

**Request for Medicare  
Resident & New Physician  
Training Program**



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has a strong commitment to communicating accurate, consistent, and timely information about the Medicare Program to the nation’s healthcare professionals. CMS’ goal for the Medicare Resident & New Physician Training (MRNPT) Program is to introduce finishing resident physicians to Medicare and make it easy for them to effectively interact with the program and its beneficiaries. The program includes an instructor-led presentation and a comprehensive reference manual that outlines in detail, key elements of the Medicare Program.

Listed below are the topics included in the MRNPT presentation. In the following table, circle the number that best represents the importance of each topic as it relates to new physicians who will be interacting with the Medicare Program for the first time. Responses will be used to tailor the presentation for your audience.

**1 = less important 2 = somewhat important 3 = very important**

Chapter	Topic	Time	Level of Importance
1	<b>Overview of Medicare</b> This topic provides with information on Medicare Parts A and B, and Medicare + Choice. It also identifies who is eligible for Medicare benefits.	15 minutes	1 2 3
2	<b>Becoming a Medicare Physician</b> This topic outlines how to become a Medicare physician. It explains the enrollment process, the various types of physician identification numbers, and what it means to become a “participating” physician.	25 minutes	1 2 3
3	<b>Types of Claims and Filing Methods</b> This topic describes the two types of claims and filing methods used for claim submission. It also explains benefits of submitting electronic claims.	5 minutes	1 2 3
4	<b>Medicare Secondary Payer</b> This topic describes situations when Medicare is not the primary payer for a particular claim. It also provides guidance on how to determine when Medicare is the secondary payer.	10 minutes	1 2 3

5	<b>Part B Policies</b> This topic explains various types of preventive services available to Medicare beneficiaries. It also discusses services that are excluded from coverage. Finally, it defines the “Incident To” provision and how it applies to certain services.	10 minutes	1 2 3
6	<b>Evaluation and Management Documentation</b> This topic explains and demonstrates how to apply the 1997 Documentation Guidelines. It also explains the general principles of documentation, three key components of an Evaluation and Management (E/M) service, and the process used by physicians to select the appropriate level of E/M service.	35 minutes	1 2 3
7	<b>Medical Review</b> This topic explains the action taken when a carrier detects inappropriate utilization patterns of certain procedures or services. It also explains how medical policies are developed on national and local levels.	10 minutes	1 2 3
8	<b>Inquiry, Appeal, Waiver, and Overpayment</b> This topic describes various methods to contact Medicare carriers, how to appeal an original claim decision, the Waiver of Liability provision and how it applies to certain services, and the process to follow once an overpayment has been detected.	15 minutes	1 2 3
9	<b>Business Relations and Payment Accuracy</b> This topic discusses the importance of establishing and maintaining solid business relations. It also informs physicians about proactive measures they can take to protect their practice from the fraudulent activities of others.	15 minutes	1 2 3
10	<b>Protecting the Medicare Trust Fund</b> This topic provides an explanation of fraud and abuse. Additionally, it describes various sanctions that may be imposed on an individual/organization who engages in fraudulent or abusive activities.	15 minutes	1 2 3
11	<b>Legislation Issues Affecting Medicare</b> This topic explains legislation that impacts the Medicare Program, such legislation includes: the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment, and Mandatory Claims Filing requirements.	15 minutes	1 2 3

Please return to page 1, add the total number of topics that have a “2” or “3” circled (selected topics) and the total time required to discuss those topics. Place this information in the blanks below.

**Total number of topics selected = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total time for topics selected = \_\_\_\_\_** (e.g., 25 minutes, 1.5 hours)

**Note:** Ensure the total time for the topics selected does not exceed the total time available for residents to attend this presentation.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. We appreciate your support in helping us produce an educational program that meets the needs of your finishing residents.

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