

CMS Announces Sunset of Section 1011 Program

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced the sun setting of the Section 1011 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), Federal Reimbursement of Emergency Health Services Furnished to Undocumented Aliens Program at the end of fiscal year 2016. The intentions of the MMA with respect to Section 1011 have been largely fulfilled. The Section 1011 program has successfully issued reimbursements to eligible providers totaling over 98 percent of the \$1 billion dollars appropriated.

In the initial stages of the program's sunset, Novitas Solutions, Inc. will continue to enroll eligible providers, assist providers with enrollment and billing questions, calculate provider payment amounts, make quarterly payments and serve as the compliance contractor. A sunset transition period will take place between January and September of 2016. During this time, Novitas will work through a planned closure process designed to minimize provider impacts. The final payment of the Section 1011 program will be made on or about August 29, 2016 and will cover the first quarter of federal fiscal year (FY) 2016, which includes dates of service October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Novitas will no longer accept applications to enroll eligible providers after May 27, 2016 or payment requests after June 28, 2016 (for the October 1 – December 31, 2015 services). The Novitas Section 1011 customer services phone lines will close on September 23, 2016 and the website will be taken down on September 28, 2016.

Once the Section 1011 contractor has closed the program, no further eligibility, enrollment, billing, or payment questions on the Section 1011 program will be processed by Novitas. If a provider needs additional information, CMS has established a web site for Section 1011, which can be found at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/UndocAliens/index.html>

If you have questions about this announcement, please feel free to call me at 717-526-6332. Our business hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

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