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*The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs)*

### Key Words

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### Provider Types Affected

IPPS hospitals, IRFs, and LTCHs submitting claims to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries

### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 4, 2008.
- The implementation date is January 4, 2008.
- Change Request (CR) 5846 provides updated SSI/Medicare beneficiary data for determining additional payment amounts for hospitals with a disproportionate share of low-income patients.
- The Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Section 9105) provides additional payment amounts for IPPS hospitals with a disproportionate share of low-income patients.
- Under the IRF PPS, IRFs receive additional payment amounts to account for the cost of furnishing care to low-income patients (See 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §412.624(e)(2) at [http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_04/42cfr412\\_04.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/42cfr412_04.html) on the Internet). This is done by adjusting the prospective payment rate.
- The SSI data is updated on an annual basis. These data are one of the components used to determine an appropriate low-income percentage adjustment for each IRF.
- Under the LTCH PPS, the payment adjustment for short-stay outlier cases is based on the calculation of an amount comparable to the amount that would otherwise be paid under the IPPS (i.e., the "IPPS comparable amount"). Providers can view 42 CFR §412.529 at [http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_04/42cfr412\\_04.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/42cfr412_04.html) on the Internet.

- CR5846 also provides links to the electronic files containing updated SSI/Medicare beneficiary data for determining additional payment amounts for hospitals with a disproportionate share of low-income patients.
- The data are used for settlement purposes for IPPS hospitals and IRFs with cost reporting periods beginning during FY 2006 (cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2005, and before October 1, 2006). The files are located at the following CMS website addresses:
  - The IPPS data is available at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AcuteInpatientPPS/05\\_dsh.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AcuteInpatientPPS/05_dsh.asp#TopOfPage) on the CMS website;
  - The IRF PPS data is at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/InpatientRehabFacPPS/05\\_SSIData.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/InpatientRehabFacPPS/05_SSIData.asp#TopOfPage); and
  - The LTCH PPS data is at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/LongTermCareHospitalPPS/08\\_download.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/LongTermCareHospitalPPS/08_download.asp#TopOfPage) on the CMS website.
- It should be noted that the cost settlement requirements (requirements 5846.2 and 5846.3) in CR5846 do not apply to LTCH PPS as the SSI ratio is only used in determining the payment adjustment for short-stay outlier cases.

## Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5846.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5846) issued regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1396CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have any questions, they may contact their Medicare FI or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.