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News

2019 Quality Payment Program: Performance Information on Care Compare

CMS added 2019 Quality Payment Program performance information to the Doctors and Clinicians section of [Medicare Care Compare](#) and the [Provider Data Catalog](#). Visit the [Care Compare: Doctors and Clinicians Initiative](#) webpage for details.

More Information:

- [Video presentation](#) with details about the release
- Contact QPP@cms.hhs.gov

Orthoses Referring Providers: Comparative Billing Report in June

In late June, CMS will issue a second letter in the Special Edition Comparative Billing Report (CBR) series on Part B claims for orthoses referring providers. Use the data-driven tables to compare your billing and payment patterns with peers in your state and across the nation.

The public can't view CBRs. Look for an email from cbrpepper.noreply@religroupinc.com to access your report. Update your email address in the [Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System](#) to ensure delivery.

More Information:

- [View a webinar recording](#)
- [Visit the CBR website](#)
- [Register for a live webinar](#) on July 14 from 3-4 pm ET

Compliance

SNF 3-Day Rule: Bill Correctly

An [Office of Inspector General report](#) found that Medicare improperly paid for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services when patients didn't meet our 3-Day inpatient hospital stay requirement. Review the [Skilled Nursing Facility 3-Day Rule Billing](#) fact sheet to help you bill correctly. Additional resources:

- [SNF Billing Reference](#) educational tool
- [Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations § 411.400](#)
- [Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 8](#)
- [Medicare Claims Billing Manual, Chapter 6](#)
- [Medicare Claims Billing Manual, Chapter 30](#)

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July 2021 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 22.2

[Learn about changes to this version.](#)

July 2021 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

[Learn about changes to payment policies and billing instructions.](#)

National Coverage Determination (NCD) 20.9.1 Ventricular Assist Devices (VADs)

[Learn about this determination](#), effective December 1, 2020.

Quarterly Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment — Revised

[Read modified language in the policy section.](#)

Publications

Medicare Billing for Cardiac Device Credits — Revised

[Read updated information](#) in this Medicare Learning Network fact sheet:

- Hospital replaced device credit
- Device offset cap beginning in 2020

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