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Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

SNFs billing Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for services paid under the SNF PPS

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is October 1, 2007.
- The implementation date is October 1, 2007.
- Annual updates to the PPS rates are required by §1888(e) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999, the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000, and the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), relating to Medicare payments and consolidated billing for SNFs.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published the SNF payment rates for FY 2007 (October 1, 2006, through September 30, 2007) in the Federal Register (FR) on July 31, 2006 (Volume 71 FR 43159).
- MLN Matters article MM5688 reminds SNFs that the annual update of the rates will be announced soon.
- The FY 2008 SNF payment rates will be effective October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008.
- The update methodology is identical to that used in the previous year and will include the MMA reimbursement for beneficiaries with AIDS.
- The statute mandates an update to the federal rates using the latest SNF full market basket.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5688.pdf> on the CMS website.

Market basket definitions and general information can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProgramRatesStats/downloads/info.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5688) issued regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1306CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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