

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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09/25/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3322-PN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Application From the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities for Continued Approval of Its Rural Health Accreditation Program” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

CMS-3322-PN

CMS-3315-FN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Continued Approval of the American Association of Diabetes Educators as an Accrediting Organization for Diabetes Self-Management Training Programs” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

CMS-3315-FN

CMS-3316-FN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Continued Approval of the American Diabetes Association as an Accrediting Organization for Diabetes Self-Management Training Programs” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

CMS-3316-FN

CMS-4178-N entitled “Medicare Program; Medicare Appeals; Adjustment to the Amount in Controversy Threshold Amounts for Calendar Year 2016 was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-4178-N

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3361 entitled “October 2015 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3361](#)

09/24/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3353 entitled “Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 22.0, Effective January 1, 2016” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3353](#)

Transmittal 3354 entitled “January 2016 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.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3354](#)

Transmittal 8 entitled “Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 2, Provider Cost Reporting Forms and Instructions, Chapter 40, Form CMS-2552-10” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, and Federally-Qualified Health Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 8](#)

09/17/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1640-FN entitled “Medicare Program; Approval of 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.

[CMS-1640-FN](#)

09/15/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3260-N entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities; Reopening of Comment Period” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[CMS-3260-N](#)

09/11/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3349 entitled “2016 Annual Update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Update” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3349](#)

09/10/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1642-FN entitled “Medicare Program; Approval of 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.
CMS-1642-FN

09/04/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 146 entitled “State Operations Manual (SOM), Section 2185 - HHA Change of Address to a Medical Administrative Contractor (MAC)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 146](#)

Transmittal 3345 entitled “Update to Hospice Payment Rates, Hospice Cap, Hospice Wage Index and Hospice Pricer for FY 2016” was published. This regulation affects Hospice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3345](#)

09/02/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1628-CN entitled “Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System; Correction” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities and End Stage Renal Disease.

CMS-1628-CN

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3341 entitled “Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2015-2016 Season” was published. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3341](#)

Transmittal 3344 entitled “Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update” was published. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioners.

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08/28/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1643-N entitled “Medicare Program; Solicitation of Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-1643-N

08/25/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

CMS-5516-CN

08/21/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 145 entitled “Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM), Chapter 9 - Exhibits” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 145](#)

Transmittal 184 entitled “Updated to Pub. 100-03, National Coverage Determination Manual, Chapter 1, Part 1, Section 50.1 Speech Generating Device” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 184](#)

Transmittal 1537 entitled “ICD-10 Conversion/Coding Infrastructure Revisions to National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)—3rd Maintenance CR” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Hospitals, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1537](#)

Transmittal 3331 entitled “Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Annual Update: Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Changes for FY 2016” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 3332 entitled “Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Annual Update: Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Changes for FY 2016” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 3333 entitled “October 2015 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3333](#)

Transmittal 3335 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 3335](#)

Transmittal 3336 entitled Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTCs) October 2015 Code Set Update” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3336](#)

Transmittal 3340 entitled “Annual Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee Update 2016” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3340](#)

08/18/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1625-CN2 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; Correction” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

CMS-1625-CN2

08/17/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1632-F and IFC 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” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1632-F and IFC

08/14/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 144 entitled “Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM) A pendix J, Part II - Interpretive Guidelines - Responsibilities of Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 144](#)

Transmittal 3329 entitled “Update to Pub. 100-04, Chapter 18 to Provide Language-Only Changes for Updating ICD-10 and ASC X12” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3329](#)

Transmittal 3323 entitled “October 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 3323](#)

Transmittal 3327 entitled “New Waived Tests” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments.

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Transmittal 3328 entitled “October 2015 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 16.3” 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, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, and Community Mental Health Centers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3328

08/13/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3298 entitled “Remittance Advice Remark and Claims Adjustment Reason Code and Medicare Remit Easy Print and PC Print Update” was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Organ Procurement, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, Hospitals, Hospices, Ambulances, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Medicare Advantage, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Federally Qualified Health Center, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Community Mental Health Centers, and Physicians.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3298

Transmittal 3304 entitled “Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes - October 2015 Update” was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, Home Health Agencies, Federally Qualified Health Center, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3304

Transmittal 3301 entitled “Claims Processing Instructions for Diagnostic Digital Breast Tomosynthesis” was published. This regulation affects Physicians, Hospitals, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3301

Transmittal 3314 entitled “Additional Fields Added to the Outlier Reconciliation Lump Sum Utility” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 1528 entitled “Reporting of Anti-Cancer and Anti-Emetic Drugs Additional Fields Added to the Outlier Reconciliation Lump Sum Utility” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 1528

08/07/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1641-N entitled Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Membership and Meeting Announcement for the Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests” was published. This regulation is a meeting notice and affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

CMS-1641-N

08/06/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

CMS-1624-F

CMS-1629-F 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-F

08/05/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1627-F 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-F

08/04/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1622-F 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-F

CMS-1625-CN 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; Correction” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

CMS-1625-CN

08/03/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9092-N entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—April Through June 2015” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9092-N

07/28/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6059-N3 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, Ambulances and Home Health Agencies.

CMS-6059-N3

07/16/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3260-P entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-3260-P

07/15/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1631-P 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-P

CMS-6057-N2 entitled “Medicare Program; Extension of Medicare Prior Authorization for Power Mobility Devices (PMDs) Demonstration” was published. This regulation affects Suppliers.

CMS-6057-N2

07/14/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5516-P 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 Suppliers.

CMS-5516-P

07/10/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3290 entitled “October 2015 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files” was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3290](#)

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-P

07/09/2015

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 600 entitled "Workload Reporting" 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, Hospitals, 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 600](#)

07/08/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1633-P 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" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[CMS-1633-P](#)

07/07/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9944-F2 entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2016; Correcting Amendment" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

[CMS-9944-F2](#)

07/01/2015

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1628-P 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.

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