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pending and denied, of coal miners who are totally disabled by black lung disease, as well as the pending and denied claims of the survivors of coal miners who have died while totally disabled by black lung disease.

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Authorization to protect the confidentiality of subjects involved in research on drug abuse. The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare has authorized employees of the University of California to protect the privacy of persons who are subjects of drug abuse research by withholding their names and other identifying characteristics from all persons not connected with that research. The university, however, may not withhold this information from qualified HEW personnel needing it for management purposes, but the persons receiving it must not disclose it.

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Prohibition against reassignment of claims by providers and suppliers. The Health Care Financing Administration proposes to prohibit, except in specified situations, a provider, a physician, or other supplier of services from reassigning claims for Medicare reimbursement. A provider who violates this prohibition would be subject to termination of the provider agreement; a physician or other supplier would be subject to revocation of the right to receive assignment from Medicare beneficiaries. The proposal would also deter physicians and other suppliers from violating their assignment agreement (chiefly their agreement to accept the reasonable charge) by making the administrative sanctions conform with those that apply to situations involving prohibited reassignments.

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End stage renal disease program. Notice is given of a decision by the Health Care Financing Administration to implement the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Amendments of 1978. The regulations will extend Medicare entitlement based on ESRD to the relatively few patients who were previously ineligible because they were 65 years of age or older, will permit entitlement to begin earlier for patients who receive renal transplants or training in self-dialysis, and will lengthen the duration of Medicare payments following a renal transplant. The regulations will also establish requirements for the certification of self-dialysis facilities and for Medicare reimbursement of the services related to self-dialysis facilities and of the services related to self-dialysis in which the patient performs most of the procedures of the dialysis process at home.

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Seminar on hazardous waste management. The Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Program and the Center for Environmental Quality Management of Vanderbilt University are sponsoring a seminar on hazardous waste management, January 16-18, 1979, in Nashville, Tenn. The seminar will present an overview of the present and anticipated policies on hazardous waste management as they apply to toxics, industrial waste and refuse, including the interrelationships among air, water, and groundwater quality. Specific information will be presented on accurate development of solid waste management tools, including design and management and operation and planning. Special consideration will be given to those waste products that contain materials requiring consideration for isolation and immobilization during disposal.

For information concerning the seminar write Prof. W. W. Eckenfelder, Jr., Vanderbilt University, Box 6222, Station B, Nashville, Tenn. 37235.

Occupational dermatology symposium.

A symposium on occupational dermatology, sponsored jointly by the International Contact Dermatitis Research Group, the North American Contact Dermatitis Group, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and the University of California Hospital, San Francisco, will be held March 26-28, 1979, at the University of California Hospital. The course will succinctly summarize the principles and practices of occupational dermatology, emphasizing the latest relevant advances. Presentations by an international faculty will be aimed at physicians, nurses, and allied health scientists involved in the prevention and treatment of skin diseases. Workshops and field trips are optional.

For information, write Extended Programs in Medical Education, University of California Hospital, San Francisco, Calif. 94143, or call (415) 666-4251.

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Acute Conditions, Incidence and Associated Disability, United States, July 1975-1976. *DHEW Publication No. (PHS) 78-1548, Series 10, No. 120. January 1978; 66 pages.*

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