

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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09/16/2016

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 101 entitled “Internet Only Manual Updates to Pub. 100-01, 100-02 and 100-04 to Correct Errors and Omissions (2016)” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 101](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3178-F entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

[CMS-3178-F](#)

09/06/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9934-P entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2018” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

[CMS-9934-P](#)

08/31/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1647-CN entitled “Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2017; Correction” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[CMS-1647-CN](#)

08/26/2016

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3598 entitled “October 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 3598](#)

Transmittal 3601 entitled “October 2016 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3601](#)

Transmittal 3597 entitled “Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTCs) October 2016 Code Set Update” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 3603 entitled “2017 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 3603](#)

Transmittal 3599 entitled “Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update” was published. This regulation affects Non Physician, Practitioners, Physician, Organ Procurement, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, Hospital, Hospice, Ambulance, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, and Community Mental Health Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3599](#)

08/24/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-7042-N entitled “Health Insurance Marketplace\SM\; and the Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), September 21, 2016” was published. This regulation affects is a Meeting Notice.

[CMS-7042-N](#)

08/23/2016

CMS-6074-NC entitled “Request for Information: Inappropriate Steering of Individuals Eligible for or Receiving Medicare and Medicaid Benefits to Individual Market Plans” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

[CMS-6074-NC](#)

08/22/2016

CMS-2430-N entitled “Medicaid Program; Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach and Enrollment Cooperative Agreement” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-2430-N

CMS-1655-F; CMS-16644-F & CMS-1632-F2 entitled “Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and 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; Technical Changes Relating to Costs to Organizations and Medicare Cost Reports; Finalization of Interim Final Rules With Comment Period on LTCH PPS Payments for Severe Wounds, Modifications of Limitations on Redesignation by the Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board, and Extensions of Payments to MDHs and Low-Volume Hospitals” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1655-F; CMS-16644-F & CMS-1632-F2

08/19/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1680-N entitled “Medicare Program; Announcement of the Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Meeting on September 12, 2016” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-1680-N

08/16/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4168-P entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-4168-P

08/15/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2399-P entitled “Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments--Treatment of Third Party Payers in Calculating Uncompensated Care Costs” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-2399-P

08/11/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9937-F2 entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2017; Corrections” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9937-F2

08/10/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1654-CN entitled “Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2017; Medicare Advantage Pricing Data Release; Medicare Advantage and Part D Medical Low Ratio Data Release; Medicare Advantage Provider Network Requirements; Expansion of Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Model; Correction” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

CMS-1654-CN

08/05/2016

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 1698 entitled “Editing Update for Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 3578 entitled “Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR) on the Professional Component (PC) of Certain Diagnostic Imaging Procedures” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

CMS-1652-F

CMS-1647-F entitled “Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2017” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1647-F

CMS-1645-F entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities 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-F

CMS-9098-N entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--April Through June 2016” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9098-N

CMS-3335-N entitled “Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for Members for the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee” was published. This regulation affects Others.

CMS-3335-N

08/04/2016

Transmittal 1687 entitled “Common Working File (CWF) to Locate Medicare Beneficiary Record and Provide Responses to Provider Queries” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, Hospitals, Hospice, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Federally-Qualified Health Centers and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1687](#)

08/03/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6059-N5 entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs: Announcement of the Implementation and Extension of Temporary Moratoria on Enrollment of Part B Non-Emergency Ground Ambulance Suppliers and Home Health Agencies in Designated Geographic Locations and Lifting of the Temporary Moratoria on Enrollment of Part B Emergency Ground Ambulance Suppliers in All Geographic Locations” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Home Health Agencies and Supplies.

[CMS-6059-N5](#)

CMS-6073-N entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs: Announcement of the Provider Enrollment Moratoria Access Waiver Demonstration of Part B Non-Emergency Ground Ambulance Suppliers and Home Health Agencies in Moratoria-Designated Geographic Locations” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Home Health Agencies and Supplies.

[CMS-6073-N](#)

08/02/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5519-P entitled “Medicare Program; Advancing Care Coordination Through Episode Payment Models (EPMs); Cardiac Rehabilitation Incentive Payment Model; and Changes to the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model (CJR)” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[CMS-5519-P](#)

08/01/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1650-N entitled “Medicare Program; FY 2017 Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System--Rate Update” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[CMS-1650-N](#)

07/28/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1667-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.

CMS-1667-PN

07/21/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2390-F2 entitled “Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Programs; Medicaid Managed Care, CHIP Delivered in Managed Care, and Revisions Related to Third Party Liability; Correcting Amendment” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-2390-F2

07/15/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1654-P entitled “Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2017; Medicare Advantage Pricing Data Release; Medicare Advantage and Part D Medical Low Ratio Data Release; Medicare Advantage Provider Network Requirements; Expansion of Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Model” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

CMS-1654-P

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 1681 entitled “The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2014 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCH)” was published. This regulation affects Hospital.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1681](#)

Transmittal 3560 entitled “Correction of Remark Code Information” was published. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physician, Organ Procurement, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, Hospica, Ambulance, 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 Centers, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, and Community Mental Health Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3560](#)

Transmittal 3561 entitled “Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 22.3, Effective October 1, 2016” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3561](#)

Transmittal 3562 entitled “Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC), Claims Adjustment Reason Code (CARC), Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) and PC Print Update” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3562](#)

07/14/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1656-P entitled “Medicare Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; Organ Procurement Organization Reporting and Communication; Transplant Outcome Measures and Documentation Requirements; Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs; Payment to Certain Off-Campus Outpatient Departments of a Provider; Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[CMS-1656-P](#)

07/07/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

[CMS-5061-F](#)

07/05/2016

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1648-P entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2017 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-1648-P](#)

07/01/2016

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3555 entitled “Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update FY 2017” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3555](#)

Transmittal 662 entitled “Date and Timing Requirements” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

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