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**The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2010 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs)**

**Note: This article was revised on March 22, 2013, to reflect the revised CR8078 issued on March 21. In this article, the CR release date, transmittal number, and the Web address for accessing the CR are revised. All other information remains the same.**

**Provider Types Affected**

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for providers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

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## What You Need to Know

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This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8078 which requires Medicare contractors to update their IPPS, IRF, and LTCH provider specific files prospectively, within 30 days of the implementation date of CR8078, using the latest year's SSI Ratio that is posted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website as of the implementation date of CR8078. Separate instructions will be issued to CMS contractors regarding the settlement of cost reports that use the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 SSI ratios.

## Background

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Section 9105 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 provides that for discharges occurring on or after May 1, 1986, an additional payment must be made to IPPS hospitals serving a disproportionate share of low income patients. The additional payment is determined by multiplying the Federal portion of the Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG) payment by the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) adjustment factor. (See 42 CFR 412.106.)

Under IRF PPS, IRFs receive an additional payment amount to account for the cost of furnishing care to low income patients. The additional payment is determined by multiplying the Federal prospective payment by the Low Income Patient (LIP) adjustment factor. (See 42 CFR 412.624(e)(2).)

Under the LTCH PPS, the payment adjustment for Short-Stay Outlier (SSO) cases at 42 CFR 412.529 requires the calculation of an amount comparable to the amount that would otherwise be paid under the IPPS (i.e., the "IPPS comparable amount"). This calculation includes the DSH adjustment where applicable, using the best available SSI data at the time of claim payment (See 42 CFR 412.529(d)(4)).

CMS is providing its contractors with updated data for determining the disproportionate share adjustment for IPPS hospitals and the low income patient adjustment for IRFs, and updated data for determining payments for SSO cases under the LTCH PPS. The SSI/Medicare beneficiary data for hospitals are available electronically and contains the name of the hospital, CMS certification number, SSI days, total Medicare days, and the ratio of Medicare Part A patient days attributable to SSI recipients. The files are located at the following CMS Website addresses:

- IPPS: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/dsh.html>;
- IRF: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/InpatientRehabFacPPS/SSIData.html>; and
- LTCH: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/LongTermCareHospitalPPS/download.html> on the CMS website.

In addition, the data are used for settlement purposes for IPPS hospitals and IRFs with cost reporting periods beginning during FY 2010 (cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2009, and before October 1, 2010). Please note that separate instructions will be issued to CMS contractors regarding the settlement of cost reports that use the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 SSI ratios at a future date.

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## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR8078 issued to your FI or A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R12000TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI or A/B MAC 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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