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CMS Finally Finalizes Medicare Claims Appeal Procedures

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The appeal of Part A and B claims denied by Medicare contractors, including the RACs, is subject to a process that was revised by an interim final rule with comment period issued on March 8, 2005, pursuant to a proposal published on November 15, 2002. On December 9, 2009, CMS finally addressed the 26 comments that it received in 2005 and finalized the rule in a [43-page Federal Register publication \[PDF\]](#). Other than technical revisions (e.g., "days" vs. "calendar days" and "final" vs. "final and binding"), CMS did not make any substantive change that affects appeal rights, deadlines, format, etc.

Ober|Kaler's Comments: This is one final rule that you can place on the back burner.

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