



CMS Snapshot

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Blog Entries:

*April 15- [Ensuring Safety and Quality in America's Nursing Homes](#). CMS is charged with developing and enforcing quality and safety standards across the nation's health care system, a responsibility we consider a sacred trust. While we support and promote the private sector's critical role in our health care system, CMS' duty to monitor the safety of the nation's hospitals, nursing homes, and other providers, is a unique governmental task which lies at the core of government's role in health care.

News Releases

*April 18- [CMS Issues Final Rule for the 2020 Annual Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the final annual Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for the 2020 benefit year, also known as the 2020 Payment Notice. The rule reduces user fees for plans offered on [HealthCare.gov](#), and encourages the use of lower-cost generic drugs, while improving market stability and consumer choice.

Fact Sheets

* April 17- [Proposal Fiscal Year 2020 Payment and Policy Changes for Medicare Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities \(CMS-1710-P\)](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed a rule that would update Medicare payment policies for facilities under the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS) and the Inpatient Rehabilitation Quality Reporting Program (IRF QRP) for fiscal year (FY) 2020.

*April 18- [FY 2020 Proposed Medicare Payment and Quality Reporting Updates for Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities \(CMS-1712-P\)](#). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is proposing a rule that further advances our continuing efforts to strengthen the Medicare program by better aligning payment rates for these facilities with the costs of providing care. The proposed rule would update Medicare payment policies and rates for the Inpatient

Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS) and the IPF Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020.

Upcoming Events and Items of Interest:

*Medicare “What’s Covered” App Available in English and Spanish. Medicare’s first and only official mobile application – “What’s covered” is now available in English and Spanish. More people with Medicare and their caregivers can get direct access on their favorite mobile device to some of the most-used content on Medicare.gov. The What’s Covered app is available for free in both Google Play and the Apple App Store. The app is available in Google Play at: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=0a4b96ec-561e9f3c-0a4ba7d3-0cc47a6a52de-12aa2129e2c1e7ae&u=https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.medicare.coverage>, and is available in the Apple App Store at: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/whats-covered/id1444143600?mt=8>.

*April 16- National Health Care Decisions Day. National Health Care Decisions Day educates the public and providers about the importance of Advance Care Planning (ACP). Did you know that ACP services can be billed to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule?

For More Information:

- [ACP](#) Fact Sheet
- [Billing the Physician Fee Schedule for ACP Services](#) Frequently Asked Questions
- [ACP as an Optional Element of an Annual Wellness Visit](#) MLN Matters Article
- [National Health Care Decisions Day - Opens in a new window](#) website

*April 23- Open Door Forum: Skilled Nursing Facilities/Long Term Care, 2pm-3pmET. If you wish to participate, dial 800-837-1935 Conference ID 6593324. The proposed agenda is as follows:

- Announcement our May SNF QRP training event-
 - REGISTRATION OPEN – SNF QRP Provider In-Person Training Event, May 7 and 8, 2019
 - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be hosting a 2-day Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Quality Reporting Program (QRP) in-person 'Train the Trainer' event for providers on May 7 and 8, 2019, in Kansas City, MO. See the [SNF Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for details.
- PBJ Update
 - Policy Questions should be sent to NHStaffing@cms.hhs.gov
 - Technical Issues/Questions should be sent to NursingHomePBJTechIssues@cms.hhs.gov

- PBJ Website: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Staffing-Data-Submission-PBJ.html> .

*April 27- [National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day](#). In 2016, 6.2 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs. We know that the majority of them obtained those prescription drugs from family and friends, often from a home medicine cabinet. Click [here](#) to locate a year-round authorized collector in your area.

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