

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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06/30/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3277-CN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Fire Safety Requirements for Certain Health Care Facilities; Correction” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-3277-CN

CMS-1651-P entitled “Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, Coverage and Payment for Renal Dialysis Services Furnished to Individuals with Acute Kidney Injury, End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies Competitive Bidding Program Bid Surety Bonds, State Licensure and Appeals Process for Breach of Contract Actions, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies Competitive Bidding Program and Fee Schedule Adjustments, Access to Care Issues for Durable Medical Equipment; and the Comprehensive End-Stage Renal Disease Care Model” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

CMS-1651-P

06/23/2016

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3546 entitled “October Quarterly Update to 2016 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3546

Transmittal 1677 entitled “Revised Fee Schedules for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code E1012 in Association with Change Request 9642” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

View the complete text of Transmittal 1677

Transmittal 3551 entitled “July Quarterly Update for 2016 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 3551](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1621-F entitled “Medicare Program; Medicare Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Payment System” was published. This regulation affects CLINCALDL.

CMS-1621-F

06/22/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6068-P entitled “Medicaid/CHIP Program; Medicaid Program and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); Changes to the Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control and Payment Error Rate Measurement Programs in Response to the Affordable Care Act” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-6068-P

06/16/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3295-P entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Hospital and Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Changes to Promote Innovation, Flexibility, and Improvement in Patient Care” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-3295-P

06/10/2016

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 154 entitled “Revision to the State Operations Manual (SOM) – Chapter 2” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 154](#)

Transmittal 156 entitled “Revision to the State Operations Manual (SOM) – Appendix P – Survey Protocol for Long Term Care Facilities” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 157 entitled “Revision to the State Operations Manual (SOM) – Appendix PP – Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1644-F entitled “Medicare Program; Medicare Shared Savings Program; Accountable Care Organizations--Revised Benchmark Rebasing Methodology, Facilitating Transition to Performance-Based Risk, and Administrative Finality of Financial Calculations” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-1644-F

CMS-6069-N entitled "Medicare Program; Pre-Claim Review Demonstration for Home Health Services" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

CMS-6069-N

CMS-9932-P entitled "Expatriate Health Plans, Expatriate Health Plan Issuers, and Qualified Expatriates; Excepted Benefits; Lifetime and Annual Limits; and Short-Term, Limited-Duration Insurance" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9932-P

06/09/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1655-CN entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Proposed Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2017 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Graduate Medical Education; Hospital Notification Procedures Applicable to Beneficiaries Receiving Observation Services; and Technical Changes Relating to Costs to Organizations and Medicare Cost Reports; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1655-CN

06/08/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5520-CN entitled "Announcement of Requirements and Registration for ``A Bill You Can Understand" Design and Innovation Challenge: Help Patients Understand Their Medical Bills and the Financial Aspect of Health; Correction" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-5520-CN

06/03/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-7041-N entitled "Health Insurance Marketplace\SM\, Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), June 22, 2016" was published. This regulation affects Meeting Notices.

CMS-7041-N

CMS-1666-N entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Announcement of the Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Meeting on July 18, 2016" was published. This regulation affects Meeting Notices.

CMS-1666-N

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 224 entitled “Update to Pub. 100-02, Chapter 11 End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) for Calendar Year (CY) 2016” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 224](#)

06/02/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3310 and 3311-F3 entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Electronic Health Record Initiative Program—Stage 3 and Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015 Through 2017; Corrections and Correcting Amendment” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-3310 and 3311-F3

CMS-1631-F3 entitled “Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2016; Corrections” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

CMS-1631-F3

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3531 entitled “July 2016 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System)” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3531](#)

Transmittal 3533 entitled “Payments to Home Health Agencies That Do Not Submit Required Quality Data” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3533](#)

05/20/2016

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3527 entitled “Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Updates” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Medicare Advantage, Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Organ Procurements, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Rural Health Clinics, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3527](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1665-N entitled “Medicare Program; Announcement of the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (the Panel) Meeting on August 22-23, 2016 and

Announcement of Transition to One Meeting of the Panel Per Year” was published. This regulation affects Meeting Notices.

CMS-1665-N

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 222 entitled “Revisions to Private Contracting/Opt-Out Manual Sections Due to the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)” was published. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

View the complete text of Transmittal 222

Transmittal 1665 entitled “Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)” was published. This regulation affects Physicians, Hospitals, Rural Health Centers, Federally-Qualified Health Centers and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 1665

05/17/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6054-F entitled “Medicare Program; Obtaining Final Medicare Secondary Payer Conditional Payment Amounts via Web Portal” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-6054-F

05/13/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1646-N entitled “Medicare Program; Public Meeting on July 18, 2016 Regarding New and Reconsidered Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Test Codes for the Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2017” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-1646-N

05/12/2016

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 192NCD entitled “Percutaneous Left Atrial Appendage Closure (LAAC)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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05/10/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9933-IFC entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Amendments to Special Enrollment Periods and the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan Program” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-9933-IFC

05/10/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5517-P entitled "Medicare Program; Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Alternative Payment Model (APM) Incentive Under the Physician Fee Schedule, and Criteria for Physician-Focused Payment Models" was published. This regulation affects Physicians and All Providers.

CMS-5517-P

CMS-9097-N entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--January Through March 2016" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-9097-N

CMS-5520-N entitled "Announcement of Requirements and Registration for ``A Bill You Can Understand" Design and Innovation Challenge: Help Patients Understand Their Medical Bills and the Financial Aspect of Health" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-5520-N

05/06/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2390-F entitled "Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Programs; Medicaid Managed care, CHIP Delivered in Managed Care, and Revisions Related to Third Party Liability" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-2390-F

CMS-3332-F2 entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and coverage Advisory Committee—July 20, 2016" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-3332-N

05/04/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3310 and 3311-F2 entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Electronic Health Record Initiative Program—Stage 3 and Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015 Through 2017; Corrections and Correcting Amendment" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-3310 and 3311-F2

CMS-5516-F2 entitled "Medicare Program; Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Payment Model for Acute Care Hospitals Furnishing Lower Extremity Joint Replacement Services; Corrections and Correcting Amendments" was published. This regulation affects Suppliers.

CMS-5516-F2

05/03/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3333-FN entitled "Medicare Program; Announcement of Requirements and Registration for the MIPS Mobile Challenge" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-3333-FN

04/29/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3329-FN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Approval of the Institute for Medical Quality's Ambulatory Surgical Center Accreditation Program" was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

CMS-3329-FN

04/28/2016

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3508 entitled "Drug amount discarded/not administered to any patient" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

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Transmittal 3504 entitled "Revision of the Method to Calculate the Length of Stay (LOS) Edit for Continuous Invasive Mechanical Ventilation for Greater than 96 Consecutive Hours" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 3502 entitled "Billing of Vaccine Services on Hospice Claims" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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Transmittal 3503 entitled "Revision of the Method to Calculate the Length of Stay (LOS) Edit for Continuous Invasive Mechanical Ventilation for Greater than 96 Consecutive Hours" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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Transmittal 3509 entitled "Stem Cell Transplantation for Multiple Myeloma, Myelofibrosis, and Sickle Cell Disease" was published. This regulation affects Outpatient Physical Therapy.

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Transmittal 3500 entitled "Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP): Additional Instructions for the Implementation of Round 2 Recompete of the DMEPOS CBP and National Mail Order (NMO) Recompete" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthesis, Orthotics and Supplies.

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Transmittal 1647 entitled "Payment Change for Group 3 Complex Rehabilitative Power Wheelchairs Accessories and Seat and Back Cushions under Section 2 of the Patient Access and Medicare Protection Act (PAMPA) for Home Health Claims" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1652-P entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2017 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements" was published. This regulation affects Hospice.

CMS-1652-P

04/27/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1655-P entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Proposed Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2017 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Graduate Medical Education; Hospital Notification Procedures Applicable to Beneficiaries Receiving Observation Services; and Technical Changes Relating to Costs to Organizations and Medicare Cost Reports" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1655-P

04/25/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1645-P entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities Proposed Rule for FY 2017, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, SNF Quality Reporting Program, and SNF Payment Models Research" was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

CMS-1645-P

CMS-1647-P entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2017" was published. This regulation affects Hospital.

CMS-1647-P

04/22/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3330-N entitled "Announcement of the Re-Approval of the American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI) as an Accreditation Organization Under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988" was published. This regulation affects Other.

CMS-3330-N

04/21/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1664-IFC entitled “Medicare Program; Temporary Exception for Certain Severe Wound Discharges From Certain Long-Term Care Hospitals Required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016; Modification of Limitations on Redesignation by the Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1664-IFC

04/12/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2328-F2 entitled “Medicaid Program; Deadline for Access Monitoring Review Plan Submissions” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-2328-F2

04/01/2016

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 47 entitled “Medicare Provider Manual Part 1 – Chapter 31, Organ Acquisition Payment Policy” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 47

Transmittal 3489 entitled “Claims Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) and Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC) and Medicare Remit Easy Print and PC Print Update” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Medicare Advantage, Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Organ Procurements, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Skilled Nursing Facilities. Rural Health Clinics,

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Transmittal 3487 entitled “Corrections to Recoding in the Home Health (HH) Pricer Program” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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