

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update  
JANUARY 2016**

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**03/30/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-9333-F 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-9333-F](#)**

**03/18/2016**

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

Transmittal 3479 entitled “New Waived Test” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 3479](#)**

Transmittal 3481 entitled “Updates to Pub. 100-04, Chapters 3, 6, 7 and 15 to Correct Remittance Advice” was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 3481](#)**

Transmittal 221 entitled “Telehealth Services” was published. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 221](#)**

Transmittal 1633 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 Related to Part A Appeals (Phase 3)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Hospice, Home Health Agencies and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1633](#)**

Transmittal 1634 entitled “Implementation of the Award for Jurisdiction A Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Workload” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1634**

Transmittal 1635 entitled “VMS System Changes to Implement New Workload IDs for Jurisdiction A and Jurisdiction B Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1635**

Transmittal 1636 entitled “Implementation of the Award for Jurisdiction B Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Workload” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1636**

Transmittal 3478 entitled “April 2016 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Center.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3478**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-7040-N2 entitled “Health Insurance Marketplace\SM, Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program; Cancellation of the March 23, 2016 Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education Meeting” was published. This regulation is a meeting notice.

**CMS-7040-N2**

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

**CMS-1658-N**

**03/11/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1670-P entitled “Medicare Program; Part B Drug Payment Model” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

**CMS-1670-P**

**3/10/2016**

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

Transmittal 55 entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 and After Payments to Long Term Care Hospitals That Do Not Submit Required Quality Data - This CR Rescinds and Fully Replaces CR 9105” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 55**

Transmittal 3473 entitled “July 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 3473**

**03/08/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1631-F2 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-F2**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

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

**CMS-9937-F**

**03/04/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

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**

CMS-3310 & 3311-F2 entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Electronic Health Record Incentive Program – Stage 3 and Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015 through 2017; Corrections and Correcting Amendments” was published. This regulation affects Suppliers.

**CMS-3310 & 3311-F2**

**03/01/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-6058-P entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Programs; Program Integrity Enhancements to the Provider Enrollment Process” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

**CMS-6058-P**

**02/29/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-2396-FN entitled “Basic Health Program; Federal Funding Methodology Meeting; March 25, 2016” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

**CMS-2396-FN**

**02/26/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3331-N entitled “Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee--April 27, 2016” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**CMS-3331-N**

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

Transmittal 3467 entitled “Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTCs) April 2016 Code Set Update” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3467**

Transmittal 3469 entitled “Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - April CY 2016 Update” was published. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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Transmittal 54 entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 and After Payments to Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) That Do Not Submit Required Quality Data - This CR Rescinds and Fully Replaces CR9106” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 54**

Transmittal 1626 entitled “Reclassification of Certain Durable Medical Equipment HCPCS Codes Included in Competitive Bidding Programs (CBP) from the Inexpensive and Routinely Purchased Payment Category to the Capped Rental Payment Category” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1626**

**02/25/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3322-FN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Continued Approval of the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities Rural Health Clinic Accreditation Program” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgery Facilities.

**CMS-3322-FN**

CMS-7040-N entitled “Health Insurance Marketplace\SM\, Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE)” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**CMS-7040-N**

**02/23/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1637-N entitled “Medicare Program; Public Meetings in Calendar Year 2016 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.

**CMS-1637-N**

**02/12/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-6037-F entitled “Medicare Program; Reporting and Returning of Overpayments” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-6037-F**

**02/11/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1660-N entitled “Medicare Program; Notice of Seven Membership Appointments to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice and affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1660-N**

**02/05/2016**

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

Transmittal 3447 entitled “New Non-Physician Specialty Code for General Dentist” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3447**

Transmittal 3445 entitled “Off-Cycle Update to the Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Pricer” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3445**

Transmittal 1601 entitled “Payment Clarification for the Purchase of Used Inexpensive and Routinely Purchased Durable Medical Equipment (DME) when Previously Rented” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1601**

Transmittal 3444 entitled “Payment for Purchased Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Furnished to Medicare Beneficiaries Residing Outside the U.S. - Expatriate Beneficiaries” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3444**

**02/04/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-9094-N entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--October Through December 2015” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-9094-N**

**02/03/2016**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

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

**CMS-1644-P**

**02/02/2016**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-2348-F entitled “Medicaid Program; Face-to-Face Requirements for Home Health Services; Policy Changes and Clarifications Related to Home Health” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid and Home Health Agencies.

**CMS-2348-F**

CMS-5061-P entitled “Medicare Program: Expanding Uses of Medicare Data by Qualified Entities” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-5061-P**

CMS-2398-N entitled “Medicaid Program; Final FY 2013 and Preliminary FY 2015 Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments, and Final FY 2013 and Preliminary FY 2015 Institutions for Mental Diseases Disproportionate Share Hospital Limits” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

**CMS-2398-N**

CMS-1661-NC 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 and Physicians.

**CMS-1661-NC**

CMS-6059-N4 entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs: Announcement of the Extended Temporary Moratoria on Enrollment of Ground Ambulance Suppliers and Home Health Agencies in Designated Geographic Locations” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies and Ambulances.

**CMS-6059-N4**

CMS-3323-N entitled “Request for Information: Certification Frequency and Requirements for the Reporting of Quality Measures Under CMS Programs; Extension of Comment Period” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-3323-N**

**02/01/2016**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-2345-FC entitled “Medicaid Program; Covered Outpatient Drugs” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

**CMS-2345-FC**

**01/27/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-9935-N2 entitled "HHS-Operated Risk Adjustment Methodology Meeting; March 31, 2016" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-9935-N2**

**01/22/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1659-N entitled "Medicare Program; Explanation of FY 2004 Outlier Fixed-Loss Threshold as Required by Court Rulings" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1659-N**

**01/15/2016**

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

Transmittal 3439 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 Diagnostic Laboratories.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3439**

Transmittal 1591 entitled "Changes to the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program Payment Adjustment beginning January 1, 2016" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1591**

Transmittal 3438 entitled "Emergency Update to the CY 2016 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)" was published. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 3438**

Transmittal 218 entitled "Calendar Year (CY) 2016 Eligibility Changes to the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Low-Volume Payment Adjustment (LVPA)" was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 218**

**01/11/2016**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-9935-N entitled "HHS-Operated Risk Adjustment Methodology Meeting; March 25, 2016" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**CMS-9935-N**

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