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Create New Claims Center For Non-Credentialed Claims

Luckily, Medicare allows you to hold onto claims for a new physician and send them once the doctor has a billing number, notes **Laura Talbert** with **Shore Billing & Management** in Allen, MD. She recommends setting up a separate claims center for the new physician, so you can process the claims normally. You can call it Medicare 2, and claims that go into that center simply will go on hold instead of going to the carrier. Once the physician is credentialed, you simply hit send.

Think of those claims as money in the bank, because eventually you'll get paid for them, Talbert says.