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News Flash - Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) Contingency Plan Announced!

Effective May 23, 2007, Medicare FFS is establishing a contingency plan for implementing the National Provider Identifier (NPI). In this plan, as soon as Medicare considers the number of claims submitted with an NPI for primary providers (Billing, pay-to and rendering providers) is sufficient, Medicare (after advance notification to providers) will begin rejecting claims without an NPI for primary providers, perhaps as early as July 1, 2007. For more information on this contingency plan, please visit the NPI dedicated website at *http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/HIPAA-Administrative-Simplification/NationalProvIdentStand/index.html* on the CMS website.

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

Note: This article was updated on June 15, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) billing Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for services paid under the SNF PPS.

Background

Annual updates to the PPS rates are required by §1888(e) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 (the BBRA), the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (the BIPA) and the Medicare Prescription

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Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (the 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 on July 31, 2006 (71 FR 43159.) This article reminds SNFs that the annual update of the rates will be announced soon.

CR5688 Key Points

- The Fiscal Year (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.

Additional Information

Market Basket Definitions and General Information can be found at http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/MedicareProgramRatesStats/downloads/info.pdf on the CMS website.

The official instruction, CR5688, issued to your Medicare FI or A/B MAC regarding this change can be found at *http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1306CP.pdf* on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare FI at their toll-free number, which may be found at *http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html* on the CMS website.

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