

RAC Medical Record Request Limits

Summary of Medical Record Limits (for FY 2009)

- **Inpatient Hospital, IRF, SNF, Hospice**
 - **10%** of avg mthly Medicare claims (max of 200) per 45 days
- **Other Part A Billers** (Outpatient Hospital, HH)
 - **1%** of average monthly Medicare services (max of 200) per 45 days
- **Physicians**
 - Solo Practitioner: **10** medical records per 45 days
 - Partnership of 2-5 individuals: **20** medical records per 45 days
 - Group of 6-15 individuals: **30** medical records per 45 days
 - Large Group (16+ individuals): **50** medical records per 45 days
- **Other Part B Billers** (DME, Lab)
 - **1%** of average monthly Medicare services per 45 days

Inpatient Hospital, IRF, SNF, Hospice by NPI

- 10% of average monthly Medicare paid claims per 45 days
- Maximum of 200 medical records per 45 days
- Example 1: Local Community Hospital
 - 1,200 Medicare paid claims in 2007
 - Divided by 12 = average 100 Medicare paid claims per month
 - x 10% = 10
 - **Limit = 10 medical records per 45 days**
- Example 2: Major Medical Center
 - 12,000 Medicare paid claims in 2007
 - Divided by 12 = avg 1,000 Medicare paid claims per month
 - x 10% = 100
 - **Limit = 100 medical records per 45 days**

Other Part A Billers (Outpatient Hospital, Home Health, etc) by NPI

- 1% of average monthly Medicare paid services per 45 days
- Maximum of 200 medical records per 45 days
- Example 1:
 - 1,500 Medicare paid services in 2007

- Divided by 12 = avg 125 Medicare paid services per month
- x 1% = 1.25
- **Limit = 2 records/45 days**
- Example 2:
 - 360,000 Medicare paid services in 2007
 - Divided by 12 = avg 30,000 Medicare paid services per month
 - x 1% = 300
 - **Limit = 200 records/45 days (capped at the maximum)**

Physicians (by NPI)

- Solo Practitioner
 - **Limit = 10 medical records/45 days**
- Partnership of 2-5 individuals
 - **Limit = 20 medical records/45 days**
- Group of 6-15 individuals
 - **Limit = 30 medical records/45 days**
- Large Group (16+ individuals)
 - **Limit = 50 medical records/45 days**

Other Part B Billers (DME, Ambulance, Lab) by NPI

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