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COVID-19 Accelerated and Advance Payments: Updated FAQs

CMS updated FAQs about repayment of COVID-19 accelerated and advance payments. If you got these payments, learn more about how recoupment works and how it affects your Medicare claims payment amounts.

More Information:
- COVID-19 Accelerated and Advance Payments webpage
- Repayment of COVID-19 Accelerated and Advance Payments Began on March 30, 2021 MLN Matters Article

COVID-19 Snapshot: Impact on the Medicare Population

CMS released a snapshot of the impact of COVID-19 on the Medicare population from January 1, 2020 - April 24, 2021. The updated data shows over 4.3 million COVID-19 cases and over 1.2 million COVID-19 hospitalizations.

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Hospice Aide Services: Enhancing RN Supervision

An Office of Inspector General (OIG) report found that Registered Nurses (RNs) didn’t always:
- Visit hospice patients’ homes at least once every 14 days to assess the quality of care and services provided by hospice aides
- Document these visits as required

Review the Enhancing RN Supervision of Hospice Aide Services fact sheet to learn about roles and documentation.
More Information:
- Hospice Conditions of Participation Final Rule
- Medicare Fee-for-Service Response to the Public Health Emergency on COVID-19 MLN Matters Article

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Learn about changes to payment policy.

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Read about 3 additional codes we exclude from SNF CB.

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