

42 C.F.R. § 476.96

Review period and reopening of initial denial determinations and changes as a result of DRG validations.

(a) *General timeframe.* A QIO or its subcontractor—

- (1) Within one year of the date of the claim containing the service in question, may review and deny payment; and
- (2) Within one year of the date of its decision, may reopen an initial denial determination or a change as a result of a DRG validation.

(b) *Extended timeframes.* (1) An initial denial determination or change as a result of a DRG validation may be made after one year but within four years of the date of the claim containing the service in question, if CMS approves.

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