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## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

### CHAPTER 3

1. Sections 1 and 2: deletes "letter of credit".

### CHAPTER 7

2. Section 1: replaces "21 day time frame for processing adjustments" with "claims processing standards".

### CHAPTER 8

3. Table of Contents: adds "Fiscal Year 2003".
4. Section 1: revises to read - - Unless required by their Memorandum of Understanding or Provider Agreements, VA facilities may not be subject to SNF PPS.
5. Section 2: deletes MSA and removes the reference to splitting the claim when it crosses Fiscal year dates.
6. Addenda G, H, and I: adds "Fiscal Year 2003" and revises tables by using FY03 rates cited in the Federal Register Notice, dated July 31, 2002.
7. Addendum J: revises Letter to SNF Re: New Participation Agreement as follows:  
1) Critical Access Hospital swing beds will not be subject to MDS assessments and SNF PPS. 2) Unless required by their Memorandum of Understanding or the Provider Agreement, VA facilities will not be subject to MDS assessments and SNF PPS. 3) Facilities in Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa will be subject to MDS assessments and SNF PPS. 4) Makes editorial corrections adding "under SNF PPS". 5) Adds a line for Medicare Provider No.

### CHAPTER 9

8. Addendum A: corrects the group assignment for 9 ambulatory surgery codes.

### INDEX

9. Corrected header throughout document.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES (Continued)**

**CHAPTER 12**

10. Section 4: adds provision on special procedures for processing HHA claims involving other health insurance (OHI); adds a provision that HHA PPS will apply in all 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Guam; clarifies the application of the pre-floor and pre-reclassified hospital wage indexes will lag behind by one full year; adds Addendum M listing the FY 2002 Wage Indexes for Urban and Rural Areas effective for HHAS services rendered on or after October 1, 2002.