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Congress Extends Enforcement Instruction on Supervision Requirements for Outpatient Therapeutic Services in Critical Access Hospitals and Small Rural Hospitals for CY 2014.

Beginning in 2010 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) instructed its contractors not to enforce the supervision requirements for therapeutic services provided to outpatients in Critical Access Hospitals. CMS extended this instruction for 2011 and expanded it to include small rural hospitals beginning in 2011. For purposes of this notice, CMS defines “small rural hospitals” as hospitals with 100 or fewer beds that are geographically located in a rural area or that are paid under the hospital outpatient prospective payment system with a rural wage index. CMS subsequently extended this enforcement instruction to our contractors for another two years through 2013.

H.R.4067 now extends this enforcement instruction through December 31, 2014.