

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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03/30/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3310-P entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Electronic Health Record Incentive Program—Stage 3” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[CMS-3310-P](#)

03/27/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 136 entitled “Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendices A, G, L and T related to Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Swing Beds” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Hospitals and Rural Health Clinics.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 136](#)

Transmittal 3222 entitled “Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 21.2, Effective July 1, 2015” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3222](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3313-N entitled “Announcement of the Re-Approval of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) as an Accreditation Organization Under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[CMS-3313-N](#)

CMS-3314-N entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and CLIA Programs; Announcement of the Re-Approval of the American Osteopathic Association/Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (Formerly Known as the American Osteopathic Association) as an Accreditation Organization Under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

[CMS-3314-N](#)

CMS-3318-N entitled “Medicare Program; Renewal of the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC)” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-3318-N

CMS-6062-N entitled “Medicare Program; Updates to the List of Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Specified Covered Items That Require a Face-to-Face Encounter and a Written Order Prior to Delivery” was published. This regulation affects Suppliers, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

CMS-6062-N

CMS-3308-N entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and CLIA Programs; Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 Exemption of Permit-Holding Laboratories in the State of New York” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

CMS-3308-N

03/20/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9946-F2 entitled “Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule, Access to Identifiable Data for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Models & Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2015; Corrections” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

CMS-1612-F2

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 2318 entitled “April 2015 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 16.1” was published. This regulation affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Outpatient Physical Therapy, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3218

Transmittal 3217 entitled “April 2015 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3217

Transmittal 3216 entitled “Updates to the Medicare Internet-Only Manual Chapters for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Providers” was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3216

03/18/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9946-F2 entitled “AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9946-F2

03/13/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1614-CN entitled “Medicare Program; Quality Incentive Program; Correction” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

CMS-1614-CN

03/06/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 39 entitled “Payments to Hospice Agencies That Do Not Submit Required Quality Data” was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

View the complete text of Transmittal 39

Transmittal 1478 entitled “ICD-10 Conversion/Coding Infrastructure Revisions/ICD-9 Updates to National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)--2nd Maintenance CR” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Hospices, Hospitals, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 1478

Transmittal 3212 entitled “April 2015 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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02/27/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 581 entitled “Incorporation of Certain Provider Enrollment Policies in CMS-6045-F into Pub. 100-08, Program Integrity Manual (PIM), Chapter 15” was published. This regulation affects Ambulance, 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, Non-Physician Practitioners, Organ Procurements, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 581

Transmittal 135 entitled “Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix J, Part II – Interpretive Guidelines – Responsibilities of Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities revisions. An addition of a

New Exhibit to the State Operations Manual was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 135](#)

Transmittal 3207 entitled "New Waived Tests" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6055-F entitled "Medicare Program; Right of Appeal for Medicare Secondary Payer Determinations Relating to Liability Insurance (Including Self-Insurance), No-Fault Insurance, and Workers' Compensation Laws and Plans" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[CMS-6055-F](#)

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

[CMS-7036-N](#)

CMS-1636-N entitled "Medicare Program: Notice of Four Membership Appointments to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[CMS-1636-N](#)

CMS-7035-N entitled "Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), March 19, 2015" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[CMS-7035-N](#)

CMS-1465-N entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meetings in Calendar Year 2015 for All New Public Requests for Revisions to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Coding and Payment Determinations" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice and affects Hospitals.

[CMS-1465-F](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 467 entitled "Part 1, Chapter 14, Reasonable Cost of Therapy and Other Services Furnished by Outside Suppliers" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 467](#)

Transmittal 134 entitled "Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM) Exhibit 138 EMTALA Physician Review Worksheet revisions" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 3201 entitled "Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTCs) April 2015 Code Set Update" was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Community Mental Health Clinics, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home

Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Medicare Advantage, Non-Physician Practitioners, Organ Procurements, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Rural Health Clinics Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, ALL Providers, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3201

02/24/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2391-FN entitled "Basic Health Program; Federal Funding Methodology for Program Year 2016" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-2391-FN

CMS-1613-CN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; Physician-Owned Hospitals: Data Sources for Expansion Exception; Physician Certification of Inpatient Hospital Services; Medicare Advantage Organizations and Part D Sponsors: CMS-Identified Overpayments Associated With Submitted Payment Data; Corrections" was published. This regulation affects All Hospitals.

CMS-1613-CN

02/23/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3304-FN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Program; Continued Approval of the Joint Commission's Psychiatric Hospital Accreditation Program" was published. This regulation affects All Hospitals.

CMS-3304-FN

02/17/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6037-RCN entitled "Medicare Program; Reporting and Returning of Overpayments; Extension of Timeline for Publication of the Final Rule" was published. This regulation affects Suppliers and All Providers.

CMS-6037-RCN

02/13/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4176-NR entitled "Announcement of Ruling: Implementing United States v. Windsor for Purposes of Entitlement and Enrollment in Medicare Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-4176-NR

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3180 entitled “April 2015 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files” was published. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Hospitals and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

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Transmittal 115 entitled “Correction to CR 8599 - Implementation of the Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG) demonstration - for home health service overlap editing” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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Transmittal 116 entitled “Implementing Home Health Travel Reimbursement 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 2010” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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Transmittal 1455 entitled “Corrections to Processing Service Facility Information on Hospice Claims” was published. This regulation affects Hospice.

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Transmittal 1457 entitled “Renaming PPS-FLX6- PAYMENT Field in the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Pricer Output” was published. This regulation affects Medicare Advantage.

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Transmittal 1459 entitled “Continuation of Systematic Validation of Payment Group Codes for Prospective Payment Systems (PPS) Based on Patient Assessments” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Home Health Agencies and Skilled Nursing Facility.

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Transmittal 3175 entitled “Percutaneous Image-guided Lumbar Decompression (PILD) for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis (LSS)” was published. This regulation affects Outpatient Physical Therapy and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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Transmittal 3176 entitled “Preventing Inappropriate Payments on Home Health Low Utilization Payment Adjustment (LUPA) Claims” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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Transmittal 3181 entitled “Implementation of New NUBC Condition Code “53” “Initial placement of a medical device provided as part of a clinical trial or a free sample” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 3182 entitled “Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Subject to and Excluded from Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Edits” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments.

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Transmittal 133 entitled “Revisions to the State Operations Manual (SOM) - Appendix PP – “Interpretive Guidelines for Long-Term Care Facilities F tag 155, Advance Directives” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 133

Transmittal 575 entitled “Incorporation of Revalidation Policies into Pub. 100-08, Program Integrity Manual (PIM), Chapter 15” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Community Mental Health Clinics, 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, Organ Procurements, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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Transmittal 1467 entitled “Reporting Force Balance Claim Payment on the Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) 835 and Cross Over Beneficiary (COB) 837 Claim Transactions” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Community Mental Health Clinics, 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, Organ Procurements, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 1467

Transmittal 1469 entitled “Develop Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) for Appeals Workload in Preparation for Implementation of International Classification of Diseases-10th Revision (ICD-10)” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

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Transmittal 1470 entitled “Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP): Additional Instructions for Grandfathered Items Subject to CBP” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

View the complete text of Transmittal 1470

02/12/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4159-F2 entitled “Medicare Program; Contract Year 2016 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs” was published. This regulation affects Medicare Advantage (MA) and All Providers.

CMS-4159-F2

02/2/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9088-N entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—October Through December 2014” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9088-N

CMS-6059-N2 entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Programs: Announcement of the Extended Temporary Moratoria on Enrollment of Ambulance Suppliers and Home Health Agencies in Designated Geographic Locations” was published. This regulation affects Suppliers.

CMS-6059-N2

01/23/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3312-N entitled “Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee--March 24, 2015” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-3312-N

01/22/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 130 entitled “New to State Operations Manual (SOM), Appendix N- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) Interpretive Guidance” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 130

Transmittal 132 entitled “New Additions to State Operating Manual (SOM), Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) Chapter 2” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 132

01/17/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3303-FN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Continued Approval of the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc.; Home Health Agency Accreditation Program” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

CMS-3303-FN

01/15/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3163 entitled “Remittance Advice Remark and Claims Adjustment Reason Code and Medicare Remit Easy Print and PC Print Update” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3161](#)

Transmittal 1450 entitled “Moratorium on Classification of Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCH) or Satellites/Increase in Certified LTCH Beds” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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