

U.S. House and Senate Notification
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To: Congressional Health Staff

From: Amy Hall
Director, Office of Legislation
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Re: CMS Releases Updated Guide to Navigating Medicare Requirements
for Approving Innovative Technologies

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) today issued an updated version of *The Innovator's Guide to Navigating Medicare*, providing a roadmap to Medicare coverage, coding, and payment. This is an update to a resource document issued in 2008.

The guide was developed by the CMS Council for Technology and Innovation (CTI), a CMS-wide working group charged with streamlining and creating a more transparent process to get new technologies to patients more quickly. CTI is composed of senior CMS staff and clinicians, and was established by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003.

Additional information about CTI, including a downloadable copy of the *Guide*, is available at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CouncilonTechInnov/>.

If you have any questions, please contact the CMS Office of Legislation. Thank you.