

The CMS Quarterly Provider Update JANUARY 2011

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03/31/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9063-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--October Through December 2010" was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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03/30/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9978-N4, entitled "Public Meeting of the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) Advisory Board, April 15, 2011" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-9978-N4](#)

03/25/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 2182, entitled "July 2011 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 372, entitled "Effective Date of Certified Provider or Supplier Agreement or Approval," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2183, entitled "Manual Clarifications for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Part A Billing," was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2185, entitled “April 2011 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System,” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1583-N, entitled “Medicare Program; Solicitation of Two Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-4154-FN, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Renewal of Deeming Authority of the National Committee for Quality Assurance for Medicare Advantage Health Maintenance Organizations and Local Preferred Provider Organizations” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Medicare Advantage.

[View CMS-4154-FN](#)

03/23/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6029-N, entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Provider Enrollment Application Fee Amount for 2011” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Suppliers.

[View CMS-6029-N](#)

03/21/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2318-N, entitled “Medicaid Program; State Allotments for Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals: Federal Fiscal Year 2010 and Federal Fiscal Year 2011” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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03/18/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2174, entitled “April 2011 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS),” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2175, entitled “2011 Update to the Therapy Code List,” was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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Transmittal 2177, entitled “Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2179, entitled “Quarterly Update to Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 17.1, Effective April 1, 2011,” was published. This regulation affects Physicians

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2435-N, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Civil Money Penalties for Nursing Homes” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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03/14/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1430-IFC, entitled “Medicare Program; Revisions to the Reductions and Increases to Hospitals' FTE Resident Caps for Graduate Medical Education Payment Purposes” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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03/11/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 369, entitled “Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Enrollment Procedures,” was published. This regulation affects Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2172, entitled “April 2011 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 12.1,” was published. This regulation affects Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Centers, Religious Non-Medical Health Institutions, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1504-CN, entitled “Medicare Program: Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and CY 2011 Payment Rates; Changes to the Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System and CY 2011 Payment Rates; Changes to Payments to Hospitals for Graduate Medical Education Costs; Corrections” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View CMS-1504-CN

CMS-3246-N, entitled “Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee, May 11, 2011” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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03/08/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9978-N3, entitled "Public Meeting of the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) Advisory Board; Meeting Location Change" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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03/04/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CORRECTION

Transmittal 866, entitled "Reporting of Recoupment for Overpayment on the Remittance Advice (RA)," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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03/03/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-7020-N, entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Renewal, Expansion, and Renaming of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) and Request for Nominations" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[View CMS-7020-N](#)

03/02/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9978-N2, entitled "Public Meeting of the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) Advisory Board, March 14, 2011" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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02/25/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 2161, entitled "Incentive Payment Program for Primary Care Services, Section 5501(a) of the ACA," was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1347-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meeting in Calendar Year 2011 for New Clinical Laboratory Tests Payment Determinations" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-1515-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meetings in Calendar Year 2011 for All New Public Requests for Revisions to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Coding and Payment Determinations" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-2326-FN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Approval of the Joint Commission for Deeming Authority for Psychiatric Hospitals" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View CMS-2326-FN

CMS-2337-P, entitled "Medicaid Program; Community First Choice Option" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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02/18/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 2160, entitled "Correction to Chapter 5, Section 20.2 of the Internet-Only Claims Processing Manual," was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-15101-F2, entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2011; Changes in Certification Requirements for Home Health Agencies and Hospices; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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CMS-3230-IFC, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Requirements for Long-Term Care (LTC) Facilities; Notice of Facility Closure" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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02/17/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2291-F, entitled "Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); Allotment Methodology and States' Fiscal Years 2009 Through 2015 CHIP Allotments" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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

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02/11/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 2152, entitled "Primary Care Incentive Payment Program (PCIP) Eligibility for New Providers Enrolled in Medicare," was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2153, entitled “Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule - Medicare Travel Allowance Fees for Collection of Specimens,” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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Transmittal 2155, entitled “New Waived Tests,” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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Transmittal 2156, entitled “Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Subject to and Excluded from Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Edits,” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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02/04/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 366, entitled “Auto Denial of Claim Line(s) Submitted with a GZ modifier,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2147, entitled “Quarterly HCPCS Drug/Biological Code Changes - April 2011 Update,” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetic, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Rural Health Centers.

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Transmittal 2150, entitled “April Update to the CY 2011 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB),” was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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02/02/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3225-P, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Patient Notification of Right To Access State Survey Agencies and Medicare Beneficiary Notification of the Right To Access Quality Improvement Organizations” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-6028-FC, entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Additional Screening Requirements, Application Fees, Temporary Enrollment Moratoria, Payment Suspensions and Compliance Plans for Providers and Suppliers” was published. This regulation affects Suppliers.

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01/28/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 846, entitled "Additional Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Payable Under the Replacement Parts, Accessories, and Supplies Pricing Logic Established By Change Requests (CRs) 5917 and 6573," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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Transmittal 848, entitled "FISS System Changes for Elimination of Lump Sum Purchase Payment for Standard Power Wheelchairs Furnished on or after January 1, 2011 due to the Affordable Care Act," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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Transmittal 851, entitled "Update to the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) End of Present on Admission (POA) Indicator Logic for Version 5010 837I Electronic Health Care Claim Submissions," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2144, entitled "Affordable Care Act- Section 3113- Laboratory Demonstration for Certain Complex Diagnostic Tests," was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Hospitals, and Physicians.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

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01/21/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 840, entitled "Revision of the ICD-9 CM Codes Recognized for a Comorbidity Payment Adjustment under the End Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System," was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

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Transmittal 2136, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 (MMEA) Extension of Reasonable Cost Payment for Clinical Lab Tests Furnished by Hospitals with Fewer Than 50 Beds in Qualified Rural Areas," was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2136](#)

Transmittal 2137, entitled "Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) Services in a Method II Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Without a CRNA Pass-Through Exemption," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 2140, entitled “Changes to the Time Limits for Filing Medicare Fee For Service Claims,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2135, entitled “Changes to the Time Limits for Filing Medicare Fee For Service Claims,” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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01/14/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 182, entitled “Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments - 2nd Notification for FY 2011,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2132, entitled “2011 Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supply Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code Jurisdiction List,” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3239-P, entitled “Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Value-Based Purchasing Program” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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01/11/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1503-CN2, entitled “Medicare Program; Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2011; Corrections” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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01/10/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1503-F2, entitled “Medicare Program; Amendment to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2011” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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01/07/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 830, entitled "J15 Part A and Part B Medicare Administrative Contractor (A/B MAC) New Workload Numbers for the States of Kentucky, Ohio and the Regional Home Health Intermediary (RHHI) Region B Workloads, as well as the Split of the Customer Information Control System (CICS) Production and UAT Regions for the Part B Ohio/West Virginia Workloads and the Part B Kentucky/Indiana Workloads," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 830](#)

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – Mid-Quarter

Transmittal 2131, 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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01/05/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3206-F, entitled "Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program" was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View CMS-3206-F](#)

01/03/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2321-N, entitled "Medicaid Program; Final FY 2009 and Preliminary FY 2011 Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments, and Final FY 2009 and Preliminary FY 2011 Institutions for Mental Diseases Disproportionate Share Hospital Limits" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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