

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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12/31/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1612-CN 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-CN](#)

12/30/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3296-FN entitled “Medicare Program; Evaluation Criteria and Standards for Beneficiary and Family Centered Care Quality Improvement Organization Contract” was published. This regulation affects Others.

[CMS-3296-FN](#)

CMS-3300-FN entitled “Medicare Program; Evaluation Criteria and Standards for Quality Improvement Networks Quality Improvement Program Contracts; Base and Task Orders” was published. This regulation affects Others.

[CMS-3300-FN](#)

CMS-9938-P entitled “Summary of Benefits and Coverage and Uniform Glossary” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[CMS-9938-P](#)

12/23/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9946-P2 entitled “Amendments to Excepted Benefits” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[CMS-9946-P2](#)

12/19/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3307-P entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Application from the Joint Commission for Continued CMS-Approval of its Hospice Accreditation Program" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

CMS-3307-PN

12/12/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3302-P entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Program; Revisions to Certain Patient's Rights Conditions of Participation and Conditions for Coverage" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-3302-P

12/11/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 128 entitled "State Operations Manual (SOM) revisions for the Medicare State Operations Manual Appendix Letter J Description, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 128

Transmittal 129 entitled "State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix Y- Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Interpretive Guidance Revisions to §486.318 Condition: Outcome Measures" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 129

12/06/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1461-P entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Shared Savings Program: Accountable Care Organizations" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-1461-P

12/05/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS- CMS-6045-F entitled "Medicare Program; Requirements for the Medicare Incentive Reward Program and Provider Enrollment" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-6045-F

CMS- CMS-6056-N entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Provider Enrollment Application Fee Amount for Calendar Year 2015†" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-6056-F

12/03/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS- CMS-2315-F entitled "Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments--Uninsured Definition" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-2315-F

12/02/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1611-CN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2015 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update; Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements; and Survey and Enforcement Requirements for Home Health Agencies; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agency.

CMS-1611-CN

12/01/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3819-N entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Program: Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agency.

CMS-3819-N

11/28/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-7034-N entitled "Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), December 15, 2014" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-7034-N

11/26/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

CMS-9944-P

11/24/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6006-F3 entitled "Medicare Program; Surety Bond Requirement for Suppliers of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS); Technical Amendment" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

CMS-6006-F3

11/21/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 126 entitled “Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM), Chapter 4 - Program Administration and Fiscal Management” was published. This regulation affects Hospices and Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 126

Transmittal 466 entitled “Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 1, Chapter 9, Compensation of Owner” was published. This regulation affects Community Mental Health Centers, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Centers, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 466

Transmittal 3129 entitled “CY 2015 Update for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule” was published. This regulation affects Hospices and Hospitals.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1464-N entitled “Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on FY 2016 Applications for New Medical Services and Technology Add-On Payments” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice and affects Hospitals.

CMS-1464-N

CMS-3297-FN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Continued Approval of The Joint Commission's Ambulatory Surgical Center Accreditation Program” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

CMS-3297-FN

CMS-3301-FN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Continued Approval of DNV GL--Healthcare (DNV GL) Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Accreditation Program” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-3301-FN

CMS-3305-PN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Application From the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities for Continued Approval of Its Accreditation Program for Organizations That Provide Outpatient Physical Therapy and Speech Language Pathology Services” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

CMS-3305-PN

CMS-6064-N entitled “Medicare Program; Prior Authorization of Non-Emergent Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) Therapy” was published. This regulation affects Suppliers and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

CMS-6064-N

11/17/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2343-P entitled “Flexibility, Efficiency, and Modernization in Child Support Enforcement Programs” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-2343-P

11/14/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 199 entitled “Implementation of Changes in the End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System (ESRD PPS) for Calendar Year (CY) 2015” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 199

Transmittal 554 entitled “New Timeframe for Response to Additional Documentation Requests” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 554

Transmittal 3120 entitled “Therapy Cap Values for Calendar Year (CY) 2015” was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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Transmittal 3121 entitled “2015 Annual Update to the Therapy Code List” was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3121

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9087-N entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--July Through September 2014” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9087-N

CMS-6063-N entitled “Medicare Program; Prior Authorization of Repetitive Scheduled Nonemergent Ambulance Transports” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

CMS-6063-N

11/13/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1612-FC 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” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

CMS-1612-FC

11/10/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1613-FC 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” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospital
CMS-1613-FC

11/07/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3271-P entitled “Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA); Fecal Occult Blood (FOB) Testing” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories
CMS-3271-P

11/06/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3116 entitled “Elimination of the 50/50 Payment Rule for Laboratory Services on End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) **Claims**” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3116

Transmittal 3118 entitled “Correction to Remittance Messages When Hospice Claims are Reduced Due to Late Filing of the Notice of Election” was published. This regulation affects Hospice.

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Transmittal 1434 entitled “Payment for G0101 and Q0091 in Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that Bill under the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) System” was published. This regulation affects Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 1434

Transmittal 1435 entitled “New Informational Unsolicited Response (IUR) Process for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Items Furnished during a Part A Hospital Inpatient Stay” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1614-F entitled “Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, Quality Incentive Program, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

CMS-1614-F

CMS-1611-FN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2015 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update; Home Health Quality

Reporting Requirements; and Survey and Enforcement Requirements for Home Health Agencies” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.
CMS-1611-F

10/31/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1615-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-1615-FN

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 125 entitled “Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM) Chapter 2” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.
View the complete text of Transmittal 125

10/27/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1635-N entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests and Request for Nominations” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice and affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.
CMS-1635-N

10/23/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 547 entitled “Review Timeliness Requirements for Complex Review” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.
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10/17/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1439-RCN entitled “Medicare Program; Final Waivers in Connection With the Shared Savings Program; Continuation of Effectiveness and Extension of Timeline for Publication of Final Rule” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.
CMS-1439-RCN

CMS-1630-N entitled “Medicare Program; The Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP Panel) Spring Meeting, March 9-10, 2015” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-1630-N

10/10/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 124 entitled “Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM), Appendix W, Interpretive Guidelines for Critical Access Hospitals” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 124

Transmittal 6 entitled “Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 2, Provider Cost Reporting Forms and Instructions, Chapter 11, Form CMS-339” was published. This regulation affects Community Mental Health Centers, Federally-Qualified Health Centers and Home Health Agencies.

View the complete text of Transmittal 6

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-8056-N entitled “Medicare Program; CY 2015 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-8056-N

CMS-8057-N entitled “Medicare Program; CY 2015 Part A Premiums for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-8057-N

CMS-8058-N entitled “Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2015” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-8058-N

10/09/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3819-P entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Program: Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

CMS-3819-P

10/03/2014

CMS-1607-CN entitled “Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2015 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Reasonable Compensation Equivalents for Physician Services in Excluded Hospitals and Certain Teaching Hospitals; Provider Administrative Appeals and Judicial Review; Enforcement Provisions for Organ Transplant Centers; and Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program; Correction” was published. This regulation affects Hospital.

CMS-1607-CN

10/01/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9946-F entitled “Amendments to Excepted Benefits” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9946-F

CMS-9949-F2 entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Exchange and Insurance Market Standards for 2015 and Beyond; Correcting Amendment” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9949-F2

CMS-1608-CN entitled “Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2015; Correction” was published. This regulation affects Hospital.

CMS-1608-CN

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