

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1436-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: Signature on Requisition" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 2247, entitled "Teaching Physician Services," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2246, entitled "Medicare Contractor Annual Update of the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1584-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Second Semi-Annual Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups--August 10, 2011 Through August 12, 2011" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-7021-N, entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) July 28, 2011" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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06/17/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CORRECTION

Transmittal 2242, entitled "Revision to Formula to Compute Time Value of Money under the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (PPS), Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) PPS, Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) PPS and Long Term Care," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2243, entitled "Claim Status Category Code Claim Status Code Update" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2244, entitled "New Waived Tests" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1518-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Conditions of Participation (CoPs) for Community Mental Health Centers" was published. This regulation affects Community Mental Health Centers.

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06/14/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1518-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2012 Rates; Corrections" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-5501-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Pioneer Accountable Care Organization Model; Extension of the Submission Deadlines for the Letters of Intent and Applications" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-7031-NC3, entitled "Proposed Establishment of a Federally Funded Research and Development Center--Third Notice" was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5059-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Availability of Medicare Data for Performance Measurement" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Suppliers.

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CMS-5501-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Pioneer Accountable Care Organization Model, Request for Applications; Correction" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-5502-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Accelerated Development Sessions for Accountable Care Organizations--June 20, 21, and 22, 2011; Corrections" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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06/06/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1582-PN, entitled "Medicare Program; Five-Year Review of Work Relative Value Units Under the Physician Fee Schedule" was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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CMS-2400-F, entitled "Medicaid Program; Payment Adjustment for Provider-Preventable Conditions Including Health Care-Acquired Conditions" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 904, entitled "Indian Health Service (IHS) Hospital Payment Rates for Calendar Year 2011," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2235, entitled "July 2011 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System," was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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Transmittal 2236, entitled "July Quarterly Update for 2011 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics Orthotics and Supplies.

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Transmittal 2237, entitled "October Quarterly Update to 2011 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1346-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System--Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2011 (RY 2012); Correction" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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06/01/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3248-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1587-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Notification of Closure of St. Vincent's Medical Center" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 2230, entitled "Revisions to Ch. 10, Home Health Agency Billing," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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Transmittal 2231, entitled "Phase 3 of Manual Revisions to Reflect Payment Changes for Durable medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) items as a Result of the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding program and the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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Transmittal 2232, entitled "Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Optional Method Election for Outpatient Services," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2234, entitled "July 2011 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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05/20/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5501-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Pioneer Accountable Care Organization Model: Request for Applications" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 2222, entitled "Pass-Through Payment for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Services" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2223, entitled "July Update to the CY 2011 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database" was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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Transmittal 2224, entitled "July 2011 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 12.2" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2225, entitled "October 2011 Quarterly Update for the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2220, entitled "Update-Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS) Rate Year 2012" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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05/19/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5502-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Accelerated Development Sessions for Accountable Care Organizations--June 20, 21, and 22, 2011" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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05/16/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1355-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2012; CORRECTION" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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CMS-5507-NC, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Opportunities for Alignment Under Medicaid and Medicare" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 2214, entitled "Pharmacy Billing for Drugs Provided "Incident To" a Physician Service -- This CR rescinds and fully replaces CR 7109.," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2217, entitled “Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 17.2, Effective July 1, 2011,” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2375-PN, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the Joint Commission for Continued Deeming Authority for Critical Access Hospitals” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-7031-NC2, entitled “Announcement of Notice; Proposed Establishment of a Federally Funded Research and Development Center--Second Notice” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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05/09/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1355-P, entitled “Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2012” was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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CMS-1355-NR, entitled “Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2012” was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 71, entitled “Clarification to Payment Processing for the Electronic Health Records Demonstration,” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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Transmittal 896, entitled “Durable Medical Equipment National Competitive Bidding: Correction to Permit Payment for Certain Grandfathered Accessories and Supplies,” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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Transmittal 2209, entitled “Corrections to Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) Outlier Limitation,” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1346-F, entitled “Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System—Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2011 (RY 2012)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-1351-P, entitled "Medicare Program: Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Disclosures of Ownership and Additional Disclosable Parties Information" was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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CMS-2328-P, entitled "Medicaid Program; Methods for Assuring Access to Covered Medicaid Services" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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CMS-3239-F, entitled "Medicare Program: Hospital Inpatient Value-Based Purchasing Program" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1518-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2012 Rates" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-3227-F, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Changes Affecting Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Conditions of Participation: Telemedicine Credentialing and Privileging" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Physicians.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3213-P, entitled "Medicare & Medicaid Programs; Influenza Vaccination Standard for Certain Participating Providers and Suppliers" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1349-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2012; Changes in size and Square Footage of Inpatient Rehabilitation Units and Inpatient Psychiatric Units" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 878, entitled "System Changes to VMS to Allow DME MACs to Adjust Claims Denied as a Result of ZPIC Auto-Denial Edits to Pay After an Appeals Decision," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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Transmittal 882, entitled "Adjudication of Laboratory Tests that are Excluded from Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) Edits," was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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Transmittal 2195, entitled "ESRD Low Volume Adjustment and Establishing Quarterly Updates to the ESRD PPS," was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

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Transmittal 2196, entitled "New Waived Tests," was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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Transmittal 2201, entitled "Section 1833 (a)(1)(F) of the Social Security Act - Payment of Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in a Method II Critical Access Hospital (CAH)," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 68, entitled "Physician Certification and Recertification of Services Manual Changes," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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Transmittal 2193, entitled "Updates to Pub 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 3: Inpatient Hospital Billing," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2194, entitled "Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC), Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC), and Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) Update," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2332-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Approval of the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc. for Deeming Authority for Organizations That Provide Outpatient Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology Services" was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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CMS-2372-N, entitled "Announcement of the Re-Approval of the American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI) as an Accreditation Organization Under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2346-F, entitled "Medicaid Program; Federal Funding for Medicaid Eligibility Determination and Enrollment Activities" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 142, entitled "Home Health Therapy Services," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2296-P, entitled "Medicaid Program; Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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CMS-4144-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs for Contract Year 2012 and Other Changes" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-5055-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Solicitation for Proposals for the Medicare Community-Based Care Transitions Program" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-7031-NC, entitled "Announcement of Notice; Proposed Establishment of a Federally Funded Research and Development Center--First Notice" was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 871, entitled "Implementation of New Reasonable Useful Lifetime (RUL) Policy for Stationary and Portable Oxygen Equipment," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1345-NC2, entitled "Medicare Program; Waiver Designs in Connection With the Medicare Shared Savings Program and the Innovation Center" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-1345-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Shared Savings Program: Accountable Care Organizations" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-1357-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and Fiscal Year 2011 Final Wage Indices Implementing the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1435-IFC, entitled "Medicare Programs: Changes to the End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System Transition Budget-Neutrality Adjustment" was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9996-N, entitled "Early Retiree Reinsurance Program" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6036-P2, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Suppliers Safeguards" was published. This regulation affects Suppliers.

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