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### *Section 1011: Federal Reimbursement of Emergency Health Services Furnished to Undocumented Aliens – An Update*

#### Key Words

SE0633, Reimbursement, Emergency, Undocumented, Aliens

#### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, hospitals, and ambulance services that provide emergency health services to undocumented aliens

#### Key Points

- The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act (MMA) (Section 1011) provides \$250 million each year for Fiscal Years (FY) 2005-2008 for payments to eligible providers for emergency health services given to undocumented and other specified aliens.
  - Two-thirds of the funds are divided among all 50 states and the District of Columbia, based on their relative percentages of undocumented aliens.
  - One-third of the funds are divided among the six states with the largest number of undocumented alien apprehensions.
- From the respective state allotments, payments are made directly to enrolled hospitals, physicians, and ambulance providers for some or all of the costs of providing emergency health care (required under Section 1867) and related hospital inpatient services, outpatient services, and ambulance services provided to eligible individuals.
- TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, LLC, is the national contractor for the Section 1011 program and is the only contractor for processing all requests for Section 1011 provider payments.
  - If providers want to request 1011 payments, they must do so by enrolling with TrailBlazer and then submit their requests to TrailBlazer.
  - Providers are **NOT** to submit requests for 1011 payment to their regular Fiscal Intermediary or carrier.

- More information about the Section 1011 program or enrolling as a provider may be found at [http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/Section\\_1011/Default.aspx?](http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/Section_1011/Default.aspx?) on the TrailBlazer website.
- TrailBlazer can also be contacted directly by telephone at (866) 860-1011.

### Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0633.pdf>

Providers may view MLN Matters Special Edition article SE0535 (MMA – CMS' Implementation of Section 1011 of the MMA – Federal Funding of Emergency Health Services Furnished to Undocumented Aliens) at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/se0535.pdf> on the CMS website.

Current allocations of Section 1011 funds may be viewed at [http://cms.hhs.gov/UndocAliens/04\\_state\\_alloc.asp#TopofPage](http://cms.hhs.gov/UndocAliens/04_state_alloc.asp#TopofPage) on the CMS website.