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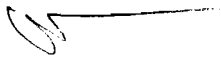
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### MEMORANDUM

August 24, 2009

To: All Judges and Attorneys

From: Peter J. Calderone, Director and Chief Judge 

Subject: Medicare Questions on Court Orders

Medicare reviews and compliance when required should be initiated early in a case proceeding. However, there have been ongoing problems where cases have been finalized without recognition of Medicare requirements. Such noncompliance puts the petitioner, the respondent, the attorneys and the judge at risk.

Pursuant to a suggestion presented and adopted at the recent Supervising Judges Meeting, the website judgement and order forms have been modified to include a question asking whether petitioner is Medicare eligible. The question will be added to future rip-out form orders.

A judge may not sign and support staff may not enter an order if the question is not answered. This question must be answered by checking a yes or no. If the answer is yes, then the Medicare requirements must be addressed in finalizing the order or judgement.

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