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## Medicare Payments Reduction

Medicare Fee for Service claims with dates of service or dates of discharge on or after April 1, 2013 will incur a 2 percent reduction in payment. This is due to the across the board reductions in federal spending, also known as sequestration.

The claims payment adjustment will be applied to all claims after determining coinsurance, any applicable deductible, and any applicable Medicare Secondary Payment adjustments. Though beneficiary payments for deductibles and coinsurance are not subject to the payment reduction, Medicare's payment to beneficiaries for unassigned claims is subject to the 2 percent reduction.

Questions about reimbursement should be directed to Novitas Solutions, Delaware's Medicare claims administration contractor at 877-235-8073 or visit <https://www.novitas-solutions.com/parta/info-alerts.html>

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** Does the 2% payment reduction under sequestration apply to the payment rates reflected in Medicare fee-for-service fee schedules or does it only apply to the final payment amounts?

**Answer:** Payment adjustments required under sequestration are applied to all claims after determining the Medicare payment including application of the current fee schedule, coinsurance, any applicable deductible, and any applicable Medicare Secondary Payment adjustments. All fee schedules, Pricers, etc., are unchanged by sequestration; it's only the final payment amount that is reduced.

Source: MSD, Novitas

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## Annual DMAP On-line Disclosure Form Process Started

Effective March 18, 2013, ALL practitioners are required to submit their annual Provider Disclosure Statement. The online form is now available on the DMAP website. All disclosure forms must be completed by May 3, 2013.

Practitioners will have thirty five business days to complete their annual Provider Disclosure Statement. If the form has not been submitted by May 3, 2013, your payments will be suspended.

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## Delaware Prescription Monitoring Program – Video Tutorials

Video tutorials are now available on the Delaware Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) website, [www.pmp.delaware.gov](http://www.pmp.delaware.gov). The video tutorials, *First Time Login* and *How to Query the Delaware PMP*, provide instruction on how to use the PMP. *The How to Query the Delaware PMP* tutorial provide tips on obtaining the most complete controlled substance history. To view the video tutorials, go to [www.pmp.delaware.gov](http://www.pmp.delaware.gov) and click on *Video Tutorials* under *Practitioner & Pharmacist* on the left.

The Division of Professional Regulation and Office of Controlled Substances encourage practitioners to register and to use the PMP database. Online registration is available at the Delaware PMP website, [www.pmp.delaware.gov](http://www.pmp.delaware.gov), and click on *Register* under *Practitioner & Pharmacist* on the left.

The staff of the Office of Controlled Substances is available for on-site practitioner Delaware PMP training. If you need further information, please contact Samantha Nettesheim at [delawarepmp@state.de.us](mailto:delawarepmp@state.de.us) or call (302) 744-4518.

Source: MSD

### About United Medical, LLC

Founded in November 2005 by Kemal Erkan, United Medical is a turnkey solution for the medical industry. Our mission is to raise the standards expected by today's physicians and practice groups; striving to increase the profitability for their practice while supplying state of the art technology for flawless patient care.

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