

# On the Line: Professional Practice Solutions (4/00)

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**Q:** [When are rubber-stamp signatures acceptable?](#) I read in a Part A newsletter that Medicare no longer accepts rubber-stamp signatures on documents that certify, order, or justify a service billed to Medicare. The newsletter cited the Medicare Conditions of Participation for hospitals (42CFR482.24). Have the rules changed?

**Q:** I was under the impression that a new prospective payment system (PPS) was to be implemented on October 1, 2000, for Medicare patients in rehabilitation hospitals. [Where can I locate the proposed rules?](#)

**Q:** [Where on the Web can I find information about HIPAA?](#)

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