

## The CMS Quarterly Provider Update OCTOBER 2015

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**12/31/2015**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1628-CN2 entitled "Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, and Quality Incentive Program; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

**CMS-1628-CN2**

CMS-3323-NC entitled "Request for Information: Certification Frequency and Requirements for the Reporting of Quality Measures Under CMS Programs" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-3323-NC**

**12/30/2015**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-6050-F entitled "Medicare Program; Prior Authorization Process for Certain Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

**CMS-6050-F**

**12/21/2015**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1653-NC entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Information Regarding the Awarding and the Administration of Medicare Administrative Contractor Contracts." was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-1653-NC**

**12/18/2015**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-7039-N entitled “Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), January 13, 2016.” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**CMS-7039-N**

**12/17/2015**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 1583 entitled “Settlement Effectuation Instructions for the Department of Health and Human Services’ (DHHS) Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (OMHA) Settlement Conference Facilitation (SCF) Pilot” was published. This regulation affects Ambulance, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1583**

Transmittal 3420 entitled “Calendar Year (CY) 2016 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3420**

**12/16/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-9936-N entitled “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS; Department of the Treasury.” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

**CMS-9936-N**

**12/04/2015**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 130 entitled “IVIG Demonstration: Payment Update for 2016” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 130**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-2392-F entitled “Medicaid Program; Mechanized Claims Processing and Information Retrieval Systems (90/10)” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

**CMS-2392-F**

CMS-3329-PN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application From the Institute for Medical Quality for Initial CMS-Approval of Its Ambulatory Surgical Center Accreditation Program” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

**CMS-3329-PN**

**12/03/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-6066-N entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Provider Enrollment Application Fee Amount for Calendar Year 2016" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

**CMS-6066-N**

**12/02/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-9937-P entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2017" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

**CMS-9937-P**

**12/01/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1658-NC entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems; 0.2 Percent Reduction" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1658-NC**

**11/30/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1649-N entitled "Medicare Program; Announcement of the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP Panel) Meeting on March 14-15, 2016" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**CMS-1649-N**

CMS-1634-N entitled "Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on the FY 2017 Applications for New Medical Services and Technologies Add-On Payments" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**CMS-1634-N**

**11/27/2015**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 3408 entitled "Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 22.1, Effective April 1, 2016" was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 3408](#)**

Transmittal 3413 entitled "Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update" was published. This regulation affects Ambulance, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally Qualified

Health Center, Home Health Agencies, Hospice, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Medicare Advantage, Non Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Organ Procurement, Physicians, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Rural Health Clinics, and Renal Dialysis Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 3413](#)**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1632-CN2 entitled “Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2016 Rates; Revisions of Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers, Including Changes Related to the Electronic Health Record Incentive Program; Extensions of the Medicare-Dependent, Small Rural Hospital Program and the Low-Volume Payment Adjustment for Hospitals; Correction” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1632-CN2**

**11/24/2015**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-5516-F entitled “Medicare Program; Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Payment Model for Acute Care Hospitals Furnishing Lower Extremity Joint Replacement Services” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

**CMS-5516-F**

**11/20/2015**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3327-NC entitled “Medicare Program; Request for Information To Aid in the Design and Development of a Survey Regarding Patient and Family Member Experiences With Care Received in Long-Term Care Hospitals” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-3327-NC**

CMS-3328-F entitled “Medicare Program; Request for Information To Aid in the Design and Development of a Survey Regarding Patient and Family Member Experiences With Care Received in Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-3328-NC**

**11/18/2015**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-9993-F entitled “Final Rules for Grandfathered Plans, Preexisting Condition Exclusions, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, Dependent Coverage, Appeals, and Patient Protections Under the Affordable Care Act” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

**CMS-9993-F**

11/16/2015

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1631-FC entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2016" was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

**CMS-1631-FC**

CMS-8059-N entitled "Medicare Program; CY 2016 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-8059-N**

CMS-8060-N entitled "Medicare Program; CY 2016 Part A Premiums for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-8060-N**

CMS-8061-N entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2016" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-8061-N**

11/13/2015

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 3406 entitled "New Waived Tests" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3406**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-9093-N entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--July through September 2015" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-9093-N**

CMS-1633-FC and CMS-1607-F2 entitled "Medicare Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; Short Inpatient Hospital Stays; Transition for Certain Medicare-Dependent, Small Rural Hospitals Under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System; Provider Administrative Appeals and Judicial Review" was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospitals.

**CMS-1633-FC and CMS-1607-F2**

11/09/2015

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 3403 entitled "New Influenza Virus Vaccine Code" was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals,

Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 3403](#)**

**11/06/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1628-F entitled "Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, and Quality Incentive Program" was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities and End-Stage Renal Disease.

**CMS-1628-F**

**11/05/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1625-P entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2016 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update; Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model; and Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

**CMS-1625-F**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 3388 entitled "Manual Updates to Clarify IRF Claims Processing" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 3388](#)**

**11/03/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-2328-NC entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Revisions to Requirements for Discharge Planning for Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, and Home Health Agencies" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, and Home Health Agencies.

**CMS-3317-P**

**11/02/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-2328-NC entitled "Medicaid Program; Request for Information (RFI)--Data Metrics and Alternative Processes for Access to Care in the Medicaid Program" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

**CMS-2328-NC**

CMS-2328-FC entitled "Medicaid Program; Methods for Assuring Access to Covered Medicaid Services" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-2328-FC**

**10/29/2015**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1439-F entitled “Medicare Program; Final Waivers in Connection With the Shared Savings Program” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.  
**CMS-1439-F**

**10/26/2015**

## **INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 3377 entitled “Quarterly Update for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) - January 2016” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3377**

Transmittal 3378 entitled “Additional G-Codes Differentiating RNs and LPNs in the Home Health and Hospice Settings” was published. This regulation affects Hospice.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3378**

**10/23/2015**

## **INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 3382 entitled “Off-Cycle Update to the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Pricer” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3382**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-6063-N2 entitled “Medicare Program; Expansion of Prior Authorization for Repetitive Scheduled Non-Emergent Ambulance Transports” was published. This regulation affects Ambulance.

**CMS-6063-N2**

**10/22/2015**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-2396-PN entitled “Basic Health Program; Federal Funding Methodology for Program Years 2017 and 2018” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

**CMS-2396-PN**

**10/20/2015**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3325-N entitled “Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for Members for the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and is a meeting notice.

**CMS-3325-N**

CMS-3321-NC2 entitled "Medicare Program; Request for Information Regarding Implementation of the Merit Based Incentive Payment System, Promotion of Alternative Payment Models, and Incentive Payments for Participation in Eligible Alternative Payment Models" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-3321-NC2**

**10/16/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3310 & 3311-FC entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Electronic Health Record Incentive Program--Stage 3 and Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015 Through 2017" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-3310 & 3311-FC**

**10/15/2015**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

**Transmittal 148** entitled "Revisions and Deletion to the State Operations Manual (SOM) Chapter 9 Exhibits" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 148**

Transmittal 149 entitled "State Operations Manual (SOM) for All Types of Providers and Suppliers Subject to Certification" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Organ Procurements, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Federally Qualified Health Center.

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Transmittal 3370 entitled "2016 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payments" was published. This regulation affects Physicians, Non Physician Practitioners and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3370**

Transmittal 123 entitled "Implementing Payment Changes for FCHIP (Frontier Community Health Integration Project), Mandated by Section 123 of MIPPA 2008 and as Amended by Section 3126 of the ACA of 2010 (This CR Rescinds and Replaces CR 8683)" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Ambulance.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 123**

**10/05/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1622-CN entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2016, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, SNF Quality Reporting Program, and Staffing Data Collection; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**CMS-1622-CN**



CMS-1629-CN entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2016 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

**CMS-1629-CN**

CMS-1632-CN entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2016 Rates; Revisions of Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers, including Changes related to the Electronic Health Record Incentive Program; Extensions of the Medicare-Dependent, Small Rural Hospital Program and the Low-Volume Payment Adjustment for Hospitals; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1632-CN**

**10/02/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1657-N entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Announcement of the Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Meeting on October 19, 2015" was published. This regulation is a meeting notice.

**CMS-1657-N**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 147 entitled "Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix C-Survey Procedures and Interpretive Guidelines for Laboratories and Laboratory Services" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Hospitals.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 147**

Transmittal 122 entitled "Termination of the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration, Mandated by Section 410A of the Medicare Modernization Act and Extended by Sections 3123 and 10313 of the Affordable Care Act" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 122**

Transmittal 3366 entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2016" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3366**

**10/01/2015**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1606-CN entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System--Update for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 (FY 2015); Correction" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1606-CN**

CMS-1621-P entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Payment System" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

**CMS-1621-P**

CMS-3321-NC entitled "Request for Information Regarding Implementation of the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System, Promotion of Alternative Payment Models, and Incentive Payments for Participation in Eligible Alternative Payment Models" was published. This regulation affects Physicians and ALL Providers.

**CMS-3321-NC**

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