



Attention Physicians and Providers!

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CMS Announces Outreach Conferences for Section 1011 (of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003): Federal Reimbursement of Emergency Health Services Furnished to Undocumented Aliens

Note: This article was revised on September 7, 2006, to clarify that physicians and ambulance providers do not have to be enrolled in the Medicare program in order to participate in the Section 1011 program. Hospitals, however, must be enrolled in Medicare in order to participate in the Section 1011 program. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, hospitals, including Medicare critical access hospitals, Indian Health Service facilities, and ambulance service providers treating patients eligible for payment of Section 1011 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA).

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

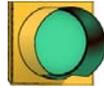
You may be eligible for reimbursement for treating certain individuals under Section 1011 of the MMA. This article announces outreach sessions that will help you learn more about this program.

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**CAUTION – What You Need to Know**

As of August 2006, over 15,500 physician and provider enrollment applications have been approved nationwide to participate in the Section 1011 reimbursement process. But, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) advises that funds remain available and you may be eligible.

**GO – What You Need to Do**

CMS has scheduled two national outreach conferences to inform providers of their potential eligibility to participate and to provide more details. See the remainder of this article for details of these sessions and how this program may help you.

Background

Section 1011 of the MMA provides up to \$250 million per year for federal fiscal years 2005-2008 for payments to eligible providers for emergency services furnished to:

- Undocumented aliens;
- Aliens who have been paroled into a United States port of entry for the purpose of receiving eligible services; and
- Mexican citizens permitted to enter the United States on a laser visa, issued in accordance with the requirements of regulations prescribed under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The covered services are the same as those required by the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), as well as related hospital inpatient and outpatient services. Physicians and ambulance providers do not have to be enrolled in the Medicare program to receive Section 1011 eligibility and payments. However, you do have to enroll in the Section 1011 Program by submitting an application to TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, LLC, the national contractor for the Section 1011 Program.

To provide you with more details about this program, Medicare, through TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, is offering two national outreach sessions for the medical community and the general public. Sessions are open to interested registrants in all states. The two sessions scheduled are as follows:

- **September 26, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Camino Real Hotel El Paso
101 S. El Paso Street
El Paso, Texas 79901

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- September 28, 2006, from 8:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel
128 Frontage Road
Newark, NJ 07114

These sessions will include an overview of Section 1011, as well as updates regarding Provider Enrollment, Medical Review, Payment Request Processing and Provider Education and Customer Service related to Section 1011. You may register for either session by going to

<http://www.Trailblazerhealth.com/Section1011/CalendarOfEvents/default.aspx> on the TrailBlazer site.

The September 28, 2006, session in Newark, NJ, will also be available via teleconference. In addition, at the above web site, you will find information on a web-based training event scheduled for September 13.

Additional Information

Additional Information regarding the Section 1011 Program may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/UndocAliens> on the CMS website.

To learn more details, or to enroll as a provider, visit the TrailBlazer site at <http://www.TrailBlazerhealth.com/Section1011> on the web. You may also reach TrailBlazer by telephone at 1-866-860-1011.

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