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SUBJECT: Indian Health Services (IHS) Hospital Payment Rates for Calendar Year 2011

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This CR provides the annual update of Indian Health Service (IHS) hospital payment rates for calendar year 2011. The attached Recurring Update Notification applies to Chapter 19, Sections 100.3.4, 100.4.2, and 100.5.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2011

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 9, 2011

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and/or Carriers:
Not Applicable.

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The purpose of this notification is to inform the Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC, the contractor that processes IHS hospital claims, that CMS completed its review of the cost reports that IHS hospitals submitted for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. The cost reports, which IHS submitted, are for the purpose of calculating the Medicare reimbursement rates for IHS hospitals in Alaska and the lower 48 States for calendar year 2011. The Office of Management and Budget approved the rates listed in the attachment to this notice. The IHS published these rates in the Federal Register on May 2, 2011. However, Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC, did not have CMS approval to make payment adjustments for the changes in the outpatient rate and the ancillary Part B rate.

This notification informs Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC, of the hospital outpatient and ancillary Part B rates.

This notification authorizes Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC to make payment adjustments as necessary resulting from the rate changes for the 2011 calendar year.

B. Policy: Section 1880 of the Social Security Act authorizes CMS to establish payment mechanisms and payment rates to Indian Health Service Facilities.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)										
		A / B M A C	D M E M A C	F I M A C	C A R I E R	R H R I R	Shared- System Maintainers	F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	OTHER
7448.1	Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC, shall implement the payment rates set	X										Trailblazer Health

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		A / B	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER	
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
	forth in this transmittal.											Enterprises, LLC
7448.2	Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC, shall adjust the claims for the difference between the 2009 and 2010 IHS Rates.	X										Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC
7448.3	Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC, shall make any required payment adjustments.	X										Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)										
		A / B	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER	
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
	None.											

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below: N/A

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space: N/A

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Steve Raitzyk 410-786-4599, Edwin Gill 410-786-4525, Yaakov Feinstein 410-786-3137, Susan Burris 410-786-6655.

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) or Contractor Manager, as applicable.

VI. FUNDING

Section A: For *Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs), and/or Carriers:*

N/A

Section B: For *Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):*

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ATTACHMENT

ATTACHMENT: Schedule of Indian Health Service (IHS) Hospital Payment Rates for Calendar Year 2011

	<u>CY 2010*</u>	<u>CY 2011</u>
<u>Lower 48 States</u>		
Medicare Inpatient Ancillary Part B	\$429	\$443
Medicare Outpatient per Visit Rate	\$246	\$256
<u>Alaska</u>		
Medicare Inpatient Ancillary Part B	\$689	\$756
Medicare Outpatient per Visit Rate	\$415	\$447

* Prior year rates presented for information and comparison.