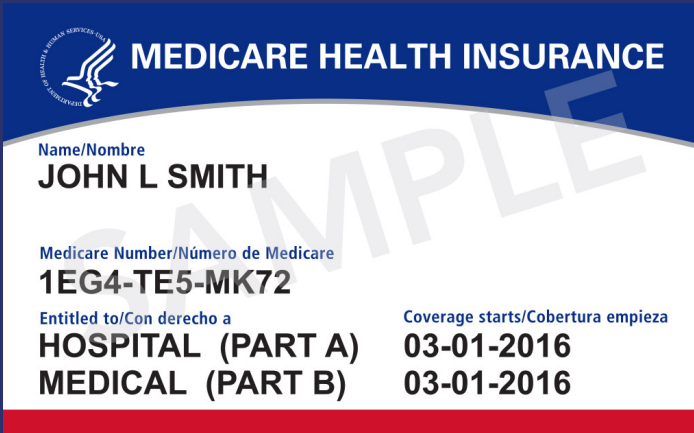


Medicare Conditional Payments: A Plaintiff's Timeline



Timing is everything when it comes to resolving Medicare conditional payments. Plaintiff attorneys, use this timeline to make sure you stay on track with Medicare on liability cases.

Timelines

The Medicare timeline is different than your case timeline. Use this to make sure all Medicare issues are ready for final resolution when your case settles.

Your Case	Medicare	
Day 1	Before Day 1	Put Medicare on notice. Expect to wait up to 21 days to receive the Medicare Rights & Responsibilities (R&R) letter.
Day 21	Day 1	Receive R&R Letter. Medicare timeline starts from date on this letter. Expect to wait up to 65 days to receive the initial Conditional Payment Letter (CPL).
Day 86	Day 65	Receive initial CPL. Conduct line-by-line audit for relatedness, and immediately dispute unrelated items. Expect to wait up to 45 days for Medicare's response to your dispute.
Day 131	Day 110	Receive Medicare's dispute response. Depending on success, you may need to dispute again (for same or new claim listings). If all charges are accurate, request an updated CPL 60 days from the date of the dispute response.
Day 191	Day 170	Request an updated Conditional Payment Letter.
Day 256	Day 235	Receive updated CPL. When you receive a CPL you find favorable (i.e., all unrelated items removed), move forward to settle your case. Assume that takes one week.
Day 263	Day 242	Congratulations! You have settled the case. Now, provide Medicare final settlement details and request a final demand letter. Expect to wait up to 35 days to receive final demand.
Day 294	Day 273	Receive final demand from Medicare and pay final demand amount within 60 days so interest does not accrue and Medicare does not refer matter to USDOT or USDOJ. If final figure is not right, work through post-demand appeals process.

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