

The AMA has learned that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is pulling the controversial requirement for physician signatures on lab requisitions. The requirement was included in the Final Physician Fee Schedule Rule published in early November and was originally scheduled to go into effect on January 1. The AMA worked with closely with our colleagues in the lab community to successfully secure a delay on implementation of the policy until April 1. In the meantime, we continued to work to get CMS to reverse its' position. We are grateful that the agency has listened to the significant concerns regarding this policy. We will forward the official CMS announcement to the Federation when it is released.

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