Request Permanent Immediate Recoupment/Offset for Medicare Overpayments and Streamline Your Processing

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Providers can elect to request **Permanent Immediate Recoupment/Offset** of their **demanded overpayments** to avoid making payment by check or avoid the assessment of interest if the immediate recoupment pays the debt in full before day 31.

Medicare interest on debt payments accrues monthly rather than daily, debt payments paid on or after day 31 accrues interest for the entire following month at the treasury rate. The treasury rate currently charged by CMS is 10.125 percent.

Providers who activate **Permanent Immediate Recoupment/Offset** generally have their debts offset and recouped on day 16. These payments are considered on-time payments and a great way to avoid interest accrual. This option is a one-time request that will allow your organization to immediately begin saving money in interest on Medicare debts.

With **Permanent Immediate Recoupment/Offset,** the overpayment amount is deducted from upcoming Medicare payments. The recoupment does not begin until the 16th day from the date of the demand letter, so there is time to file an appeal if you disagree with the overpayment decision. You will have 120 days from the date of the demand letter to file an appeal even when recoupment/offset has occurred.

Note: Ensure that your organization does have claims being submitted and scheduled Medicare payments.

Activating the Permanent Immediate Recoupment/Offset

1. Go to the NGS Medicare website, https://www.NGSMedicare.com
2. From the Part B home page, select the **Overpayment** tab
3. Select **Request an Immediate Recoupment**
4. To the right side of the web page, listed under **Form(s) you will need,** select Immediate Recoupment Request Form – Electronic/E-Mail and do the following:

    a. For the Immediate Recoupment Type select **Current and Future Overpayments**

    b. Fill in the remainder of the electronic form with your provider information

    c. Ensure that contact information is listed

    d. In the **Demand Letter Number** box, type **"none"**

    e. Click the **Submit** button

Note: If the form continues to display, you will need to populate the appropriate boxes or make corrections. If the form disappears, your submission was successful