.
2. MSA Administrator – Identify the person/entity responsible for control and documentation of proper expenditures from the WCMSA. Identify if the administrator is the claimant or a professional administrator.
 - a) If the administrator is the claimant, and they have an SSA Representative Payee (i.e., an individual or organization appointed by the SSA to receive Social Security and/or SSI benefits for someone who cannot manage or direct someone else to manage his or her money), provide the name, address, phone, and fax for the SSA Representative Payee.
 - b) If the administrator is a professional administrator, provide their name, address, phone, and fax.
3. Claimant's Attorney – Provide the name address, telephone number, and fax number for the claimant's counsel.
4. Employer – Provide the name address, telephone number, and fax number for the claimant's employer.
5. Employer's Attorney – Provide the name, address, telephone number, and fax number for the employer's attorney if they have prepared documentation for the proposed WCMSA.
6. WC Carrier – Provide the name address, telephone number, and fax number for the employer's insurance company.
7. WC Carrier's Attorney – Provide the name address, telephone number, and fax number of the carrier's attorney if they have prepared documentation for the proposed WCMSA.

E. Settlement Details

Total settlement amount – Submit the gross total settlement amount as a single lifetime number and NOT the settlement amount minus attorney fees, expenses, etc.

- The computation of the total settlement amount includes, but is not limited to, an allocation to future prescription medications of the type normally covered by Medicare, in addition to allocations to other Medicare covered and non-covered medical expenses, indemnity (lost wages), attorney fees, set-aside amount, non-Medicare medical costs, payout totals for all annuities rather than cost or present values, settlement advances, lien payments (including repayment of Medicare conditional payments), amounts forgiven by the carrier, prior settlements of the same

claim, and liability settlement amounts on the same WC injury (unless apportioned by a court on the merits), but excludes prior contested awards by a court on the merits.

- Where there are no drugs prescribed for the work-related injury or if prescription drugs are excludable under Medicare Part D, the cover letter should contain an explanation.
- If annuities are involved, use the lifetime payout amounts in the total instead of annuity purchase prices and include the annuity rate sheet to support your calculation. In order to determine the total settlement amount when using an annuity, please be advised that Medicare determines the value of the annuity based on how much the annuity is expected to pay over the life of the settlement, not on the Present Day Value (PDV) or cost of funding that annuity.

Example: A settlement is to pay \$15,000 per year for the next 20 years to an individual who has a ‘reasonable expectation’ of Medicare enrollment within 30 months. This settlement is to be funded with an annuity that will cost \$175,000. CMS will review this settlement because the total settlement to be paid is greater than \$250,000 (\$15,000 per year x 20 years = \$300,000). It is immaterial for Medicare’s purposes that the PDV or cost (\$175,000) to fund this settlement is less than \$250,000. The total lifetime payout is \$300,000.

1. Total proposed Medicare set-aside amount – Provide the amount of the medical benefits that you propose to be placed in the WCMSA for future items/services that would otherwise be covered by Medicare (this is separate from wage/indemnity benefits). If the settlement does not specify a total amount for future medical treatment, explain why it does not. Identify separately the appropriate future expenses that might otherwise be paid by Medicare. Outline future non-Medicare covered expenses not included in the WCMSA, e.g., outpatient prescription medications.

Note: Where the WCMSA is to be funded by a structured settlement, the cover letter must disclose whether any portion of the projected prescription drug expenses has been included in the lump sum required to cover the first surgery procedure and/or replacement and the first two years of annual payments.

- a) Provide the portion of set-aside for medical items and services
- b) Identify the calculation method used to determine the amount for future medical treatment: WC State fee schedule, or full actual charges.

Note: Include the method by which prescription drug costs were calculated, in addition to disclosure of the method used to calculate other future medical costs.

- c) Provide the portion of set-aside for prescription drugs. If the WCMSA cover letter fails to include a separate projected amount for future prescription drug costs, one of two results will follow:
 - If the available medical records indicate medications have been or are expected to be prescribed for WC-related injuries, CMS will calculate and price these medications at Average Wholesale Price (AWP).
 - If the claimant’s current treatment records contain no indication that prescription drugs will be needed in the future, CMS will accept that Medicare’s interests have been adequately protected with a \$0 projection for

future prescription drug expenses. This assumes that the WCMSA provisions regarding other future WC related medical expenses are reasonable.

- d) Identify if the set-aside is paid out as a lump sum or an annuity. If the set-aside is paid out as an annuity, identify the following:
- Name of the carrier
 - Cost of the annuity
 - Proposed initial deposit (seed money)
 - Minimum annual deposit for the balance of the claimant's life
 - Annuity starting date
 - Length of annuity
 - Annual payout of annuity
 - Annual funding date

The following example illustrates how to calculate the seed money:

Example:

Total WCMSA = \$301,826.90

Cost of first surgery and the first procedure/replacement = \$10,191.40

Life expectancy of claimant = 28 years:

- Step 1. Identify the total estimated future medical services covered by Medicare (\$301,826.90)
- Step 2. Identify the cost of the first surgery and the first procedure/replacement (\$10,191.40)
- Step 3. Subtract Step 2 from Step 1 (\$291,632.50)
- Step 4. Divide the result from Step 3 by the life expectancy (28) to get the annual medical costs ($\$291,632.50 / 28 = \$10,415.55$)
- Step 5. Multiply the result from Step 4 by 2 ($\$10,415.55 \times 2 = \$20,831.10$)
- Step 6. Calculate the seed money to be deposited upon settlement by adding the amount calculated in Step 2 to the amount calculated in Step 5 ($\$10,191.40 + 20,831.10 = \$31,022.50$)
- Step 7. Calculate the minimum annual deposit for the balance of the claimant's life by subtracting the seed money (Step 5) from the total WCMSA (Step 1) ($\$301,826.90 - \$31,022.50 = \$270,804.40$) and dividing this by the life expectancy minus one ($28 - 1 = 27$): $\$270,804.40 / 27 = \$10,029.79$.

The minimum annual deposit for the balance of this claimant's life is \$10,029.79. This deposit must be made no later than one year from the date of settlement.

- e) Identify the state of jurisdiction/venue - Identify the state (including The District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Washington, DC, and the US Virgin Islands) where the WC hearing will be held. Show state, District of Columbia, or U.S. protectorate.

Tips for submission

- Ensure that the proposed set-aside is a proposed lifetime (not annual) set-aside amount.
- Ensure that it clearly shows how much of the proposed set-aside is for medical services and how much is for prescription drugs.
- Ensure the medical services proposed amount plus the prescription drug proposed amount adds up to the total proposed amount.
- Verify that any pricing charts are consistent with the amounts listed in your cover letter.
- Ensure that the proposed amount is consistent with the court documents, or that any differences are explained.
- If annuities are involved, use lifetime payout amounts instead of annuity purchase prices, and include amount of proposed seed money/initial deposit and annual deposit.

10.1.2 Section 10 – Consent to Release Form

The Consent to Release Form is the claimant’s signed authorization for CMS, its agents and/or contractors to discuss his or her case/medical condition with the parties identified on the authorization in regard to the WC settlement that includes a WCMSA. When you submit your WCMSA, you are **required** to include the signed consent, plus any applicable court papers if the consent is signed by someone other than the claimant (for example, guardian, power of attorney, etc.). Do not include unsigned consents or consents to obtain medical records from a provider.

Please see [Figure 2](#), which is a template that can be used to assist you in completing a valid Consent to Release Form. Please see [Figure 3](#), which is an example of a Consent to Release Form with instructions for completing this form.

Figure 2: Blank Consent to Release Form

CONSENT TO RELEASE FORM

CMS Case Control Number: _____

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) prohibits the government from revealing information from personal files without the express written permission of the person involved. Disclosure of personal records to an attorney or other representative who is acting on behalf of another person is prohibited, unless the individual to whom the record pertains has consented.

I, _____, hereby authorize the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), its agents and/or contractors to disclose, discuss, and/or release, orally or in writing, information related to my workers' compensation injury and/or settlement to the individual(s) and/or firm(s) listed below. This consent is for my current workers' compensation claim and is on an ongoing basis. An additional consent to release form will not be necessary unless or until I revoke this authorization (which must be in writing).

PLEASE CHECK:

Claimant's attorney _____
(name and/or firm)

Employer's attorney _____
(name and/or firm)

Workers' compensation carrier _____
(name and/or firm)

Other _____
(name and/or firm)

Claimant's Signature

Date Signed

Date of Injury

Social Security Number Or
Health Insurance Claim Number

Figure 3: Example Consent to Release with Instructions

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PLEASE CHECK:

Claimant's attorney

Employer's attorney

Workers' compensation carrier

Other

_____ (name and/or firm)

_____ (name and/or firm)

_____ (name and/or firm)

_____ (name and/or firm)

Claimant signature: Ensure that the claimant signs and dates the authorization. The Consent to Release is not valid without this.

_____ Claimant's Signature _____ Date Signed

Claimant information: Ensure that the Date of Injury/Incident and the claimant's Social Security Number/Health Insurance Claim Number MATCH the information being submitted on the WCMSA proposal.

_____ Date of Injury _____ Social Security Number Or Health Insurance Claim Number

10.1.3 Section 15 – Rated Age Information or Life Expectancy

This section is where you have the option to provide all rated ages obtained on the claimant, even those that appear to have expired or appear not to be independent. If the rated age is not provided, CMS will estimate the claimant's remaining life expectancy using the actual age. If the actual age is being used, do not include any statements or documents in this section.

When submitting one or more rated ages with a request for CMS approval of a WCMSA, the following criteria must be met in order for the rated age to be considered in reviewing the case:

1. Rated age confirmation with original proposal documents as outlined in current procedure memorandums. CMS will not accept any variation or substitute wording.
2. A stand-alone statement indicating that all rated ages obtained on the claimant are included.
3. Each rated age is presented on company letterhead for each insurance company (or companies) that made the rating and for each settlement broker that obtained them from the insurance company. **Note:** Letterhead includes the name and address of the insurance company or settlement broker.
4. All rated age sources shall be independent, in fact and appearance, of the submitter, carrier, and claimant.
5. If more than one rated age is submitted, CMS will use the median of all rated ages submitted.
6. When multiple rated ages are provided, the submitter becomes subject to enforcement of the requirement to use the median rated age and must provide all rated ages to CMS.
7. All rated ages shall be accompanied by a written justification on how such age was determined. For example, if a rated age obtained from life insurance companies for like injuries/illnesses is the method of evaluation, include documentation to support the life expectancy. CMS will project the cost of the claimant's future treatment over the claimant's life expectancy, using the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Tables (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr61/nvsr61_03.pdf) unless documentation from a medical professional provides justification for an alternative projection.

CMS uses the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Life Tables

(<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coordination-of-Benefits/WorkersCompAgencyServices/>) for WCMSA life expectancy calculations. Please see the WCMSA site

(<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coordination-of-Benefits/WorkersCompAgencyServices/>) for information on the latest tables to use.

Do not include the following:

- Actuarial charts or life expectancy charts from the CDC or elsewhere, or statements that there are no rated ages.
- Do not include any documents on rated ages that contain redacted data. They will not be considered.

10.1.4 Section 20 – Life Care / Future Treatment Plan

A Life Care Plan is a dynamic document based on published standards of practice, comprehensive assessment, data analysis, and research that provides an organized concise plan for current and future needs with associated costs for individuals who have experienced catastrophic injury or have chronic health needs. A life care plan is appropriate when the claimant’s injury or disease is extensive and serious, e.g., paraplegia, quadriplegia, brain damage.

Although submission of a life care plan is optional, you are **required** to include drug and dosage lists. Include all pricing charts, cost projections, pricing information, and explanatory narratives and analyses.

When the parties to a WC settlement present CMS with “life care plans” or similar evaluations prepared by non-treating physicians to support and justify their proposed WCMSAs, Medicare will consider accepting such evaluations if the physician does all of the following:

- Examines the claimant;
- Reviews the claimant's medical records;
- Contacts any of the claimant's treating physicians (if applicable);
- Is available to answer CMS’ questions;
- Prepares a report that summarizes the above; and
- Offers a written medical opinion as to all of the reasonably anticipated future medical needs of the claimant related to the claimant's work injury or illness/disease.

Please note that such a life care plan or evaluation is not automatically conclusive. The CMS may not credit the report if there is information that calls the evaluation or plan into question for some reason, such as contrary evidence, internal conflicts, or if the plan is not credible on its face.

10.1.4.1 Current Treatment

Provide the treatment/services that the claimant regularly receives. The current treatment should give an indication that the work-related condition is stable (or at least is not getting worse). The summary of current treatment should be supported by a minimum of two years of medical documentation and a comprehensive payment history from the WC Carrier (including indemnity payments). If the work-related injury occurred less than two years from the date of the WCMSA submission, supporting medical documentation should date back to the date of the work-related injury. Also note any relevant past treatment, such as surgery, that the claimant may have undergone.

10.1.4.2 Future Treatment

Determine the cost of future medical expenses that are directly related to the injury or illness suffered by the worker. This amount can be determined by reviewing medical records and past medical expenditures. The WCMSA must show the amount of money that should be invested to provide the yearly expenses for the worker’s life expectancy.

Note: In order to protect Medicare's interests, a WCMSA should be funded based on the life expectancy of the claimant unless state law specifically limits the length of time that WC covers work-related conditions. The key is that both the principal amount that is to be set aside and the anticipated interest that it will earn must be sufficient to provide for the worker's future medical treatment and administration fees for the worker's lifetime.

Identify specific types of medical services or items, the frequency and duration of the medical services or items, and the projected costs of the medical services or items related to the work injury or disease that are expected in the future in light of the claimant's condition.

- Include ICD-9 diagnosis codes if available.
- Appropriately identify the information by both Medicare-covered services and services not covered by Medicare.
- Future treatment must be based on the evaluation and recommendation of a physician(s), e.g., the primary care physician, orthopedic surgeon, or other specialist (if applicable).
- An Independent Medical Examination (IME) may be sufficient under certain circumstances, e.g., claimant has not received treatment in several years, and there is no primary care physician.
- The claimant's condition and medical care required in the future must be documented in written evaluations, reports, and/or letters from a physician(s).
- Living arrangements that affect the medical benefits of the settlement should be noted, such as nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

Example: The primary care physician states that during the claimant's life expectancy of 30 years, it is estimated that he/she will need the following Medicare-covered services.

1. A physician visit every 6 months with an estimated cost of \$75 per visit.
2. Physical therapy (PT) - 12 sessions per year for only the next 3 years with estimated cost of \$50 per session
3. An x-ray every 3 years with an estimated cost of \$100 per x-ray (including interpretation)
4. An MRI every 5 years with an estimated cost of \$1,500 per MRI (including interpretation)
5. Inpatient hospitalization every 10 years with an estimated cost \$10,000 per hospitalization
6. The projected total costs in this case are \$46,300 as listed below.
 - Physician visits @ \$4,500 ($\$75 \times 2 \times 30$)
 - PT @ \$1,800 ($\$50 \times 12 \times 3$)
 - X-rays @ \$1,000 ($\100×10)
 - MRIs @ \$9,000 ($\$1,500 \times 6$)
 - Hospitalizations @ \$30,000 ($\$10,000 \times 3$)

10.1.5 Section 25 – Settlement Agreement or Proposed or Court Order

The parties can proceed with the settlement of the medical expenses portion of a WC claim before CMS actually reviews the proposed WCMSA and determines an amount that adequately protects Medicare's interests. However, approval of the WCMSA arrangement is not final until CMS receives an executed copy of the final settlement agreement that has been approved and signed by all parties.

No statement in the settlement of the amount needed to fund the WCMSA is binding on CMS unless and until the parties provide CMS with documentation that the WCMSA has actually been funded for the full amount that adequately protects Medicare's interests as specified by CMS as a result of its review. Include only official documents, such as WC petitions, mediation documents, prior awards and settlements, court orders, draft and final settlement agreements, and annuity rate sheets.

If CMS does not subsequently provide approval of the funded WCMSA amount as specified in the settlement or proof is not provided to CMS that the CMS-approved amount has been fully funded, CMS may deny payment for services related to the WC claim up to the full amount of the settlement. Only the approval of the WCMSA by CMS and the submission of proof that the WCMSA was funded with the approved amount, would limit the denial of related claims to the amount in the WCMSA. This shall be demonstrated by submitting a copy of the final, signed settlement documents indicating the WCMSA is the same amount as that recommended by CMS.

The claimant may be at risk if the WCMSA is funded for less than the amount that CMS determines to be adequate to protect Medicare's interests.

Reminder:

- If the case has already settled, please provide the settlement date.
- If there is a proposed settlement date in the future, please provide that date.
- If the settlement date is unknown, CMS will default to using four months from the date of submission as the proposed settlement date.

10.1.5.1 Indicate How Much of the Settlement is for Past v. Future Medical Expenses

If the settlement does not specifically account for past versus future medical expenses, it will be considered to be entirely for future medical expenses once Medicare has recovered any conditional payments it made. This means that Medicare will not pay for medical expenses that are otherwise reimbursable under Medicare and are related to the WC case, until the entire settlement is exhausted.

Example: A beneficiary is paid \$50,000 by a WC carrier, and the parties to the settlement do not specify what the \$50,000 is intended to pay for. If there is no CMS-approved WCMSA, Medicare will consider any amount remaining after recovery of its conditional payments as compensation for future medical expenses.

Additionally, please note that any allocations made for lost wages, pre-settlement medical expenses, future medical expenses, or any other settlement designations that do not consider Medicare's interests, will not be approved by Medicare.

Example: The parties to a settlement may attempt to maximize the amount of disability/lost wages paid under WC by releasing the WC carrier from liability for medical expenses. If the facts show that this particular condition is work-related and requires continued treatment, Medicare will not pay for medical services related to the WC injury/illness until the entire settlement has been used to pay for those services.

10.1.5.2 Use of WC Fee Schedule vs. Actual Charges for WCMSA

CMS uses either the WC fee schedule (for states that have such schedules) or the full actual charges for its review of a proposed WCMSA based on whichever methodology is used by the individual/entity submitting the proposal.

Note: The following states do not have a fee schedule: Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey. Do not use a fee schedule in a state that does not have a fee schedule.

The CMS reviews WCMSAs on a **case-by-case basis** in order to determine whether Medicare has an obligation for services provided after the settlement that originally were the responsibility of the WC plan or insurer. Accordingly, in reviewing a WCMSA, CMS must know whether the arrangement is based on WC fee schedule amounts or full actual charge amounts.

10.1.6 Section 30 – WCMSA Administration Agreement

The WCMSA can be administered either by the claimant (i.e., self-administered, if permitted under state law) or by a third-party trustee, such as a guardian or trust company. (See the [Administrators](#) section of this guide for more information.) When a claimant designates a representative payee, appointed guardian/conservator, or has otherwise been declared incompetent by a court; the settling parties should include that information in this section. Include any official stand-alone agreement that provides the name and address of the administrator of the WCMSA.

10.1.7 Section 35 – Medical Records

Include the first report of injury, medical records of major surgeries, and medical records for the last two years of treatment, no matter how long ago those last two years were or who paid for the services. Also include depositions from medical providers. Ensure that any “last treatment date” mentioned in the life care plan, carrier letter, or payment history is accompanied by a medical record that matches that date, as well as all medical records for the last two years prior thereto.

Submit the following:

- All medical records from all treating physicians for the last two years of treatment for the work-related injury, even if the WC carrier has not paid for the treatment and even if the treatment was long ago. Remember, CMS needs medical records for the last two years of treatment, which may not be within the last two calendar years.

For example, if the carrier’s records indicate that the last treatment was in February 2006, then treatment records for February 2004–February 2006 should be supplied. A statement indicating that “the claimant has not been treated in the last two years” is not a substitute for medical records for the last two years of treatment. Remember, the information is not for the last two calendar years, but the last two years **of treatment**.

- If you believe the last two years of treatment are unrelated to the work injury, send those medical records in addition to those related to the work injury, along with any explanation you believe is necessary.
- If the claimant has not been treated by any doctor for any reason within the last two calendar years, CMS generally needs a treating physician to state when the last two years of treatment for any reason occurred, and CMS needs those medical records, too.
- Provide medical documentation (legible recently-dated pharmacy printouts or statements from all treating physicians) that specify medication, strength/dosage, and frequency.
- Submit medication information, along with any explanations, for those medications that the claimant is taking that are not related to the injury.
- Submit drug, dosage, and frequency information from all pharmacies and treating/prescribing physicians. Please review current procedure memorandums for further guidance of prescription drug pricing.

Do not submit:

- Independent medical evaluations. These are not treatment records, nor are invoices or insurance forms. (They may be appropriate to determine future treatment requirements under certain circumstances; they are not appropriate as medical records.)
- Incomplete or insufficient **medical treatment records** for the last two years of treatment or incomplete/insufficient medical records for that period. Some examples of this include:
 - a) A letter from the claimant or his attorney indicating that the claimant has not received treatment for the work-related injury in the last x years
 - b) A letter from the carrier or its attorney indicating that it has not paid for treatment for the last x years
 - c) A statement from the carrier or attorney that no treatment is being provided; the claimant is only receiving medications
 - d) A letter enclosing recent independent medical evaluations, which indicate that the claimant has not been treated for the work injury in x years
 - e) A statement from the carrier or its attorney that the claimant's last treatment date was xx/xx/xx, but the file shows 1) the claimant is moving and will receive further treatment in the new location, 2) the claimant is currently in severe pain or is scheduled for surgery, 3) the claimant now treats with the Veterans' Administration, or 4) the last medical record received is dated before the last treatment date.
- Incomplete or insufficient **proof of drugs, dosages, and frequencies** for the last two years of treatment. Some examples of this include:
 - a) A letter from the claimant or his attorney indicating that no medications are currently being taken or that no medications have been taken in the last x years.
 - b) A letter from the claimant or his attorney indicating no medications for the work injury are currently being taken or that no medications related to the work injury have been taken in the last x years

- c) A letter from the carrier or its attorney indicating that no payments were made for medications
- d) Information regarding the names of medications and strength/dosages, but without frequency information

10.1.8 Section 40 – Payment History

Send an all-inclusive payment history (that is, medical, indemnity, and expenses) from all carriers, third party administrators (TPAs), employers, pharmacies, and prescription drug suppliers dated within the last six months of submission, showing all payments made (including payment date, payee, date of service, and amount) for at least the last two years of treatment.

Submit the following:

- Any signed statements from carriers or their attorneys with payment information or the last date of treatment. Include billing information where paid claims information is not available.
- A letter from the carrier or its attorney stating the date the carrier’s payment history was generated, if not shown on the history itself.
- A letter from the carrier or its attorney explaining why there is no printable history if the carrier made no payments of medical, indemnity, or expenses, and did not even set up settlement reserves for the claim.

Do not submit:

- A payment history with medical payments only, indemnity payments only, or expense payments only, with no explanation.
- A payment history dated more than six months before the case is submitted. Submit as up-to-date a history as possible.
- A statement that there is no payment history attached since the claimant has not been treated in the last two years. Submit a clear explanation if there is no history.

10.1.9 Section 50 – Supplemental or Additional Information

Use this section to provide miscellaneous documentation that did not fit in one of the other sections, but that has direct bearing on the proposal’s requirements. For example, this is where you would include a copy of the claimant’s official birth certificate and driver’s license where the date of birth is unclear in other documentation, copy of state law that the submitter discusses elsewhere, and photocopy of Social Security or Medicare card or correspondence if needed to verify Social Security or Medicare number or entitlement.

Do not include copies of documents sent by CMS to the WCMSA submitter.

11.0 How do I submit a WCMSA?

A WCMSA can be submitted in one of two ways: electronically through the WCMSA Portal (WCMSAP) on the internet, or by paper submission through the mail. The portal method is preferred. **Note:** WCMSAs are handled in the order they are received regardless of the submission method.

11.1 Electronic Submission via the WCMSAP

A WCMSA can be submitted to CMS electronically through the WCMSAP. This is the preferred method for submission. Each individual or entity that wishes to use or access the portal must complete the WCMSAP registration process.

To get started, go to: <https://www.cob.cms.hhs.gov/WCMSA/login> and click [**I Accept**] to agree to the terms for using the site. The *Welcome to the WCMSAP* page displays. Click [**New Registration**] and follow the instructions on the screen. All contact information will be submitted in the New Registration step. Once this step is completed, you will be assigned an Account ID and Personal Identification Number (PIN). You will use this information to complete Step 2 of the process, Account Setup. For more information, refer to the *How to Get Started* help page which is located under the How To menu option on the *Welcome to the WCMSAP* page and the *WCMSAP User Manual* which is located under the Reference Materials option on the *Welcome to the WCMSAP* page. **Note:** CMS recommends that you read the entire manual before attempting to make a submission via the portal.

11.1.1 Benefits of Using the WCMSAP

The WCMSAP was designed to improve the efficiency of the submission process for WCMSAs, including speeding receipt of the proposal by the WCRC, quicker turnaround times for submissions, and case access for the submitter. The WCMSAP allows attorneys, beneficiaries, claimants, insurance carriers, representative payees, and WCMSA vendors to create a work-in-progress case, submit WCMSA cases, perform case lookups, and append documentation to a case. By submitting a case through the portal, the submitter no longer has to burn PDF files to a CD and mail it. Instead, the submitter can gather the WCMSA proposal and its supporting documentation for direct upload to the system. This makes it easier for the submitter, potentially avoids processing complications, and streamlines the process.

With the WCMSAP, registered participants may upload an unlimited number of cases for review. With instant access, submitters can confirm the status of a case at any point. Submitters may also append additional documentation in response to development requests and submit final, approved settlement documents as a final step to the process.

11.2 Paper Copy/CD Submission via the Mail

All WCMSA proposals that are mailed to CMS for review must be sent to the following address:

CMS
c/o Coordination of Benefits Contractor
P.O. Box 33849
Detroit, MI 48232
Attention: WCMSA Proposal

11.2.1 Paper Copy

When a WCMSA proposal is submitted via hard copy, the submitter must comply with the requirements outlined in the [Information Needed for WCMSA Submission](#) section of this Reference Guide. **Note:** Hard copy submission is not recommended as it is very time-consuming to complete the review request. If submission is not possible using the online portal, CD submission is the next best method.

11.2.2 CD

When a WCMSA is submitted on a CD, the submitter must comply with the requirements outlined in the [Information Needed for WCMSA Submission](#) section of this Reference Guide, and the additional requirements outlined below.

Additional requirements for CD submissions:

1. Information provided on a CD must be in PDF format. The file extension must be .pdf.
2. All documents submitted on the CD must be listed in the same order as specified in [Table 1: WCMSA Document Requirements Checklist](#).
3. Categorize the files based on the following codes and use the associated code as the prefix in the file-naming convention:
 - 05 - Submitter Cover Letter
 - 10 - Consent to Release Form
 - 15 - Rated Age Information or Life Expectancy
 - 20 - Life Care / Future Treatment Plan
 - 25 - Settlement Agreement or Proposed or Court Order
 - 30 - WCMSA Administration Agreement
 - 35 - Medical Records
 - 40 - Payment History
 - 50 - Supplemental or Additional Information

For example, a CD might contain the following files:

10ConsentForm1.pdf
10ConsentForm2.pdf
20LifeCarePlan.pdf
35MedicareRecordsDoc.pdf

4. Medical records must be submitted in chronological order.
5. All documents on the CD must be identified on an index by page number.
6. Place files directly on the CD so that they can be viewed immediately once the CD is opened. Do not save the file in a folder.

12.0 What Happens after a WCMSA Has Been Submitted?

Once you have submitted a WCMSA proposal, you will receive an acknowledgement letter. If you do not receive an acknowledgement letter, please contact the COBC at 1 (800) 999-1118 or TTY/TDD: 1 (800) 318-8782 for the hearing and speech impaired. Customer Service Representatives are available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, except holidays.

When CMS has reviewed the WCMSA, it will respond in one of several ways. CMS may:

- Ask for additional information (this is called Development);
- Send a written determination approving the WCMSA at the proposed amount or at an amount CMS devises;
- Send notice that your submission was below the threshold necessary for Medicare review; or
- Send a rejection letter.

13.0 Sample Submission

A sample submission is included in [Appendix 4](#). This sample is not a required form or format. Each state has unique forms. The intent of the sample document is to aid submitters in organizing the information that is typically sent to CMS with their WCMSA proposals.

The sample is not a policy document, and it is not the intent of CMS to make or change policy by publishing this sample. Official CMS policy with respect to WCMSAs is published on the CMS web site. (Please see the following link:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/workerscompagencyervices>). Where any conflict is perceived between statements or information in this sample and official CMS published policy, the latter controls.

14.0 Tips for Improving Your WCMSA Review Process

1. Do not submit any WCMSA proposal to CMS unless it meets the following workload thresholds for review:
 - The claimant has a “reasonable expectation” of Medicare enrollment within 30 months of the settlement date and the anticipated total settlement amount for future medical expenses and disability/lost wages over the life or duration of the settlement agreement is expected to be greater than \$250,000, OR
 - The claimant is currently a Medicare beneficiary and the total settlement amount is greater than \$25,000. Please note: **Regardless of the low dollar threshold, Medicare beneficiaries should always consider Medicare’s interest in all WC cases and ensure that Medicare is secondary to WC.**
2. Submit complete case files with your set-aside proposals on the WCMSAP using [Table 1: WCMSA Document Requirements Checklist](#) and the [Sample Submission](#) provided in this reference guide.
3. If you are planning to submit more than 200 pages of information or more than two years of medical records, it is helpful to contact the WCRC first to discuss if it is all needed.

4. Do not resubmit prior documents unless you have confirmed that they were not received. If you are unsure what is needed, call the WCRC (toll-free at 1-855-280-3550 between 9am-5pm EST, Monday thru Friday) to see if what you are sending will be sufficient.
5. Respond to letters and telephone requests for information in a timely manner and completely, with special attention to request letters printed in ALL CAPS.
6. Check the status of your case via the portal if you submitted on the WCMSAP.
Note: For cases submitted via the WCMSAP, you can review case information any time.
7. Contact the WCRC in regard to the status of a case that was submitted via mail. Please allow 45 business days after the submission of a complete file before contacting the WCRC for a status update.

15.0 Review Process and Policies

Please see the [WCMSA Submission Process Overview](#) for more information on the submission and review process.

15.1 Time Frame

When you submit a WCMSA for review, CMS tries to review and decide on proposed settlements within 45 to 60 days from the time that all relevant documents are submitted.

Parties to the settlement may settle the indemnity (non-medical-expenses) portion of the claim separately from the WCMSA portion, in order to avoid having indemnity payments continue while CMS is still reviewing the proposal. CMS will still consider the whole claim, including indemnity, in its threshold calculations.

15.2 Criteria

The WCRC will consider the following factors in making a decision about your case:

- What is the past medical payment history for this case? Has Medicare or WC paid bills related to the case already? If so, what are they?
- What is the claimant's date of Medicare entitlement?
- What is the basis of Medicare entitlement: disability, end-stage renal disease (ESRD), or age?
- What is the type and severity of the claimant's injury or illness?
 - a) Is full or partial recovery expected?
 - b) If so, in what time frame?
 - c) Is the individual an amputee, paraplegic or quadriplegic as a result of the work injury?
 - d) Is the claimant's condition stable, or might it improve or get worse?
- How old is the claimant?
- What is the claimant's WC classification (e.g., permanent partial, permanent total disability, or a combination of both)?
- How much is the settlement, and how is it allocated?

- How long is the settlement intended to last: for the claimant's lifetime, or for a specific period?
 - a) If not for a lifetime, how long, and are allocations consistent across the proposed settlement? For example, if the funds for pain and suffering are based on the claimant's lifetime, and the funds for future medical expenses are based on a shorter time period, Medicare will not accept the WCMSA as it stands.
 - b) What is the State law regarding how long WC is obligated to cover the items or services related to the accident or illness?
- If the claimant is living in a nursing home, assisted living facility, or the like, does the settlement consider who should pay for such care?
- Does the WCMSA cover appropriate medical items and services for the claimant's condition? Are likely complications included?

CMS will review your WCMSA using either WC fee schedule charges or full actual charges for medical items and services, whichever one you used in submitting the proposal.

If there are prescription drugs in the future medical expenses in your WCMSA proposal, CMS will price them using the average wholesale price (AWP) as part of their review. If the future medical care expenses you submitted did not include prescription drugs, but CMS finds that prescription drugs will be necessary, CMS will add them in to their review calculations. If you submit generic drug costs but there are no generics available, CMS will add in brand-name drug costs priced with AWP.

CMS will **not** evaluate administrative fees or expenses for the set-up and administration of the WCMSA because CMS considers those a separate issue for the settling parties to negotiate. If such fees are included in the proposal, CMS will not allow the fees to be included in the WCMSA amount.

If you do not give CMS all the documents they need to review your case within the requested timeframe (10 days for portal submissions), CMS will close the case and notify you of its status. If you later submit the requested documents, CMS will reopen the case, but consider it a new submission. The review process begins again, and your response should be sent between 45 and 60 days from CMS' receipt of the requested information.

15.2.1 Compromise of Future Medical Expenses

CMS does not compromise or reduce future medical expenses related to a WC injury. Some submitters have argued that 42 C.F.R. §411.47 justifies reduction to the amount of a WCMSA. The compromise language in this regulation only addresses conditional (past) Medicare payments. The CMS does not allow the compromise of future medical expenses related to a WC injury. In addition, CMS has no process to accept up-front cash payments in lieu of a CMS reviewed WCMSA.

15.2.2 No Waivers of Specific Services Related to Future Medicals

There are no means by which a claimant can permanently waive his or her right to certain specific services related to a WC case and, thereby, reduce the amount of a WCMSA. CMS cannot approve settlements that promise not to bill Medicare for certain services in lieu of including those services in a WCMSA. This is true even if the claimant/beneficiary offers to execute an affidavit or other legal document promising that Medicare will not be billed for certain services if those services are not included in the WCMSA.

15.3 Case Status and Communications

You can see your case's status on the WCMSAP, if the case was submitted on the Portal. For cases that were submitted via mail, case status can be obtained by contacting the WCRC.

Any alerts and notifications from CMS will arrive via the same medium in which you submitted your case, either through the Portal or physical mail.

The letters that are currently generated in the WCMSA process and the parties (excluding the submitter) that receive the letters are listed below:

- Acknowledgement (cc to Beneficiary/Claimant): indicates that the WCMSA has been received and notifies the submitter that it will be prioritized for review in the order in which it was received.
- Below Threshold (cc to Beneficiary/Claimant, Beneficiary's Attorney, and MSPRC): case did not meet the threshold for review (i.e., the case has a total settlement amount of \$250,000 or less for a non-Medicare-eligible individual with a reasonable expectation of becoming a Medicare beneficiary within 30 months of the settlement date, or is less than \$25,000 for a Medicare beneficiary).
- Development (cc to Beneficiary/Claimant): case requires additional information in order to be processed.
- Deny (cc to Beneficiary/Claimant and Beneficiary's Attorney): indicates that the proposed WCMSA amount has been denied.
- Zero Set-Aside (cc to Beneficiary/Claimant, Beneficiary's Attorney, and MSPRC): indicates that the settlement has been approved with a Medicare Set-Aside Amount of zero dollars.
- Approval including recommendation attachments (cc to Beneficiary/Claimant, Beneficiary's Attorney, and MSPRC): indicates that CMS has reviewed the WCRC's recommendation for the WCMSA and has made a determination as to the final WCMSA amount. **Note:** The case will not be considered final until CMS receives the final settlement with the appropriate WCMSA amount. CMS may approve a WCMSA for a different amount than originally proposed. See section [16.0](#) below for more information on recourse if you disagree with CMS' assessment.
- Closeout (cc to Beneficiary/Claimant): supplemental information requested in the development letter was not provided timely. The case is now closed.

16.0 Re-Review

When CMS does not believe that a proposed set-aside adequately protects Medicare's interests, and thus makes a determination of a different amount than originally proposed, there is no formal appeals process. However, there are several other options available. First, the claimant may provide the RO that issued the determination with additional documentation in order to justify the original proposal amount. If the additional information does not convince the RO to approve the originally submitted WCMSA amount and the parties proceed to settle the case despite the RO's objections, then Medicare will not recognize the settlement. Medicare will exclude its payments for the medical expenses related to the injury or illness until WC settlement funds expended for services otherwise reimbursable by Medicare use up the entire settlement. Thereafter, when Medicare denies a particular beneficiary's claim, the beneficiary may appeal that particular claim denial through Medicare's regular administrative appeals process. Information on applicable appeal rights is provided at the time of each claim denial as part of the explanation of benefits.

You also have the option to submit a re-review request of your approved WCMSA amount when you disagree with CMS' decision if (1) you believe CMS' determination contains obvious mistakes (e.g., a mathematical error or failure to recognize medical records already submitted showing a surgery, priced by CMS, that has already occurred); or (2) you believe you have additional evidence, not previously considered by CMS, which was dated prior to the submission date of the original proposal and which warrants a change in CMS' determination. This is most easily done through the WCMSA Portal. You may also submit the re-review request to Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC), P.O. Box 660, New York, New York 10274-0660. CMS will consider this re-review request in order of receipt as if it were a new WCMSA proposal submission.

If the WCMSA is not approved on re-review and the case is settled, CMS will not recognize the settlement. Medicare will not pay for the medical expenses related to the injury or illness until WC settlement funds expended for services otherwise reimbursable by Medicare exhaust the entire settlement. At this point, when Medicare denies the beneficiary's claim, the beneficiary may appeal that denial through Medicare's regular administrative appeals process. CMS will send you information on your appeal rights whenever it denies a claim.

17.0 Account Set-Up and Administration

17.1 Administrators

WCMSAs should be administered by a competent administrator (the representative payee, a professional administrator, etc.). When a claimant designates a representative payee, appointed guardian/conservator, or has otherwise been declared incompetent by a court; the settling parties must include that information in their WCMSA proposal to CMS.

Claimants may also administer their own WCMSAs, if State law allows. Claimants should submit annual self-attestation forms, just as a professional administrator would. This arrangement is subject to the same rules and reporting requirements as any other WCMSA. See section [17.5](#) for more on this annual accounting.

17.2 Interest-Bearing Account

You must deposit the total WCMSA amount (future medical treatment and future prescription drug treatment) in an interest-bearing account, separate from any other account such as personal savings or checking.

17.3 Use of the Account

WCMSA funds may only be used to pay for medical services and prescription drug expenses related to your work injury, and only for those expenses that would normally be paid by Medicare.

Examples of some items that Medicare does not pay for are: acupuncture, routine dental care, eyeglasses or hearing aids; therefore, these items cannot be paid from the WCMSA account. For a more extensive list of services not covered by Medicare, get a copy of the booklet “Medicare & You” from your Social Security office or from <http://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you/medicare-and-you.html>.

If you have a question regarding Medicare’s coverage of a specific item, service, or prescription drug, to determine if you may pay for it from the WCMSA account, please call 1 800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or visit CMS’ website: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicare/asp>.

Please note: If payments from the WCMSA account are used to pay for services other than Medicare-allowable medical expenses related to medically necessary services and prescription drug expenses, Medicare will not pay injury-related claims until these funds are restored to the WCMSA account and then properly used up.

17.4 Medicare Entitlement and WCMSAs

Use of the WCMSA is limited to services that are related to the WC claim or settlement and that would be covered by Medicare if the individual were a Medicare beneficiary. The same requirements that Medicare beneficiaries follow for reporting and administration are to be used in the above cases. The CMS will not pay for any expenses related to the WC claim or settlement until a self-attestation document or a full accounting of all monies expended from the WCMSA is sent to the COBC upon Medicare entitlement or re-establishment of Medicare entitlement. At that time, the COBC will update the records Medicare uses in the claims process. Even if there is no CMS-approved WCMSA, any funds from a WC settlement attributable to future medicals that are remaining at the time a claimant becomes a Medicare beneficiary must be used for Medicare-covered services related to the WC claim or settlement until such funds are exhausted. Only then will CMS pay for Medicare-covered services related to the WC claim or settlement.

17.4.1 Loss of Medicare Entitlement after CMS Approval of a WCMSA

Claimants are not entitled to release of WCMSA funds if they lose their Medicare entitlement. However, the funds in the WCMSA may be used for medical expenses specified in the WCMSA until Medicare entitlement is re-established or the WCMSA is exhausted.

17.4.2 Use of WC Settlement Funds Prior to Medicare Entitlement

For claimants who are not yet Medicare beneficiaries and for whom CMS has reviewed a WCMSA, the WCMSA may be used prior to becoming a beneficiary because the accepted amount was priced based on the date of the expected settlement.

17.5 Annual Accounting and Record-Keeping

The administrator of the account will be responsible for keeping accurate records of payments made from the account. These records may be requested by CMS as proof of appropriate payments from the WCMSA account. (For more on Medicare contractors, see Section [18.0](#).)

Every year, beginning no later than 30 days after the 1-year anniversary of settlement, the administrator must sign and send a statement that payments from the WCMSA account were made for Medicare-covered medical expenses and Medicare-covered prescription drug expenses related to the work-related injury, illness, or disease. This annual accounting must be submitted no later than thirty days after the end of each year, beginning one year from the establishment of the WCMSA account. Annual self-attestation should continue through depletion of the WCMSA account. CMS has the right to demand and receive a complete accounting of payments made from the account at its discretion. A final self-attestation should be forwarded to CMS once the WCMSA account becomes permanently depleted.

Blank attestation letter forms with the appropriate identification numbers are included in the approval package sent by CMS. This form includes an accounting of WCMSA outgoing payments that should separately identify the amounts spent for medical treatment and for prescription drug treatment. For example, if the total WCMSA amount in CMS' written opinion is \$10,000 (\$7,000 identified for future prescription drug treatment and \$3,000 identified for future medical expenses), then the administrator must send an annual accounting that identifies how much of the \$10,000 was spent for medical expenses and how much was spent for prescription drugs. If you use the account funds appropriately on injury-related expenses that might otherwise have been covered by Medicare, you may reallocate the relative amounts for medical expenses vs. prescription drugs. For example, you may have set aside \$7,000 for prescription drugs and \$3,000 for medical expenses, and you may instead spend \$6,000 and \$4,000 respectively. CMS will still consider the \$10,000 appropriately spent.

You may use the WCMSA account to pay for the following costs that are directly related to the account:

- document copying charges
- mailing fees/postage
- any banking fees related to the account
- income tax on interest income from the set-aside account

You may not use the WCMSA account to pay for:

- administrative fees
- expenses for administration of the WCMSA
- attorney costs for establishing the WCMSA

If such administrative funds are part of your settlement, do not combine those funds with the WCMSA, as CMS will not recognize administrative fees as legitimate WCMSA expenses.

Should a WC settlement provide for items and services that are not covered by Medicare but later become covered, those funds should then be considered part of the set-aside and treated accordingly, i.e., used to pay for any services as they were designated in the non-Medicare portion of the set-aside included in the WC settlement. These funds do not have to be transferred to a separate WCMSA bank account or be included in the annual WCMSA accounting.

18.0 CMS' Monitoring

CMS will not monitor the money spent from the WCMSA until the claimant becomes Medicare-eligible (a beneficiary). However, if you have a WCMSA as part of your settlement, the WC-related medical expenses should be paid from the WCMSA even before the claimant becomes a beneficiary. Medicare beneficiaries and claimants who are not yet beneficiaries follow the same reporting rules discussed in section [17.5](#) above.

When the RO approves a WCMSA, CMS will check the National Medicare Enrollment database regularly to find out when a claimant becomes enrolled in Medicare. Once the claimant is enrolled in Medicare, the MSPRC is responsible for monitoring the individual's case.

The WCMSA administrator must send annual accounting summaries for the account to the contractor responsible for monitoring the case. The contractor is then responsible for verifying that the funds from the WCMSA were spent on medical services for Medicare-covered services, or to pay the tax for the interest income from the account. Additionally, the contractor must ensure that Medicare makes no payments related to the WC injury until the WCMSA has been used up.

19.0 What Happens if Circumstances Change?

19.1 WCMSA is Under-Funded

Medicare does not make any payment until the MSPRC can verify that the funds apportioned to the period, including any carry-forward amount, have been completely exhausted as set forth in the WCMSA.

19.2 Death of the Claimant

If a claimant dies before the WCMSA is completely exhausted, the RO and MSPRC will ensure that all claims have been paid. Then any amount left over in the WCMSA may be disbursed pursuant to state law, once Medicare's interests have been protected. This may involve holding the WCMSA open for some period after the date of death, as providers, physicians, and other suppliers are permitted to submit their initial bill to Medicare for a period of 12 months after the date of service. Often, the settlement itself will dictate the appropriate dispersal of funds upon the death of the claimant.

19.3 Structured WCMSA Funds Topics

19.3.1 Funds Left Over/Carried Forward

If funds for a structured WCMSA are not exhausted during a given period, then excess funds must be carried forward to the next period. The threshold after which Medicare would begin to pay claims related to the injury would then be increased in any subsequent period by the amount of the carry-forward.

Example: A structured set-aside is designed to pay \$20,000 per year over the next 10 years for an individual's Medicare covered services. Medicare would begin paying covered expenses in any given year after this \$20,000 is exhausted. However, in 2012 the injured individual needs only \$15,000 to cover all related expenses. The administrator would need to carry-forward the excess \$5,000 into 2013. Therefore, in 2013 a total of \$25,000 of Medicare covered expenses would need to be spent for services otherwise reimbursable by Medicare before Medicare would begin to cover WC related expenses, but only for the balance of 2013. This carry-forward process continues until the accumulated carry-forward plus the payment for a given year is exhausted.

19.3.2 Funds Used in a Given Period

If a structured WCMSA proves to be under-funded for a given period because the funds are exhausted by the claimant's medical expenses before the period ends, and if CMS receives verification of exhaustion of both the structured amount for the period and any available roll-over funds, then Medicare will pay for additional medical expenses incurred during the period.

Appendix 1. Contact Information

For general questions not answered by this guide:

Call the Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC) at 1 (800) 999-1118 or TTY/TDD: 1 (800) 318-8782 for the hearing and speech impaired, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, except holidays.

To report a Workers' Compensation incident:

Call the 800 number above or write:

Medicare—Coordination of Benefits
MSP Claims Investigation Project
P.O. Box 33847
Detroit, MI 48232

Where to submit a proposed Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside proposal:

If submitting the proposal electronically, please use the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement Portal (WCMSAP) at <https://www.cob.cms.hhs.gov/WCMSA/login>

If submitting the proposal on paper or CD, mail to:

CMS
c/o Coordination of Benefits Contractor
P.O. Box 33849
Detroit, MI 48232
Attention: WCMSA Proposal

For Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Portal issues (e.g., password resets, or the status of portal account registration):

Call the COBC EDI Department at (646) 458-6740.

To check the status of a WCMSA proposal submitted online via the portal:

Log in to the portal at <https://www.cob.cms.hhs.gov/WCMSA/login>
(**Note:** The WCMSAP will only display case information, including case status, for those cases that were submitted through the web portal).

To check the status of a WCMSA proposal submitted on paper or CD:

Please call the WCRC at 855-280-3550.

To submit a re-review request:

For a proposal originally submitted electronically, use the portal at <https://www.cob.cms.hhs.gov/WCMSA/login>

Or submit on paper or CD to:

Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC)
P.O. Box 33849
Detroit, MI 48232-5849
Attention: WCMSA

For questions about Medicare's coverage of a specific item, service, or prescription drug, to determine if you may pay for it from your WCMSA account:

Please call 1 800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

Or visit CMS' website: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicare/asp>

For questions about WCMSA set-up or administration, please contact either the Regional Office assigned to you, or the Medicare Secondary Payment Recovery Contractor at:

MSPRC
PO Box 33828
Detroit, MI 48232
Attention: MSP—Medicare Set-aside Reconciliation

Appendix 2. Abbreviations List

AWP	Average wholesale price
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
COBC	Coordination of Benefits Contractor
DOI	Date of incident or injury
ESRD	End-stage renal disease
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number
IME	Independent medical examination
MSP	Medicare Secondary Payer
MSPRC	Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor
NDC	National Drug Code
PDV	Present-Day Value
RO	Regional Office
SSDB	Social Security Disability Benefits
SSN	Social Security Number
TPA	Third-party administrator
WC	Workers' Compensation
WCMSA	Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement
WCMSAP	WCMSA Portal
WCRC	Workers' Compensation Review Contractor

Appendix 3. Glossary

Average wholesale price

AWP is used to price Medicare Part D drugs included in the calculations for the WCMSA funding amount.

Centers for Disease Control

The CDC provides annual life expectancy tables used in the calculations for the WCMSA funding amount.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS is the government agency responsible for administering Medicare and Medicaid.

Claimant

A person who submits a WC claim. A claim is a request for payment for services and benefits you received.

Commutation

WC commutation cases are settlement awards intended to compensate individuals for future medical expenses required because of a work-related injury or disease. Cases may have both compromise and commutation aspects.

Compromise

WC compromise cases are settlement awards for an individual's current or past medical expenses that were incurred because of a work-related injury or disease. Cases may have both compromise and commutation aspects.

Conditional payment

A payment made by Medicare for services for which another payer is responsible.

Coordination of Benefits Contractor

The COBC performs a number of functions for CMS, the pertinent one for this guide being the receipt and initial processing of hard copy WCMSA proposals.

Date of incident or injury

For claims involving cumulative injury, CMS' definition of the DOI is the earlier of: the first date that formal diagnosis was made by any medical practitioner; or the earliest date of treatment for any manifestation of the cumulative injury, when such treatment preceded formal diagnosis.

Determination

CMS' decision about whether the proposed WCMSA includes enough money to cover the claimant's anticipated future medical claims that would otherwise be covered by Medicare. If CMS disagrees with the proposed amount, the determination will include the amount CMS determines is appropriate.

Development

The process of collecting additional information about a case. CMS will issue a development letter to a claimant who provided insufficient information in a WCMSA

submission, and the case will be in development until sufficient information is obtained.

End-stage renal disease

A person with ESRD may qualify for Medicare benefits.

Food and Drug Administration

The US FDA is the governmental body responsible for regulating prescription and over-the-counter medications, as well as medical devices.

Health Insurance Claim Number

The HICN is an identification number assigned by the Social Security Administration to Medicare beneficiaries.

Independent medical examination

An IME may be used as part of the supporting documentation in a WCMSA proposal.

Lump sum settlement

A settlement in which the agreed-on funds are paid out in one amount.

Medicare

The federal health insurance program for: people 65 years of age or older, certain younger people with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure with dialysis or a transplant, sometimes called ESRD).

Medicare Secondary Payer

MSP is the term used by Medicare when Medicare is not responsible for paying first.

Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor

The MSPRC is responsible for recovering payments made by Medicare when Medicare should not have been responsible for the payments.

National Drug Code

The NDC is a unique number assigned to pharmaceuticals.

Present-Day Value

PDV is the cost to fund a WCMSA annuity.

Regional Office

A CMS RO is assigned to each WCMSA case, and that RO makes the final determination of the appropriate funding level for the WCMSA.

Social Security Number

The SSN is an identification number issued by the Social Security Administration, and used instead of a HICN when a HICN is not present.

Structured settlement

A settlement in which the agreed-on funds are paid from an initial deposit and subsequent deposits on a regular basis for a given amount of time.

Submitter

The person who sends a WCMSA application to CMS. This may be someone acting on the claimant's behalf.

Third-party administrator

A TPA may administer a funded WCMSA.

Threshold

The minimum qualities needed for CMS to review a WCMSA submission.

Verification letter

A letter that confirms a WCMSA does not need to be reviewed. CMS will not issue such letters.

WCMSA Portal

The WCMSAP may be used to submit and view WCMSA proposals, to communicate about the review approval process, and to submit re-review requests.

Workers' Compensation

WC is a government program set up to provide wage replacement and medical benefits to workers injured on the job.

Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement

A WCMSA is set up to ensure that all future medical and drug or pharmacy expenses for a work-related injury otherwise payable by Medicare are covered by a WC settlement.

Workers' Compensation Review Contractor

The WCRC is responsible for reviewing WCMSA proposals and issuing final determinations.

Appendix 4. WCRC Proposal Review Reference Tools

Tool	Description
Operating Rules	<p>http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coordination-of-Benefits/WorkersCompAgencyServices/Downloads/OperatingRules042210.pdf</p> <p>CMS-approved Operating Rules guide the WCRC in handling issues related to WCMSA reviews. The publicly available version is published on the CMS website.</p>
CMS Memos	<p>http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coordination-of-Benefits/WorkersCompAgencyServices/setasiderelatedtopics.html</p> <p>CMS has issued policy memorandums since 2001 on a variety of topics related to WCMSAs, such as review thresholds, pricing of services and prescription drugs, rated ages, life expectancy, and more. The WCRC follows all CMS policy memorandums currently in effect. The memorandums are published on the CMS website.</p>
Milliman	<p>http://www.careguidelines.com/</p> <p>Milliman offers various clinical tools and allows search of diagnosis and procedural codes for a code description or search by description to obtain codes. It is helpful for identifying proper procedural code selection for medical services. This source also has care guidelines for various clinical conditions and is a source for evidence-based medicine guidelines.</p>
MediRegs	<p>http://www.mediregs.com/</p> <p>MediRegs provides an extensive database payment tool and is used for pricing inpatient services and outpatient surgery with crosswalk to CPT codes. This tool allows updated access to reimbursement cost per facility in each state. The tool offers additional resources for searching Medicare coverage guidelines (national and local).</p>
PubMed	<p>http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/</p> <p>PubMed comprises more than 22 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. Citations may include links to full-text content.</p>
MicroMedex/ DrugDEX	<p>http://www.micromedexsolutions.com/</p> <p>MicroMedex/DrugDEX is the primary resource to access information regarding medications. The DrugDEX profile provides information regarding the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) indications and compendia supported off-label uses of prescription drugs. This resource assists in determining whether a prescription drug that is prescribed for industrial condition(s) is appropriate for inclusion in the WCMSA.</p>
Stat!Ref	<p>http://www.statref.com/</p> <p>Stat!Ref is the secondary resource to access information regarding medications. The profiles are less detailed than DrugDEX profiles. However, there are many useful clinical tools such as a medical dictionary, profiles on clinical conditions and evidence-based medicine references.</p>
RedBook	<p>http://www.redbook.com/</p> <p>RedBook is the source for pricing prescription drug products. The database compiles Average Wholesale Prices (AWP) for various drug products.</p>

Tool	Description
DailyMed	<p>http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/about.cfm</p> <p>DailyMed provides information about marketed drugs including FDA labels (package inserts). The website provides a look-up and download resource of medication content and labeling as found in medication package inserts. It is searchable by drug name, National Drug Code number, drug class, SetID, and label type. At present, the site does not contain a complete listing of labels for approved prescription drugs. Drugs marked “unapproved” have not been reviewed by the FDA.</p>
FDA Website: Approved Drugs	<p>http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/</p> <p>Drugs@FDA provides a searchable directory of official information about FDA approved innovator and generic drugs and therapeutic biological products. It allows for location of labels for approved drug products, generic drug products for an innovator drug product, therapeutically equivalent drug products for an innovator or generic drug product, consumer information for drugs approved from 1998 on, all drugs with a specific ingredient, and the approval history of a drug. It is a source for prescription and over-the-counter human drugs and therapeutic biologicals currently approved for sale in the US, discontinued drugs, and Chemical Type 6 approvals.</p>
FDA Website: NDC Directory	<p>http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/ndc/default.cfm</p> <p>The FDA NDC Directory identifies drug products using a unique, three-segment number called the National Drug Code (NDC). Listing information in the NDC Directory is currently updated every Monday. Search is available by proprietary name, active ingredient, NDC number, application number, or labeler name.</p>
FDA Website: Orange Book Equivalents	<p>http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/ob/default.cfm</p> <p>The FDA Orange Book Equivalents is a directory of approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations and identifies drug products approved on the basis of safety and effectiveness by the FDA. The database contains prescription and OTC medications. Search is available by proprietary name, active ingredient, patent, applicant holder, or application number. Daily Electronic Orange Book updates are provided for product information for new generic drug approvals.</p>

Appendix 5. Sample Submission

The sample included in this section is not intended to specify a required form or format. Each state may have required forms for processing WC cases and nothing in this sample is meant to interfere with each state's forms or requirements. Note that the endnotes are for explanation only and are not meant to be part of a suggested submission. The sample submission is intended to be used only as a sample. Each state has unique forms. The intent of the sample document is to aid submitters in organizing the information that is typically sent to CMS with their WCMSA proposals. It is not the intent in any way for the sample document to make or change policy.

This sample is not a policy document, and it is not the intent of CMS to make or change policy by publishing this sample. Official CMS policy with respect to WCMSAs is published on the CMS web site. (Please see the following link:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/workerscompagencyservices>). Where any conflict is perceived between statements or information in this sample and official CMS published policy, the latter controls.

This sample is divided into numbered sections, corresponding to the electronic folders in which CMS scans and files documents for review. Use of these numbered sections by submitters enhances the scanning and review process and reduces errors.

- For cases filed on compact disc, grouping and naming documents by using the numbered folders is preferred, as this will eliminate the need for section dividers.
- For cases submitted on paper, numbered section dividers on single sheets, rather than tabs, are recommended.

This sample assumes a paper filing, and shows the use of numbered section dividers. It also assumes each numbered section is being used, although this practice is not being suggested and rarely is necessary. Note, although the cover letter is very important, it does not need a section divider when paper filing is used because it should always be on top of the submission.

Appendix 5: 05 – Cover Letter

05 – Cover Letter

WCMSA Consultants, LLC
100 Helpful Lane, Suite 300
City, State 11111-2222
Phone: (410) 555-1111, Fax: (240) 555-0000

January 21, 2009

CMS
c/o Coordination of Benefits Contractor
PO Box 33849
Detroit, MI 48232

Re: Jane Doe

100 Felldown Lane
City, State 22222-1111
Phone: (803) 555-1111
SSN: 123-45-6789
HICN: None

Dear Sir/Madam:

We have been asked by the parties to refer the above case to your office for review and approval of a Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-aside Arrangement ("WCMSA"). The following is the pertinent information in regard to the above-captioned claimant:

A. Claimant Information

1. Gender: Female
2. Date of Birth: 07/03/49
3. Median Rated Age: 67
4. Life Expectancy Used in Proposal: 17
5. Consent attached (required): YES

B. Entitlement Information

1. Is claimant is entitled to Medicare. No
If the answer to B.1 is Yes, do not submit the WCMSA proposal for review unless the total settlement amount exceeds \$25,000.
2. If above answer is NO, claimant believes he/she will be entitled to Medicare within 30 months of the expected settlement date because (answer YES to one of the following):

NO - Claimant has applied for Social Security Disability Benefits (“SSDB”)

NO - Claimant has been denied SSDB but anticipates an appeal

YES - Claimant is in the process of appealing and/or re-filing for SSDB

NO - Claimant is (or will be) at least 62 years and 6 months old 120 days from today

NO - Claimant has End Stage Renal Disease (“ESRD”) but does not yet qualify for Medicare based on ESRD

NO - Other (Explain)

C. Injury Information

1. Description of incident and injury: Claimant was tightening valves and felt her neck burning.

2. All date(s) of injury being settled (list oldest first; show first and last dates of any cumulative traumas):

01/31/01

04/13/02

3. ICD-9 diagnosis codes and descriptions for body parts that are settling (list all that apply, in order of priority):

721.0-Cervical spondylosis without myelopathy

723.1-Cervicalgia

723.4-Brachial neuritis or radiculitis NOS

D. Contact Information:

1. Submitter

WCMSA Consultants, LLC

100 Helpful Lane, Suite 300

City, State 11111-2222

Phone: (410) 555-1111, Fax: (240) 555-0000

Contact: Bea Friend @ (410) 555-1111 x2345

2. MSA Administrator

a) Claimant: YES

b) SSA Representative Payee: NO (if YES, include name, address, phone, and fax)

c) Professional Administrator: NO (if YES, include name, address, phone, and fax)

3. Claimant’s Attorney

Legal Eagle, Esquire

200 Justice Ct Ste 210

City, St 33333-4444

Phone (800) 555-1111

Fax: (800) 555-0000

4. Employer

Cool Toys Manufacturing, Inc.
22 Playful Ln
City, St 55555-2222
Phone (212) 555-1111
Fax: (212) 555-0000

5. Employer's Attorney

Clarence Darrow & Associates
24 Playful Ln
City, St 55555-2222
Phone (212) 555-2222
Fax: (212) 555-3333

6. WC Carrier

Got U Covered, LLC
100 Carrier Blvd
City, St 66666-3333
Phone (412) 555-1111
Fax: (412) 555-0000

7. WC Carrier's Attorney

Daniel Webster, LLC
102 Carrier Blvd
City, St 66666-3333
Phone (412) 555-2222
Fax: (412) 555-3333

E. Settlement Details:

1. Total settlement amount: \$260,000

2. Total proposed Medicare set-aside amount: \$95,891

a) Portion of set-aside for medical items and services: \$17,739

b) Calculated using (check one)

State fee schedule: YES

Full actual charges: NO

c) Portion of set-aside for prescription drugs: \$78,152

3. Set-aside is paid out as

d) Lump sum: NO

e) Annuity: YES

If annuity, proposed initial deposit (seed money): \$12,340

4. State of Jurisdiction/Venue: American Samoa

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at (410) 555-1111, Extension 11.

Sincerely,

Signature

Bea Friend

Benefit Coordination Specialist

BF/mlf

Enclosures

Appendix 5: 10 – Consent to Release Form

10 – Consent to Release Form

CONSENT TO RELEASE FORM

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) prohibits the government from revealing information from personal files without the express written permission of the person involved. Disclosure of personal records to an attorney or other representative who is acting on behalf of another person is prohibited, unless the individual to whom the record pertains has consented.

I, Jane Doe , hereby authorize the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), its agents and/or contractors to disclose, discuss, and/or release, orally or in writing, information related to my worker's compensation injury and/or settlement to the individual(s) and/or firm(s) listed below. This consent is for my current workers' compensation claim and is on an ongoing basis. An additional consent to release form will not be necessary unless or until I revoke this authorization (which must be in writing).

PLEASE CHECK:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claimant's attorney (name and/or firm):	Legal Eagle, Esquire
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employer's attorney (name and/or firm):	Conrad Courageous, Esquire
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workers' compensation carrier (name and/or firm):	Got U Covered
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (name and/or firm):	WCMSA Consultants
Claimant's Signature:	Signature
Date Signed:	10/18/08
Date(s) of Injury:	01/31/01, 04/13/02
Social Security Number or Health Insurance Claim Number:	123-45-6789

Appendix 5: 15 – Rated Age Information or Life Expectancy

15 – Rated Age Information or Life Expectancy

WCMSA Consultants, LLC
100 Helpful Lane, Suite 300
City, State 11111-2222
Phone: (410) 555-1111, Fax: (240) 555-0000

Rated Age Statement

Claimant: Jane Doe

SSN: 123-45-6789

All rated ages obtained on the claimant have been included.

WCMSA Consultants, LLC

Submitter

VULCAN INSURANCE COMPANY
100 Live Long and Prosper Lane
CITY, STATE 22222-4444
Phone: (302) 555-1111, Fax: (302) 555-0000

An underwriting assessment for JANE DOE has been completed.

Gender: Female

Date of Birth: July 3, 1949

Actual Age: 59

Rated Age: 67

Issue Date: November 15, 2008

SUNNY SETTLEMENT BROKER, INC.
200 Sunnyside Lane
CITY, STATE 33333-5555
Phone: (804) 555-1111, Fax: (804) 555-0000

Name: Jane Doe
File No.: 00WS458231
Gender: Female
DOB: July 3, 1949
Actual Age: 59

Ratings obtained from:

F. The Good Life Ins Co, Charles N. Reilly, Phone (410) 555-0000, Fax (410) 555-9999

Gender: Female
Date of Birth: July 3, 1949
Actual Age: 59
Rated Age: 62
Issue Date: November 11, 2008

G. Live Better Ins Co, Inc., Doris Day, Phone (410) 333-0000, Fax (410) 555-8888

Gender: Female
Date of Birth: July 3, 1949
Actual Age: 59
Rated Age: 65
Issue Date: November 12, 2008

H. Fortunate Life Ins Co, LLC, Ruff Day, Phone (410) 777-0000, Fax (410) 555-0000

Gender: Female
Date of Birth: July 3, 1949
Actual Age: 59
Rated Age: 72
Issue Date: November 12, 2008

I. Lively Life Ins. Co., Faye Ray, Phone (410) 444-0000, Fax (410) 555-1111

Gender: Female
Date of Birth: July 3, 1949
Actual Age: 59
Rated Age: 77
Issue Date: November 13, 2008

Appendix 5: 20 – Life Care/Future Treatment Plan

20 – Life Care/Future Treatment Plan

GREATLIFEPLAN, LLC
100 Easylife Way
City, State, 22222
Phone: (888) 555-1111 Fax: (888) 555-0000

Life Care Plan

Future Medical Care – Medicare Covered Items and Services and Prescription Drugs

Client: Jane Doe
Date prepared: 10/18/2008
Prepared by: Rita Reviewer, RN, CCM
DOB: July 3, 1949
DOI: 01/31/01, 04/13/02
Diagnoses: 721.1 Cervical spondylosis without myelopathy
723.1 Cervicalgia
723.4 Brachial neuritis or radiculitis NOS
Median rate age: 67
Life expectancy: 17 years

Calculation of WCMSA for medical items and services related to work injury:

Medical Item or Service, Number, Every x years, # of years, Price per service, Lifetime Total
Pain management, 4, every 1 year, for 17 years, price \$80.56 per service, \$5,478.08
Lab work Rx, 1, every 1 year, for 17 years, price \$36.67 per service, \$623.39
Orthopedist, 1, every 1 year, for 17 years, price \$80.56 per service, \$1,369.52
X-ray Cervical, 5, every 17 years, for 17 years, price, \$111.31 per service, \$556.55
MRI/CT Cervical, 3, every 17 yrs, for 17 years, price \$1,386.19 per service, \$4,158.57
Trigger point injection, 6, every 17 yrs, for 17 yrs, \$80.00 per service, \$480.00
Physiotherapy, 18, every 17 years, for 17 years, price \$81.83 per service, \$1,472.94
Epidural injections, 3, every 17 yrs, for 17 yrs, price \$1,200.00 per service, \$3,600.00

Lifetime total of all medical items and services: \$17,739.05

Calculation of WCMSA for prescription drugs related to work injury:

Drug, National Drug Code, Dosage, Frequency, Length, Price per unit, Lifetime Total
Zolpidem, 64679-0715-01, 10mg, 30/mo, for 17 yrs price \$3.65 per unit, \$22,338.00
Tizanidine, 00172-5736-70, 4mg, 90/mo, for 17 yrs price \$1.39 per unit, \$25,520.40
Hydrcdne/apap, 00591-0540-05, 10/500mg, 90/mo, for 17 yrs, price \$0.18 per, \$3,304.80
Gabitril, 63459-0404-01, 4mg, 30/mo, for 17 yrs, price \$4.41 per unit, \$26,989.20

Lifetime total of all prescription drugs: \$78,152.40

Appendix 5: 25 – Settlement Agreement or Proposed or Court Order

25 – Settlement Agreement or Proposed or Court Order

**BEFORE THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
AMERICAN SAMOA**

Commission File: 000000

Jane Doe
(Hereinafter called "Employee")

v.

Cool Toys Manufacturing
(Hereinafter called "Employer")

Got U Covered
(Hereinafter called "Carrier/TPA")

*****AGREEMENT OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE*****

THIS AGREEMENT OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE was made and entered into on the day of by and between Employee, Employer, and Insurer.

I

The Employee, Jane Doe, for consideration of the sum of \$260,000, paid by or on behalf of the above captioned Employer/Carrier/TPA, shall release Employer/Carrier/TPA, from its obligation or liability to pay all benefits of whatever kind or classification available under the State Workers' Compensation Law on account of the above captioned manufacturing accident and any other known or unknown (discussed below) work related injury that the Claimant may have sustained while employed by the Employer and/or their successors, assigns, interests, officers, directors, employees, agents, shareholders or any other person or entity who may be responsible or liable for actions of the Employer.

II

Claimant represents and affirms that all accidents, injuries, and occupational diseases known to have occurred or to have been sustained while employed by the Employer have been revealed but in any event, this Settlement Agreement and Release releases the Employer/Carrier/TPA from all Workers' Compensation liability and as such, Claimant bears the risk of arguably related conditions not yet manifested. It is the intention of the parties to resolve all claims actual or potential for any and all accidents and/or injuries, arising out of and in the course and scope of employment, in exchange for the monetary consideration outlined herein.

III

The Claimant specifically acknowledges that on finality of this Settlement Agreement and Release, rights to all future medical care and treatment related or arguably related to the workers' compensation claim, whether remedial or palliative in nature, are forever and fully relinquished whether or not the Claimant's condition has been brought to a state of maximum medical improvement and regardless of whether the Claimant's condition(s) improves or seriously deteriorates for any reason whatsoever. On finality of this Settlement Agreement and Release, except as specifically provided and limited below, the Employer/Carrier/TPA shall not be responsible for either the provision or payment of any medical benefits. Any future medical care treatment or expense that may arise in the future, regardless of the cause thereof, will be the responsibility of the Claimant. Claimant understands only authorized medical providers will be paid for authorized services rendered prior to the finality of this Settlement Agreement and Release. Any medical bills from authorized providers for authorized services rendered to the finality of this Settlement Agreement and Release shall be submitted for payment by the Employer/Carrier/TPA. All medical bills from unauthorized providers are the responsibility of the Claimant, not the Employer/Carrier/TPA. Medical bills from authorized providers for services rendered after the date of finality become the responsibility of the Claimant.

IV

The Medicare Set Aside funds in this case are to be self administered by the claimant. Claimant has been provided directives issued by CMS regarding her rights and responsibilities in this regard. Claimant understands that until she becomes entitled to Medicare, the MSA funds must not be used to pay the claimant's expenses. Claimant understands that the MSA funds must be placed in an interest bearing account, and this account must be separate from the individual's personal savings and checking accounts. The funds in this account may only be used for payment of medical services related to the work injury that would normally be paid by Medicare.

It is not the intention of the Workers' Compensation Carrier to shift responsibility of future medical benefits to the Federal government. The sum of \$95,891 for future Medicare-covered expenses is intended directly for payment of these expenses. Upon proof that Medicare-covered expenses exceed \$95,891, those expenses will be forwarded to Medicare for payment of covered expenses with proper documentation. It is the responsibility of the claimant/beneficiary to submit bills related to the work-related injury or illness totaling the amount of \$95,891 before Medicare will make payment on any covered expenses related to the work injury or illness.

This allocation is based on the workers' compensation fee schedule. The injured worker should be advised that all payments to providers are to be adjusted accordingly, and any monies paid in excess of the fee schedule will not count toward the allocation.

V

Claimant and her family agree not to discuss the existence of this settlement or any of the terms to any persons in the employment of Cool Toys Manufacturing, Inc. or any former employees of Cool Toys manufacturing. The Claimant specifically agrees to keep the existence of and the terms of this settlement strictly confidential.

VI

The Employee accepts the following settlement as full and final compensation from her former employer:

Total WC Settlement Amount: \$260,000 broken down as follows:

Cash to claimant for indemnity	\$115,000
Cash for initial deposit non-Medicare medical needs	\$809
Annuity payout for non-Medicare medical needs (\$100/yr. for life (est. 16 years) starting 08/04/10)	\$1,600
Cash for initial deposit Medicare set-aside	\$12,340
Annuity payout for Medicare set-aside (\$5,221.94/yr. for life (est. 16 years) starting 08/04/10)	\$83,551
Attorney fee	<u>\$46,700</u>
	\$260,000

In testimony whereof, the parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above herein.

Employee: Signature

Consented to by: Signature

Legal Eagle, Esq.
Attorney for Employee
State Bar No. 5678

And by: Signature

Conrad Courageous, Esq.
Attorney for Employer/Carrier/TPA

Attest: Signature

NOTARY PUBLIC, American Samoa
My Commission Expires: March 10, 2010

Appendix 5: 30 – WCMSA Administration Agreement

30 – WCMSA Administration Agreement

ADMINISTERING YOUR STRUCTURED WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICARE SET-ASIDE ARRANGEMENT (WCMSA)

Claimant: Jane Doe

SSN: 123-45-6789

DOI: 01/31/01, 04/13/02

Employer: Cool Toys Manufacturing, Inc.

Medicare regulations found in Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations §411.46, state that Medicare will not pay for Medicare-covered medical services or Medicare-covered prescription drug expenses related to this work-related injury until the WCMSA funds have been exhausted. Your WCMSA funds must be used to pay for all Medicare-covered medical services and Medicare-covered prescription drug expenses related to the workers' compensation injury, illness, or disease. A CMS lead Medicare contractor will monitor your expenditures from the WCMSA account upon receipt of the annual self-attestation letter that you are required to submit. Once the lead contractor has confirmed that the WCMSA funds have been exhausted appropriately, Medicare will begin paying for Medicare-covered services related to the workers' compensation injury, illness, or disease.

Instructions for establishing and administering a WCMSA account are listed below. If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the CMS lead Medicare contractor at the following address.

MSPRC

PO Box 33828

Detroit, MI 48232

Attention: MSP – Medicare Set-aside Reconciliation

Establishing and Using your Medicare Set-Aside Account

WCMSA funds must be placed in an interest-bearing account, separate from your personal savings or checking account.

WCMSA funds may only be used to pay for medical services and prescription drug expenses related to your work injury that would normally be paid by Medicare.

Examples of some items that Medicare does not pay for are: acupuncture, routine dental care, eyeglasses or hearing aids, etc.; therefore, these items cannot be paid from the WCMSA account. You may obtain a copy of the booklet "Medicare & You" from your Social Security office for a more extensive list of services not covered by Medicare.

If you have a question regarding Medicare's coverage of a specific item, service, or prescription drug, to determine if you may pay for it from the WCMSA account, please call 1 800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or visit CMS' website:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicare/asp>.

Please note: If payments from the WCMSA account are used to pay for services other than Medicare allowable medical expenses related to medically necessary services and prescription drug expenses, Medicare will not pay injury related claims until these funds are restored to the WCMSA account and then properly exhausted.

Record Keeping

As administrator of the account, you will be responsible for keeping accurate records of payments made from the account. These records may be requested by CMS' lead Medicare contractor as proof of appropriate payments from the WCMSA account.

You may use the WCMSA account to pay for the following costs that are directly related to the account: document copying charges, mailing fees/postage, any banking fees related to the account, and income tax on interest income from the set-aside account

Annually, you must sign and forward a copy of the attached form, which states that payments from the WCMSA account were made for Medicare-covered medical expenses and Medicare-covered prescription drug expenses related to the work-related injury, illness, or disease

An annual accounting shall be submitted to the Medicare lead contractor listed on Page 1 of this agreement no later than 30 days after the end of anniversary year (beginning with one year from the date of settlement).

The annual self-attestation should continue through depletion of the WCMSA account.

I, Jane Doe, have read and understand the above-listed terms and conditions. I agree to abide by these terms and conditions in order to protect my ability to obtain Medicare coverage for my work-related injury medical expenses once the WCMSA account is depleted. I understand that if I fail to abide by the above listed terms and conditions, I may not be eligible for Medicare coverage for my work-related injury medical expenses.

Claimant: Signature

Date: 11/01/08

I, Legal Eagle, counsel for Jane Doe, have reviewed the above agreement with the Claimant and have explained it, in detail. I believe that Ms. Doe fully understands the complete contents of the document and the duties she is undertaking to administer her WCMSA.

Signature

Date: 11/01/08

Appendix 5: 35 – Medical Records

35 – Medical Records

AMERICAN SAMOA BOARD OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION

J. EMPLOYER'S FIRST REPORT OF INJURY OR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE

OSHA File No.:

Carrier/TPA File No.: ABC-987654321

Employer/Address: Cool Toys Manufacturing, Inc., 22 Playful Ln, City, ST 11111

Employer Phone: (684)-555-1111

Employer FEIN: 12-3456789

Employer Location address (If Different):

Nature of Business: Manufacturing

Carrier/TPA & Address: Got U Covered, LLC, 100 Carrier Blvd, City, St 66666-3333

Carrier/TPA Phone: Phone (412) 555-1111

Carrier/TPA FEIN:

Place of Accident or Exposure: Cool Toys Manufacturing, Inc.

Occupation: Construction personnel

Employee Name (Last, First): Doe, Jane

Date of Birth: 07/03/49

Social Security Number: 123-45-6789

Address: 100 Felldown Lane, City, ST 22222-1111

Date of Injury: 01/31/01 & 04/13/02

Home phone number: 803-555-1111

Number of dependents including spouse:

Gender: Female

Time of Injury:

Time workday began:

Date Employer Notified:

Date Hired:

Did Employee work the Next Day?: No

First Date Employee Failed to Work a Full Day:

Did Employee Receive Full Pay for Date of Injury?

Hours Worked Per Day:

Hours Worked Per Week:

Number of Days Worked Per Week: 5

List Normally Scheduled Off Days: Saturday, Sunday

Wage Rate at Time of Injury or Disease:

If employee is paid hourly, on commission or piecework basis, enter average weekly amount:

If board, lodging or other advantages were furnished, enter average weekly amount:

Did Injury/Illness/Exposure Occur on Employer's Premises?: Yes

Type of Injury/Illness: 59-USING TOOL OR MACHINERY

Part of Body Affected: 25- NECK NOC

How Injury or Illness/Abnormal Health Condition Occurred. What was the employee doing just prior to accident?: SHE WAS TIGHTENING DOWN A VALVE AND FELT HER NECK START BURNING

If Returned to Work, Give Date:

Returned at What Wage per Hour?:

If Fatal, Give Date of Death:

Treating Physician (Name and Address):

Initial Treatment:

Hospital/Treating Facility (Name and Address):

Report Prepared By (Print or Type): Johnny Q. Supervisor

Position:

Telephone Number:

Date of Report : 2/3/01

EMPLOYER'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS REPORT TO CARRIER/TPA IMMEDIATELY MAY RESULT IN PENALTY

K. FOR USE BY CARRIER/TPA/SELF-INSURER

Average Weekly Wage: \$700.00

Weekly Benefit: \$

Date of disability:

Date of First payment:

Compensation Paid: \$

Penalty paid: \$

Previous Medical Only: Yes (), No ()

BENEFITS ARE PAYABLE FROM FOR:

() Total/temporary total disability

() Temporary partial disability

() Permanent partial disability of % to for weeks UNTIL WHEN THE EMPLOYEE ACTUALLY RETURNED TO WORK ALL OTHER SUSPENSION REQUIRE THE FILING OF FORM WC2 WITH THE BOARD OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND THE EMPLOYEE

By (Carrier/TPA/Self insurer: Type or Print Name of Person Filing Form or Sign): Johnny Q. Adjuster

Date: 02/03/01

Phone:

Willfully making a false statement for the purpose of obtaining or denying benefits is a crime subject to penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation.

FORM WC-1 (REV. DATE 7/2002) EMPLOYER'S FIRST REPORT of INJURY or OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE

**American Samoa Regional Medical Center
123 South Main Street
Pago, Pago, American Samoa 54321**

PATIENT: Doe, Jane
PT DOB: 07/03/1949

DICTATED: 07/26/2002 11:31 A
TRANSCRIBED: 07/26/2002 14:51 P
mq/856954

ADMITTED: 07/26/2002
DISCHARGED:
Jack G. Skellington, M.D.
010006879846546/2A 211202
58-62-48

OPERATIVE NOTE: Jack G. Skellington

DATE OF OPERATION: 07/26/2002

PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: C5, 6 cervical disk herniation

POSTOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: Same

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OPERATION:

1. C5, 6 cervical disectomy with anterior intrabody fusion (Allograft)2. Codman slim lock anterior cervical plate stabilization

ANESTHESIA: General endotracheal

OPERATIVE INDICATIONS: The patient is a 53-year-old female who presented with cervical myelo-radiculopathy. MRI demonstrated a massive disk herniation at the C5, 6 level with signal changes in the spinal cord.

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION: The patient was brought to the Operating Room. Preoperatively for one week before this procedure she had been on a high dose of Decadron. Immediately pre-op in the holding area she was started on the Methyl Prednisolone spinal cord injury protocol for additional steroids. She was brought to the Operating Room, underwent an awake fiberoptic intubation. The patient was then positioned on the operating room table with a towel beneath her shoulders and her head in a sand bag doughnut in a neutral position exactly the way we were going to be performing the operation. Neurologic examination was documented with the patient moving both her arms and legs. After this was done she was put to sleep. I then prepped and draped the left lateral neck, a transverse incision was then made at approximately the level of the cricoid cartilage. This was carried from the midline to the medial border of the sternocleidomastoid muscle. The wound was deepened, the platysma was identified. It was divided in the direction of its fibers in an intra-fascial dissection technique and finally dividing the superficial, middle and deep cervical fascia sequentially. The pre-vertebral space was then visualized, the anterior cervical spine identified. The intraoperative x-ray localization was obtained confirming that we indeed were at the desired level. The overlaying longus colli muscles were then dissected in a subperiosteal plane along the medial border. The tooth blades of

the black belt self-retaining retractor system were then anchored around the C5, 6 disk space. Casper distractor posts were placed in the middle of the C5 and C6 vertebral body. The C5, 6 disk space was then sharply incised. Anterior discectomy was carried out removing all disk material laterally to the level of the vertebral joints and posteriorly to the level of the annulus. Cartilaginous end plates were then taken down to good bleeding sub-condylar bone. I could actually see a hole in the posterior annulus with a significant amount of disk material in the sub-ligamentous compartment. This was gently teased out with the micro-pituitary rongeur. I could actually see the posterior longitudinal ligaments through the hole now. The Collin knife was used to sharply incise both the posterior annulus and the posterior longitudinal ligament. I insured the epidural space, the ventral cord was identified. Additional disk material was removed. All marginal osteophytes were taken down. The foraminotomy was performed as needed. When I was done I did the depth cage, sized the disk space. I then took tri-cortical and iliac crest bone graft which was reconstituted and cut in the appropriate dimensions. The graft was introduced and slightly counter sunk. Posts were removed, placed in the graft in a compressive mode. Grafts were mainly checked to make sure it was secure. Satisfied, I then moved on to the stabilization portion of the procedure. Unfortunately, this patient's shoulders were in the way and even with retraction I could not get them out of the way, therefore I free handed rather than use an intraoperative x-ray localization to guide pilot hole placement. A Codman anterior cervical plate was selected to expand from C5 to C6. Two pilot holes were drilled at that level using anatomic land marks. The holes were placed in the converging configuration to create a triangulation effect resist pullout. Holes were superficially tapped and because the bone was so hard I used a soft drill to drill in screws. These were 12 mm in length and 4.5 mm in diameter. Two holes were placed at the C5, 6 level. Cams were tightened down completing the construct. It was very clear that we had a rigid construct. The wound was copiously irrigated with Bacitracin containing fluid. Hemostasis was obtained as needed with the bipolar electrocautery and thrombin soaked Gelfoam. The wound was then closed in multiple layers in an anatomic fashion. 3-0 Vicryl was used to approximate the platysma, inverted 3-0 Vicryl for the subcuticular and a running 4-0 subcuticular stitch was used to bring the skin edges together. Benzoin followed by Steri-Strips were applied to the wound edges. Dry sterile compressive dressing followed. The patient was placed in an Aspen hard cervical collar, awakened, extubated and transported to the PACU in stable condition. The Solu-Medrol will be continued postoperatively.

Cc: Jack G. Skellington

**OrthoQuest
Office Visit**

Name: Jane Doe

Birthdate: 07/03/49

SSN: 123-45-6789

Date: 12/02/08

Subjective:

The patient returns today for a six-month re-evaluation and medication refill. She continues to have daily and continuous pain; at worst 8/10 and at best 4/10. The pain is severe several times a week and continues to limit her yard work, exercise, hobbies, and sleep. The pain is sharp, aching, and tingling. She has also recently been hospitalized for a myocardial infarction and is on medication. She has fully recovered from her cerebral aneurysm.

Objective:

On examination she is pleasant and cooperative but is obviously restricted in her cervical range of motion. Sensation is diminished in the left hand at digits four and five. Grip strength and wrist extension are pain limited. Cervical range of motion is guarded with 10° flexion extension and bilateral rotation.

Impression:

5. C5-6 fusion
6. Left C7 radiculopathy

Recommendations:

I will recommend continuing with her present medication. She has maintained her functional level with medication which allows her to continue light household chores and social activities. She displays no aberrant behavior. She continues to have significant impairment and disability.

She will follow-up in six months for evaluation.

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Office Visit**

Name: Jane Doe

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SSN: 123-45-6789

Date: 06/02/08

Subjective:

The patient returns today for re-evaluation after six months. She has left arm pain that is unchanged. She has good and bad days. She is unable to tolerate strenuous activity. Medications are still effective and are lasting. She denies any adverse side effects. She is still recovering from her brain aneurysm.

Objective:

She still has mild facial droop. The cervical region is extremely guarded. She does have tenderness in the paraspinals. Her left arm strength is 2/5 and guarded secondary to pain.

Impression:

C5-6 fusion

Left C7 radiculitis

Left upper extremity paresis

Right brain aneurysm status post craniotomy

Recommendations:

Her condition remained stable and unchanged. She is managing on medication without adverse side effects or aberrant behavior. She is still totally disabled from her previous occupation. She will follow-up in six months for medications.

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Name: Jane Doe

Birthdate: 07/03/49

SSN: 123-45-6789

Date: 12/04/07

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:

The patient returns today after her last visit in June with continued left arm pain and weakness. She has been using more Hydrocodone due to more frequent bad days. In the interim, she has had surgery for a ruptured cranial aneurysm on the right. She was in the hospital in October and is still having some arm paresis and facial droop. She is not driving at this time and is still under the surgeon's care. Her weakness in the upper extremity is back to her baseline.

MUSCULOSKELETAL EXAM: She has left facial droop. She has a well healed right craniotomy scar. She is ambulating normally. Cervical flexion is still extremely limited in all directions with marked guarding and tenderness. The cervical area appears unchanged.

SKIN: Skin is without lesions.

NEUROLOGIC EXAM: She still has diminished sensation in digits four and five. Her grip strength is still 5-, but she has more generalized weakness at 4 out of 5 in the more proximal arm and shoulder. Leg strength is 5 out of 5. Spurling Maneuver is still positive on the left.

IMPRESSION:

C5-6 fusion

Left C7 radiculitis, unchanged

New left upper extremity paresis

RECOMMENDATIONS:

At this time, she is somewhat still concerned about an apparent discrepancy on her disability statement, being sedentary versus total disability. I believe she is still totally disabled from her previous occupation.

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Name: Jane Doe
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Date: 06/05/07

CHIEF COMPLAINT:Left arm pain, left neck pain

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:The patient returns today for her six-month follow up evaluation. We increased her medication dosage to the 10-milligram tablet, which has helped. The pain is now at worst an eight on a scale of ten and at best a three. She has good and bad days. She has had flares the last several days, decreased with rest. It is aggravated by over activity. She still gets numbness in the hand. She gets pins and needles and drops things. Her arm feels heavy on the left.

REVIEW OF SYSTEMS: She had a knee arthroscopy of the left knee for a torn cartilage.

SOCIAL HISTORY: She has applied for, and received, social security disability insurance.

PHYSICAL EXAM:

Height: 5'5"
Weight: 178 pounds

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Pleasant, cooperative and in no acute distress.

CARDIOVASCULAR: Pulse is two out of four and symmetric in the upper and lower extremities. There is no edema.

LYMPHATIC: There is no adenopathy.

MUSCULOSKELETAL EXAM: Today she is somewhat antalgic on the left with a single-point cane. Cervical flexion is limited, as is extension and rotation bilaterally. She is very guarded. There is diffuse tenderness predominantly at the left paraspinals.

SKIN: Skin is without lesions.

NEUROLOGIC EXAM: There is hypoesthesia at digits four through five on the left. Grip strength is 5- on the left. Spurlings Maneuver is positive on the left.

IMPRESSION:

7. 1. C5-6 fusion
8. 2. Left C7 radiculitis with both mild sensory and motor loss

RECOMMENDATIONS:

At this time, she is stable and managed on her medication. I will see her back in six months for re-evaluation and will continue her current prescriptions of Zanaflex 4 milligrams tid, Lortab 10 milligrams tid, Gabatril 4 milligrams at night and Ambien 10 milligrams at night. We will give her five refills.

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Name: Jane Doe
Birthdate: 07/03/49
SSN: 123-45-6789
Date: 12/05/06

CHIEF COMPLAINT:

Left arm pain and neck pain

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:

The patient returns today after her last visit in June. She did well with the last injection. The pain is still daily. The Lortab is not helping as much and the pain is at best a three or four and frequently a seven on a scale of ten. She gets constant pins and needles into the fingers, weakness in the arm, and spasms occasionally at night or during the day with activity.

SOCIAL HISTORY:

She is on disability. She has difficulty with driving, especially because she cannot turn her head. She avoids any lifting. She has a reacher.

PHYSICAL EXAM:

Height: 5'5"
Weight: 178 pounds

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Pleasant, cooperative and in no acute distress.

CARDIOVASCULAR: Pulse is two out of four and symmetric in the upper and lower extremities. There is no edema.

LYMPHATIC: There is no adenopathy.

MUSCULOSKELETAL EXAM: Cervical flexion and extension are very limited at 10° and guarded. Right and left lateral flexion is 10° and guarded. There is tenderness in the paraspinals and particularly in the left C-5 through C-7 region.

SKIN: Skin is without lesions.

NEUROLOGIC EXAM: There is hypoesthesia at digits four through five on the left. Grip strength is 3- and somewhat pain limited. Coordination is normal. Spurlings Maneuver is positive for radicular symptoms in the left.

IMPRESSION:

9. C5-6 fusion
10. Left C7 radiculopathy with primarily sensory and some motor loss

RECOMMENDATIONS:

At this time we discuss a spinal cord stimulator as an option for more prolonged pain relief and less dependence on medication. I will, however, give her an opportunity to increase the Lortab 10-milligram strength for now and follow up for prn trigger point injections or epidural steroid injections. We will see her back in six months or sooner if she wants to discuss spinal cord stimulator trial.

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Name: Jane Doe
Birthdate: 07/03/49
SSN: 123-45-6789
Date: 06/06/06

CHIEF COMPLAINT:

Left arm pain and neck pain

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:

The pain has been worse over the past month, more constant and more severe at an eight out of a scale of ten. She is not getting any relief. It is fairly constant. Her left arm is numb. She is getting worsening pins and needles into the upper extremity. She denies any change in strength.

SOCIAL HISTORY: She is avoiding most activities at this time, especially since the pain has been worse this month.

PHYSICAL EXAM:

Height: 5'5"
Weight: 178 pounds

GENERAL APPEARANCE: Pleasant, cooperative and in no acute distress. She displays no abnormal pain behavior. However, she is extremely guarded with any rotation of the neck. She holds her head with a slight list to the left.

CARDIOVASCULAR: Pulse is two out of four and symmetric in the upper and lower extremities. There is no edema.

LYMPHATIC: There is no adenopathy.

MUSCULOSKELETAL EXAM: Gait and station are normal. Cervical flexion is 10° and extension is 15°. Right rotation is 20° and left rotation is zero. Trigger points are noted particularly in the left C-5 through C-7 traps and paraspinals.

SKIN: Skin is without lesions.

NEUROLOGIC EXAM: There is hypoesthesia at digits four and five. Grip strength is 3+ and pain limited. Reflexes are two out of four and symmetric. Spurlings Maneuver is positive.

IMPRESSION:

C5-6 fusion

Left C7 radiculopathy with aggravation

RECOMMENDATIONS:

At this time we discussed an epidural steroid injection or possibly a spinal cord stimulator trial since the epidurals haven't helped that much in the past. She opted for trying trigger point injections since that was more expedient. We will refill Lortab, Zanaflex, Neurontin and Ambien today and see her back in six months for refills and re-evaluation.

Trigger point injections were performed at the left C-6/7 paraspinals, trapezius and levator scapula, after sterile preparation of the skin with Betadine. A solution of 6 cc of 0.25 percent

Bupivacaine and 40 milligrams Depo-medrol was divided between three trigger point injections. There were no complications and she had moderate relief.

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Appendix 5: 40 – Payment History

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Affinity Service Group, Inc.

Claims Payment Request for: Doe, Jane

Claim Number: ABC-987654321

Date Prepared: 1/15/09

Payment Category: All

Check	Type	Check Date	Check Payee	Service Date	Check Amount
259781	Exp	01/10/09	Copy Cat, Inc.	n/a	\$33.60
165487	Exp	01/08/09	C.C & C Law	n/a	\$893.00
548632	Med	01/06/09	Orthoquest	12/02/08-12/02/08	\$72.00
165468	Rx	12/13/08	Prime Rx	n/a	\$4,500.00
876532	Med	11/24/08	Orthoquest	06/02/08-06/02/08	\$80.00
465789	Ind	05/26/08	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
445646	Ind	04/23/08	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
879769	Ind	03/27/08	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
123244	Rx	03/15/08	Prime Rx	n/a	\$3750.00
876921	Ind	02/23/08	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
346487	Med	02/18/08	Orthoquest	12/04/07-12/04/07	\$72.00
378988	Ind	01/28/08	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
421321	Rx	01/08/08	Prime Rx	n/a	\$3750.00
898997	Ind	12/23/07	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
979888	Ind	11/24/07	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
048777	Exp	11/13/07	Magnum P.I.	n/a	\$278.00
797654	Ind	10/30/07	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
668376	Ind	09/28/07	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
735153	Med	09/20/07	Orthoquest	06/05/07-06/05/07	\$80.00
123458	Ind	08/28/07	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
673677	Ind	07/23/07	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
879575	Ind	06/24/07	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
487311	Rx	06/09/07	Prime Rx	n/a	\$3750.00
365768	Ind	05/26/07	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
778792	Ind	04/29/07	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
131727	Med	04/18/07	Orthoquest	12/05/06-12/05/06	\$72.00
114586	Ind	03/27/07	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
548763	Ind	02/24/07	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00

Check	Type	Check Date	Check Payee	Service Date	Check Amount
965321	Ind	01/30/07	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
132569	Ind	12/23/06	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
154351	Med	12/11/06	Orthoquest	06/06/06-06/06/06	\$150.00
456489	Med	12/08/06	Orthoquest	06/06/06-06/06/06	\$150.00
548673	Ind	11/29/06	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
464593	Ind	10/29/06	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
356468	Ind	09/27/06	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00
245487	Ind	10/29/06	Doe, Jane	n/a	\$445.00

PRESCRIPTIONS R US PHARMACY SERVICES

Patient: Jane Doe

Date Prepared: 12/31/08

Drug Prescription	Strength	Qty	DS	Service Date	Amount
Zolpidem	10mg	30	30	12/4/2008	\$110.00
Tizanidine	4mg	180	30	12/4/2008	\$250.00
Hydrocodone/APAP	10/325mg	120	30	12/4/2008	\$50.00
Gabitril	4mg	30	30	12/4/2008	\$130.00
Zolpidem	10mg	30	30	11/7/2008	\$110.00
Tizanidine	4mg	180	30	11/7/2008	\$250.00
Hydrocodone/APAP	10/325mg	120	30	11/7/2008	\$50.00
Gabitril	4mg	30	30	11/7/2008	\$125.00
Zolpidem	10mg	30	30	10/2/2008	\$110.00
Tizanidine	4mg	180	30	10/2/2008	\$242.00
Hydrocodone/APAP	10/325mg	120	30	10/2/2008	\$50.00
Gabitril	4mg	30	30	10/2/2008	\$125.00
Zolpidem	10mg	30	30	09/11/2008	\$110.00
Tizanidine	4mg	180	30	09/11/2008	\$242.00
Hydrocodone/APAP	10/325mg	120	30	09/11/2008	\$50.00
Gabitril	4mg	30	30	09/11/2008	\$125.00
Zolpidem	10mg	30	30	08/15/2008	\$103.00
Tizanidine	4mg	180	30	08/15/2008	\$242.00
Hydrocodone/APAP	10/325mg	120	30	08/15/2008	\$50.00
Gabitril	4mg	30	30	08/15/2008	\$125.00

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