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## **MedAllocators supports CMS move towards web-based MSA submissions**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has recently announced that it is moving forward with a plan for Medicare Set-Aside submissions to be made through a web-based portal in 2010, a plan MedAllocators fully supports. Currently, MSA submissions are burned onto a CD and then sent to Medicare. CMS in turn provides future correspondence via US mail, which adds considerable time to the submission process.

Prior to this announcement, CMS had surveyed MedAllocators as well as other entities making MSA submissions regarding the feasibility of web-based MSA submissions. MedAllocators responded that we stand ready to do this as soon as CMS puts a system in place. CMS will be having a teleconference regarding this issue on September 29 for which MedAllocators will be a participant. Further information can be found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/WorkersCompAgencyServices/>

### ***CMS RELEASES FORM TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FOR REPORTING***

Section 111 Mandatory Reporting requires workers' compensation, no-fault and liability insurance plans to obtain the Social Security numbers and/or the HICN (Medicare number) from claimants. However, in non-workers' compensation claims, where this information has not traditionally been obtained, claimants have in some cases resisted providing this information. In response, CMS recently released an Alert advising of the need to obtain these numbers along with model language to be used by entities attempting to obtain this information from a claimant. MedAllocators recommends use of this model language. The Alert and model language can be found on the MedAllocators website at:

[www.MedAllocators.com/CMSmemos.php](http://www.MedAllocators.com/CMSmemos.php)

### ***National Workers' Compensation & Disability Conference***

MedAllocators is pleased to announce that we will be an exhibitor at the conference held in Chicago November 18-20. If attending, please plan on stopping by to meet us at **BOOTH #2122** and learn more about MedAllocators' array of services.