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- **“Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF)”** Fact Sheet, ICN 909060, Downloadable only. This fact sheet is designed to provide education on requirements for the Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF). It includes information on enrollment, the effective date of billing privileges, billing issues, ordering of tests, place of service issues and requirements for multi-state IDTFs, physicians, and technicians.

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**The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2012 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCH)**

**Provider Types Affected**

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for IPPS hospitals, IRFs, and LTCHs submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

**What You Need to Know**

Change Request (CR) 8835 provides updated Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare beneficiary data for determining the Disproportionate Share (DSH) adjustment for IPPS hospitals and the low income patient adjustment for IRFs.

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## Background

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The SSI/Medicare beneficiary data for hospitals are available electronically and contains the:

- Name of the hospital;
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) certification number;
- SSI days;
- Total Medicare days; and
- Ratio of Medicare Part A patient days attributable to SSI recipients.

The files are located at the following CMS website addresses:

- **IPPS Hospitals:** <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/dsh.html>
- **IRFs:** <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/InpatientRehabFacPPS/SSIData.html>
- **Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs):** <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/LongTermCareHospitalPPS/download.html>

The data are used for settlement purposes for IPPS hospitals and IRFs with cost reporting periods beginning during FY 2012 (cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2011 and before October 1, 2012).

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Section 9105) 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, and beginning for discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2014, the additional payment is determined by multiplying the DRG payment by the DSH adjustment factor reduced by 75 percent. See 42 CFR 412.106 at <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=f1e0dfaa3e10da210951232e91244cb6&node=42:2.0.1.2.12&rgn=div5#42:2.0.1.2.12.7.50.11> on the Internet.

Under the IRF Prospective Payment System (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 output of the LIP adjustment formula. See 42 CFR 412.624(e)(2) at <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text->

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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 (that is, the "IPPS comparable amount."). This calculation includes an "IPPS comparable" DSH adjustment, where applicable, that is determined using the best available SSI data at the time of claim payment. See 42 CFR 412.529(d)(4) at <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=f1e0dfaa3e10da210951232e91244cb6&node=42:2.0.1.2.12&rgn=div5#42:2.0.1.2.12.15.59.14> on the Internet.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR8835 issued to your MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1488OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Net/work-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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