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Fact Sheet Available on "Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Classification Requirements"

Note: This article was updated on March 29, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

All hospitals or units of a hospital that are classified under subpart B of part 412 of the Medicare regulations as inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs). Medicare payments to IRFs are based on the IRF prospective payment system (PPS) under subpart P of part 412.

Provider Action Needed

No provider action is necessary. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued Fact Sheet #1 titled "Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Classification Requirements." The fact sheet is informational only and elaborates on the revised classification requirements for IRFs described in CR 3334 (Transmittal 221) and CR 3503 (Transmittal 347) issued on June 25, 2004 and October 29, 2004, respectively.

The purpose of the fact sheet is to update the status of the initiatives that CMS is actively pursuing and to highlight specific aspects of the operational procedures as described regarding the classification requirements for IRFs.

We are also addressing the provision of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 regarding how the application of the revised classification requirements may affect IRFs. The fact sheet can be accessed via the CMS IRF website.

The direct web address to the Fact Sheet is

<http://www.cms.gov/InpatientRehabFacPPS/Downloads/irfclasssumsheets.zip> on the CMS website.

Or, the "Fact Sheet" links can be used from the IRF home page at

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/InpatientRehabFacPPS/index.html> on the CMS website.

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Additional Information

To view CR3334, please go to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R221CP.PDF> on the CMS website.

To view CR3503, go to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R347CP.PDF> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare fiscal intermediary 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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