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## PRRB - Oct. 20 Deadline to Add Issues and Recent Alerts

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Don't forget that providers with appeals pending before the Provider Reimbursement Review Board (PRRB) as of August 20, 2008, have until the later of the following two dates to add issues to those pending appeals:

- *October 20, 2008, or*
- 240 days after receipt of the determination, e.g., Notice of Program Reimbursement.

See 9/17/08 Payment Matters article, "**Don't Miss Deadline for Adding Issues to Pending PRRB Appeals.**"

In addition, the PRRB issued two Alerts earlier this month:

- Alert 2, issued October 1, 2008, clarified due dates for individual and group appeals for filing of position papers, proposed Joint Scheduling Orders and jurisdictional documents.
- Alert 3, issued October 3, 2008, addressed the filing of position papers for issues added to appeals in cases pending as of August 21, 2008. The Board advised that in these cases, if an issue is timely added by the later of the two dates listed above (i.e., October 20, 2008, or 240 days of receipt of the determination), and if the position paper deadlines have already expired, the supplemental position papers for the added issue, that must comply with the requirements of Rule 25, are due as follows:
  - Provider's supplemental position paper – 120 days prior to hearing
  - Intermediary's response – 60 days prior to hearing
  - Provider's rebuttal (optional) – 30 days prior to hearing.
  - Exception: Where a hearing is scheduled on or before March 1, 2009, providers are to contact intermediaries to work out a schedule and, if no agreement can be reached, providers should contact their Board Advisor.

The Alerts can be found on the PRRB's website at [www.cms.hhs.gov/PRRBReview/02\\_PRRB\\_Instructions.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PRRBReview/02_PRRB_Instructions.asp).