

The CMS Quarterly Provider Update OCTOBER 2010

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 828, entitled "Emergency Update to the CY 2011 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Database," was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 828](#)

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2128, entitled "January 2011 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System," was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2128](#)

Transmittal 2129, entitled "Summary of Policies in the CY 2011 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) and the Telehealth Originating Site Facility Fee Payment Amount," was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2129](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-0033-F2 entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Electronic Health Record Incentive Program; Correcting Amendment," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View CMS-0033-F2](#)

12/27/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1510-CN2 entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2011; Changes in Certification Requirements for Home Health Agencies and Hospices," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View CMS-1510-CN2](#)

CMS-6041-NC entitled "Medicare Program: Solicitation of Comments Regarding Development of a Recovery Audit Contractor Program for the Medicare Part C and D Programs," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View CMS-6041-NC](#)

12/23/2010

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 2124, entitled "Updates to the Internet Only Manual Pub. 100-04, Chapter 1 -General Billing Requirements, Chapter 15 - Ambulance, and Chapter 26 - Completing and Processing Form CMS-1500 Data Set," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2124](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1350-ANPRM entitled "Medicare Program; Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act: Applicability to Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Inpatients and Hospitals With Specialized Capabilities," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1350-ANPRM](#)

12/17/2010

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 362, entitled "Implementation of Home Health Agency (HHA) Payment Safeguard Provisions," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 362](#)

Transmittal 824, entitled "Additions to and Revisions of Existing G-Codes for the Reporting of Skilled Nursing Services and Skilled therapy Services in the Home Health or Hospice Setting," was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 824](#)

Transmittal 2121, entitled "Reporting of Service Units with HCPCS," was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2121](#)

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2114, entitled "January 2011 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 12.0," was published. This regulation affects Hospices and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2114](#)

Transmittal 2120, entitled "Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2120](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9062-N entitled "Medicare Program and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—July Through September 2010," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[View CMS-9062-N](#)

12/16/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1573-N entitled "Medicare Program; First Semi-Annual Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups--February 28, 2011 Through March 2, 2011," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-1573-N](#)

CMS-3241-N entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for Members for the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-3241-N](#)

12/15/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1574-N entitled "Medicare Program; Re-Chartering of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

[View CMS-1574-N](#)

CMS-3236-N entitled "Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on Physician Quality Reporting System," was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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12/14/2010

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 2115, entitled "Pharmacy Billing for Drugs Provided "Incident to" a Physician's Service," was published. This regulation affects Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Rural Health Clinics.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2115](#)

12/08/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1510-CN entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2011; Changes in Certification Requirements for Home Health Agencies and Hospices; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View CMS-1510-CN](#)

CMS-3234-N entitled "Medicare Program; Renewal of the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC); Correction," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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12/03/2010

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 134, entitled “Annual Wellness Visit (AWV), Including Personalized Prevention Plan Services (PPPS),” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2109, entitled “Annual Wellness Visit (AWV), Including Personalized Prevention Plan Services (PPPS),” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2111, entitled “Outlier Reconciliation and other Outlier Manual Updates for the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS), Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) PPS, Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) PPS and Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) PPS,” was published. This regulation affects Community Mental Health Centers and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2111](#)

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 2110, entitled “Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule – Medicare Travel Allowance Fees for Collection of Specimens,” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2110](#)

11/30/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2361-F entitled “Medicaid Program; Cost Limit for Providers Operated by Units of Government and Provisions to Ensure the Integrity of Federal-State Financial Partnership,” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

[View CMS-2361-F](#)

11/29/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1342-N entitled “Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on the Fiscal Year 2012 Applications for Add-on Payments for New Medical Services and Technologies Under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System and Informational Workshop on the Application Process and Criteria for Add-on Payments for New Medical Services and Technologies Under the Inpatient and Outpatient Prospective Payment Systems,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-1342-N](#)

CMS-1503-FC entitled “Medicare Program; Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2011,” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View CMS-1503-FC](#)

CMS-2332-PN entitled “Medicare Program; Application by the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities, Inc. (AAAASF) for Deeming Authority for Providers of Outpatient Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology Services,” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and ALL Providers.

[View CMS-2332-PN](#)

CMS-3235-N entitled “Medicare Program; Listening Session on Development of Additional Imaging Efficiency Measures for Use in the Hospital Outpatient Quality Data Reporting Program,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-3235-N](#)

CMS-3237-N entitled “Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee—January 19, 2011,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-4154-PN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Renewal of Deeming Authority of the National Committee for Quality Assurance for Medicare Advantage Health Maintenance Organizations and Local Preferred Provider Organizations,” was published. This regulation affects Medicare+Choice and ALL Providers.

[View CMS-4154-PN](#)

11/26/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3229-N entitled “Medicare Program; Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Contracts: Solicitation of Proposals From In-State QIOs--Idaho, Maine, South Carolina, and Vermont,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View CMS-3229-N](#)

11/24/2010

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 68, entitled “Chapter 9, Exhibits and Table of Contents,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 68](#)

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2106, entitled “Calendar Year (CY) 2011 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment,” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2106](#)

Transmittal 2108, entitled “CY 2011 Fee Schedule Update for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule,” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

View the complete text of Transmittal 2108

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1504-FC and CMS-1498-IFC2 entitled "Medicare Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and CY 2011 Payment Rates; Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System and CY 2011 Payment Rates; Payments to Hospitals for Graduate Medical Education Costs; Physician Self-Referral Rules and Related Changes to Provider Agreement Regulations; Payment for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Services Furnished in Rural Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View CMS-1504-FC; CMS-1498-IFC2

11/22/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4144-CN entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs for Contract Year 2012 and Other Proposed Changes; Correction," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-4144-P entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs for Contract Year 2012 and Other Proposed Changes; Correction," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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11/19/2010

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 128, entitled "Ventricular Assist Devices (VAD) as Destination Therapy," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Physicians.

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Transmittal 2096, entitled "Billing Clarification for Positron Emission Tomography (AnF-18) PET for Identify Bone Metastasis of Cancer in Context of a Clinical Trial," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2098, entitled "New Physician Specialty Codes for Cardiac Electrophysiology, Sports Medicine and Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation (ICR)," was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 65, entitled "Update to the Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance, and Premium Rates for 2011," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2097, entitled "Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 17.0, Effective January 1, 2011," was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2097](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3228-F entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Changes to the Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Conditions of Participation To Ensure Visitation Rights for All Patients," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-3228-F](#)

11/17/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1345-NC entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Information Regarding Accountable Care Organizations and the Medicare Shared Saving Program," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View CMS-1345-NC](#)

CMS-1510-F entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2011; Changes in Certification Requirements for Home Health Agencies and Hospices," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View CMS-1510-F](#)

11/16/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1344-CN entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2011; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1344-CN](#)

11/15/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2238-F2 entitled "Medicaid Program; Withdrawal of Determination of Average Manufacturer Price, Multiple Source Drug Definition, and Upper Limits for Multiple Source Drugs," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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CMS-2336-FN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Approval of Det Norske Veritas Healthcare for Deeming Authority for Critical Access Hospitals," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-2336-FN](#)

11/12/2010

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 811, entitled "Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) Compatibility Enhancement," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 811](#)

Transmittal 2089, entitled "Implementation of edits for the Emergency Department (ED) adjustment policy under the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS)" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2092, entitled "Update to Frequency Billing Requirements" was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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Transmittal 2093, entitled "Waiver of Coinsurance and Deductible for Preventive Services in Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), Section 4104 of Affordable Care Act (ACA)" was published. This regulation affects Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics.

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11/10/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6034-P entitled "Medicaid Program; Recovery Audit Contractors," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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11/09/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-8040-N entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for CY 2011," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-8041-N entitled "Medicare Program; Part A Premiums for CY 2011 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View CMS-8041-N](#)

CMS-8042-N entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2011," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[View CMS-8042-N](#)

11/08/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2346-P entitled "Medicare Program; Community-Based Care Transitions Program (CCTP) Meeting," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-2346-P](#)

11/05/2010

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 799, entitled "Provider Education for Handling NPI Issues Related to Deceased Providers Who Had an NPI," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics, Prosthetics and Supplies, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 799](#)

Transmittal 804, entitled "Common Working File (CWF) Informational Unsolicited Response (IUR) for claims that have line item dates of service after the date of death of a beneficiary" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2084, entitled "New Waived Tests," was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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11/03/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5055-N entitled "Medicare Program; Community-Based Care Transitions Program (CCTP) Meeting," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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10/29/2010

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 793, entitled "National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) Point of Origin Code Updates," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 793](#)

Transmittal 794, entitled "Accumulation of Informational Only Claims with Condition Code 04 from Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) and Maryland Waiver Hospitals on the Provider Statistical and Reimbursement Report (PS and R)," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 796, entitled "Clarification of Payment Window for Outpatient Services Treated as Inpatient Services," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2075, entitled "Update to the Medicare Claims Processing Manual Publication 100-04, Chapter 19, Indian Health Services," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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10/22/2010

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 133, entitled "Air Ambulance Services," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2326-PN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the Joint Commission for Deeming Authority for Psychiatric Hospitals," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-2326-PN](#)

CMS-3140-P entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities; Hospice Services," was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 783, entitled "Revenue Codes Updates," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2066, entitled "Maryland Waiver Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) must submit informational only claims to Medicare," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2067, entitled "January 2011 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2067](#)

Transmittal 2068, entitled "Annual Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee Update 2011," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2068](#)

10/13/2010

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-0009-F entitled "Health Insurance Reform; Announcement of Maintenance Changes to Electronic Data Transaction Standards Adopted Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View CMS-0009-N](#)

10/08/2010

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 782, entitled "The Transition of a Segment of the Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) Legacy Workload (Formerly Processed by Mutual of Omaha) for the States of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia to the J12 A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor MAC," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Home Health Agencies and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 782](#)

Transmittal 2064, entitled "Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) Enhancement," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2064](#)

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 127, entitled "Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) for Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS)," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 127](#)

Transmittal 2062, entitled "Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) for Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS)," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2062](#)

10/01/2010

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 443, entitled "Regional Medicare Swing-Bed Rates," was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 443](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1498-F, CMS-1498-IFC and CMS-1406-F entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System Changes and FY 2011 Rates; Provider Agreements and Supplier Approvals; and Hospital Conditions of Participation for Rehabilitation and Respiratory Care Services; Medicaid Program: Accreditation for Providers of Inpatient Psychiatric Services; Corrections," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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