

170.1 – Definitions

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Note: Under original Medicare rules, a Medicare participating provider (hereinafter referred to as a participating provider) is a provider that signs an agreement with Medicare to always accept assignment. The MACs post lists of Medicare participating providers. Participating providers may never balance bill because they have agreed to always accept the Medicare allowed amount as payment in full. An original Medicare non-participating provider (hereinafter referred to as a non-participating, or non-par, provider) may accept assignment on a case-by-case basis and indicates this by checking affirmatively in field 27 on the CMS 5010 claims form. In these instances, no balance billing of enrollees by the provider is permitted.