

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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06/22/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-7037-N2 entitled “Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), July 22, 2015” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-7037-N2

06/19/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 6 entitled “Provider Reimbursement Manual Medicare Part 2, Provider Cost Reporting Form and Instructions, Chapter 33, Form CMS-216-94” was published. This regulation affects Organ Procurements.

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Transmittal 3285 entitled “Screening for Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) in Adults – Implementation of Additional CWF and FISS Edits” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5514-N2 entitled “Medicare Program; Oncology Care Model: Request for Applications; Extension of the Submission Deadline for Applications” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-5514-N2

CMS-1642-PN entitled “Medicare Program; Request for an Exception to the Prohibition on Expansion of Facility Capacity Under the Hospital Ownership and Rural Provider Exceptions to the Physician Self-Referral Prohibition” was published. This regulation affects Physicians and Hospitals.

CMS-1642-PN

06/16/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9938-F entitled "Summary of Benefits and Coverage and Uniform Glossary" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-9938-F

06/11/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 1508 entitled "The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2013 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCH)" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 1508

Transmittal 3280 entitled "July 2015 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3280

Transmittal 3279 entitled "July 2015 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System" was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3279

06/09/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1461-F entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Shared Savings Program: Accountable Care Organizations" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-1461-F

06/05/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3268 entitled "Corrections to the 2015 Home Health (HH) Pricer Program" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3268

Transmittal 3269 entitled "Quarterly Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Home Health Consolidated Billing Enforcement" was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Non-Physician Practitioners.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3269

Transmittal 3270 entitled "Implement Operating Rules - Phase III ERA EFT: CORE 360 Uniform Use of Claim Adjustment Reason Codes (CARC) and

Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARC) Rule - Update from CAQH CORE” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3270](#)

Transmittal 3272 entitled “Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3272](#)

06/01/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5513-N entitled “Medicare Program; Announcement of Request for Applications for the Million Hearts [supreg] Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Model” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

[CMS-5513-N](#)

CMS-2390-P entitled “Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Programs; Medicaid Managed Care, CHIP Delivered in Managed Care, Medicaid and CHIP Comprehensive Quality Strategies, and Revisions to Third Party Liability” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

[CMS-2390-P](#)

CMS-2395-N entitled “Medicaid Program; State Allotments for Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals (QIs): Federal Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

[CMS-2395-N](#)

05/29/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 182 entitled “NCD20.30 Microvolt T-wave Alternans (MTWA)” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 182](#)

Transmittal 3263 entitled “Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospital Extensions per the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3263](#)

Transmittal 3264 entitled “July 2015 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 16.2” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Hospice, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Home Health Agencies, Federally Qualified Health Center, Community Mental Health Centers, and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3264](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-7037-N entitled “Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), June 25, 2015” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-7037-N

CMS-0026-NC entitled "Request for Information Regarding the Requirements for the Health Plan Identifier" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-0026-NC

05/22/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3255-F entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Revisions to Deeming Authority Survey, Certification, and Enforcement Procedures" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-3255-F

CMS-3307-FN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Continued Approval of The Joint Commission's Hospice Accreditation Program" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

CMS-3307-FN

CMS-1638-N entitled "Medicare Program; Announcement of the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP Panel) Meeting on August 24-25, 2015" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-1638-N

05/21/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3257 entitled "July Quarterly Update for 2015 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3257

Transmittal 3258 entitled "July 2015 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioner, Physician, Hospital and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3258

Transmittal 3259 entitled "Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - July CY 2015 Update. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioner and Physician,

View the complete text of Transmittal 3259

05/08/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 44 entitled "Payments to Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities That Do Not Submit Required Quality Data" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 44

Transmittal 469 entitled “Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 1, Chapter 14, Reasonable Cost of Therapy and Other Services Furnished by Outside Suppliers” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 1496 entitled “Modification to Telehealth Originating Site Facility Fee Billing Requirements for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)” was published. This regulation affects Federally-Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics.

View the complete text of Transmittal 1496

Transmittal 3256 entitled “Quarterly Update for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) - July 2015” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1640-PN entitled “Medicare Program; Request for an Exception to the Prohibition on Expansion of Facility Capacity Under the Hospital Ownership and Rural Provider Exceptions to the Physician Self-Referral Prohibition” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Physicians and Rural Health Clinics.

CMS-1640-PN

05/07/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1623-N entitled “Medicare Program; Public Meeting on July 16, 2015 Regarding New and Reconsidered Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Test Codes for the Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2016” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Lab and is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-1623-N

05/06/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6107-IFC entitled “Medicare Program; Changes to the Requirements for Part D Prescribers” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-6107-IFC

05/05/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

CMS-1629-P

CMS-1632-P 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” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1632-P

05/01/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1627-P entitled “Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System--Update for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2015 (FY 2016)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1627-P

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3240 entitled “Remittance Advice Remark and Claims Adjustment Reason Code and Medicare Remit Easy Print and PC Print Update” was published. This regulation affects Ambulance.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3240

04/30/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1609-CN entitled “Medicare Program; FY 2015 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update; Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements and Process and Appeals for Part D Payment for Drugs for Beneficiaries Enrolled in Hospice; Correction” was published. This regulation affects Hospice.

CMS-1609-CN

CMS-1632-P 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” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1632-P

CMS-3316-PN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the American Diabetes Association for Continued Deeming Authority for Diabetes Self-Management Training” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

CMS-3316-PN

04/27/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1624-P entitled “Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2016” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1624-P

CMS-7036-N2 entitled "Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Additional Request for Nominations for the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE)" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-7036-N2

04/24/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3315-PN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the American Association of Diabetes Educators for Continued Deeming Authority for Diabetes Self-Management Training" was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

CMS-3315-PN

CMS-1639-N entitled "Medicare Program: Renewal of the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-1639-N

CMS-9091-N entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--January through March 2015" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9091-N

CMS-3320-N entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee--July 22, 2015" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-3320-N

04/23/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3236 entitled "Remittance Advice Remark and Claims Adjustment Reason Code and Medicare Remit Easy Print and PC Print Update" was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally Qualified Health Center, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Medicare Advantage, Non-Physician Practitioners, Organ Procurements, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Organ Procurement, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3236

Transmittal 587 entitled "Update to Section 15.18 of Pub. 100-08, Program Integrity Manual (PIM), Chapter 15" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Home Health Agencies, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

View the complete text of Transmittal 587

04/20/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1622-P entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) for FY 2016, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, SNF Quality Reporting Program, and Staffing Data Collection” was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

CMS-1622-P

04/17/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3305-FN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Continued Approval of the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities' Accreditation Program for Organizations That Provide Outpatient Physical Therapy and Speech Language Pathology Services” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

CMS-3305-FN

04/16/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

CMS-2392-P

04/15/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3311-P entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Electronic Health Record Incentive Program--Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015 through 2017” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-3311-P

04/10/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 91 entitled “Manual Updates to Clarify Requirements for Physician Certification and Recertification of Patient Eligibility for Home Health Services” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

View the complete text of Transmittal 91

Transmittal 206 entitled “Private Contracting: Definition of Emergency Care Services and Appeals of Opt Out Determinations” was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

View the complete text of Transmittal 206

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3301-PN entitled "Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008; the Application of Mental Health Parity Requirements to Coverage Offered by Medicaid Managed Care Organizations, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Alternative Benefit Plans" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-2333-P

04/03/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 138 entitled "Revisions to State Operations Manual Appendix W for Critical Access Hospitals" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 138

Transmittal 205 entitled "Hospice Manual Changes, Chapter 9, on Election Form, Attending Physician" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

View the complete text of Transmittal 205

Transmittal 3228 entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Software for July 2015" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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