



## **REGULATION CHANGE for CHHAs, LTHHCPs & LHCSAs**

A recent change to New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR), Title 10, Sections 763.7 & 766.4 now allows certified home health agencies (CHHAs), long term home health care programs (LTHHCPs), and licensed home care services agencies (LHCSAs) up to 12 months to obtain a physician's signature on orders for services, including verbal and telephone orders. The regulations can be found at: [http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/recently\\_adopted](http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/recently_adopted).

Since home care providers cannot submit claims until the signed physician order is obtained, and the new regulation now allows them up to a year to obtain the signature, home care claims will be submitted beyond the normal 90 day filing requirement. In order to accommodate the provisions of the revised regulation, the 90-day timely filing requirement found in NYCRR Title 10, Section 540.6 has been extended to exempt appropriately submitted home care claims from certain timely filing edit denials.

Home care providers must submit their claims **within 30 days of the date of the signed physician order**. No Delay Reason Code should be included with these claims.