

The CMS Quarterly Provider Update JULY 2011

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10/11/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3180-N2, entitled "Pilot Program for Parallel Review of Medical Products," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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CMS-4157-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs for Contract Year 2013 and Other Proposed Changes; Considering Changes to the Conditions of Participation for Long Term Care Facilities," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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09/30/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9989-N2, entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of Exchanges and Qualified Health Plans, and Standards Related to Reinsurance, Risk Corridors and Risk Adjustment; Extension of Comment Period," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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09/26/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1349-CN, 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; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-1351-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2012; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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CMS-1518-CN3, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2012 Rates; Hospitals' FTE Resident Caps for Graduate Medical Education Payment; Corrections," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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09/23/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2310, entitled "Ambulance Inflation Factor for CY 2012" was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2375-FN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Approval of the Joint Commission's Continued Deeming Authority for Critical Access Hospitals," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-2377-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by Community Health Accreditation Program for Continued Deeming Authority for Home Health Agencies," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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CMS-4152-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Appeals; Adjustment to the Amount in Controversy Threshold Amounts for Calendar Year 2012," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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09/16/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 388, entitled "Additional Review Activities for Home Health Agencies (HHAs)" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6034-F, entitled "Medicaid Program; Recovery Audit Contractors," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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09/14/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2319-P, entitled "CLIA Program and HIPAA Privacy Rule; Patients' Access to Test Reports," was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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CMS-9980-NC, entitled "Request for Information Regarding State Flexibility To Establish a Basic Health Program Under the Affordable Care Act," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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09/09/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1587-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Notification of Closure of St. Vincent's Medical Center; Extension of the Deadline for Submission of Applications," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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09/06/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

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CMS-9999-F, entitled "Rate Increase Disclosure and Review: Definitions of "Individual Market" and "Small Group Market"," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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09/01/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4138-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Benefit Programs," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Medicare Advantage.

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08/26/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 134, entitled "Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) in Medicare Beneficiaries with FDA-Approved Implanted Permanent Pacemakers (PMs) for use in an MRI Environment" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 147, entitled "Clarification of Evaluations and Management Payment Policy" was published. This regulation affects Hospices, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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Transmittal 2284, entitled "Clarification to Chapter 26, Section 10.4 – Items 14-33 – Provider of Service or Supplier Information" was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 2285, entitled “Attending Physician Identifiers on Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institution Claims” was published. This regulation affects Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2283, 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 2286, entitled “Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule – Medicare Travel Allowance Fees for Collection of Specimens” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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Transmittal 2289, entitled “Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) PPS Changes” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2290, entitled “October 2011 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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Transmittal 2291, entitled “Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) PPS Changes” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2292, entitled “Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update FY 2012” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3251-N2, entitled “Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee; Cancellation of the September 21, 2011 Meeting,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-3252-N, entitled “Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee—November 9, 2011,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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08/25/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5504-N, entitled “Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Initiative: Request for Applications,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.
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08/22/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9982-NC, entitled “Summary of Benefits and Coverage and Uniform Glossary--Templates, Instructions, and Related Materials Under the Public Health Service Act,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.
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CMS-9982-P, entitled “Summary of Benefits and Coverage and the Uniform Glossary,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.
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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 950, entitled “Medicare Fee-For-Service Claims Processing Guidance for Implementing International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition (ICD-10)” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.
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Transmittal 2276, entitled “October 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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Transmittal 2277, entitled “October 2011 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 12.3” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.
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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2279, entitled “Annual Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee Update 2012” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.
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08/18/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1430-F; CMS-1518-F , entitled “Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and FY 2012 Rates; Hospitals' FTE Resident Caps for Graduate Medical Education Payment,” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.
[View CMS-1430-F; CMS-1518-F](#)

08/17/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2349-P, entitled "Medicaid Program; Eligibility Changes Under the Affordable Care Act of 2010," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.
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CMS-9974-P, entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Exchange Functions in the Individual Market: Eligibility Determinations; Exchange Standards for Employers," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.
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08/12/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 948, entitled "Allowing Contract or Non-contract Suppliers to Maintain and Service the Enteral Nutrition Equipment that They Provided in the 15th Continuous Month of Rental" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.
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Transmittal 949, entitled "Implementation of a Correction of Initial Default Values for Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs)" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.
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Transmittal 2274, entitled "2012 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payments" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Physicians.
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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2275, entitled "Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Annual Update: Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Changes for FY 2012" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.
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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5502-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Accountable Care Organization Accelerated Development Learning Sessions; Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, September 15th and 16th, 2011," was published. This regulation affects Physician.
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08/10/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5058-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Section 3113: The Treatment of Certain Complex Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Demonstration; Extension of the Deadline for Submission of Supporting Information," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.
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08/08/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1351-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2012," was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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CMS-9066-F, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--January Through March 2011 and Proposal for Future Notices," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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08/05/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 942, entitled "Instructions to Accept and Process All Ambulance Transportation Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes" was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 940, entitled "Reporting of Recoupment for Overpayment on the Remittance Advice (RA) with Patient Control Number" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 941, entitled "Common Working File (CWF) Editing Update for Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services (PR) and Cardiac and Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation Services" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Physicians and Rural Health Clinics.

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Transmittal 2269, entitled "Clarification of Payment for ESRD-Related Services Under the Monthly Capitation Payment" was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1349-F, entitled "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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08/04/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

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08/03/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2292-P, entitled "Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Disallowance of Claims for FFP and Technical Corrections," was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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CMS-3143-NC, entitled "Medicare Program; Evaluation Criteria and Standards for Quality Improvement Program Contracts (10th Statement of Work)," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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CMS-9992-IFC2, entitled "Group health Plans and Health Insurance Issuers Relating to Coverage of Preventive Services Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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08/01/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 935, entitled "Analysis CR – The Inclusion of Veterans Administration (VA) Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) claims to the VA Medicare Remittance Advice (eMRA) Process" was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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Transmittal 939, entitled "Independent Laboratory Billing of Automated Multi-Channel Chemistry (AMCC) Organ Disease Panel Laboratory Tests for Beneficiaries who are not Receiving Dialysis for Treatment of End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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Transmittal 2268, entitled "Anesthesiologist Services in a Method II Critical Access Hospital (CAH)" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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07/29/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 919, entitled "Add Patient Status Codes to Bypass DA02 Edit in Common Working File (CWF)" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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Transmittal 922, entitled "Addition of Medical Severity Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRG) 265 to the list subject to Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Replaced Devices Offered Without Cost or With a Credit Policy" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2258, entitled "Addition of Medical Severity Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRG) 265 to the list subject to Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Replaced Devices Offered Without Cost or With a Credit Policy" was published. This regulation affects Hospice.

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Transmittal 2261, entitled "Affordable Care Act – Section 3113 Laboratory Demonstration for Certain Complex Diagnostic Tests (This CR fully Rescinds and Replaces CR 7413)" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Hospitals and Physicians.

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Transmittal 2262, entitled "Implementation of the MIPPA 153c End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP) and Other Requirements for ESRD Claims" was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

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Transmittal 2263, entitled "Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC), Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC), and Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) and PC Print Update" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2265, entitled "Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 17.3, Effective October 1, 2011" was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2260, entitled "Update to Hospice Payment Rates, Hospice Cap, Hospice Wage Index and the Hospice Pricer for FY 2012" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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Transmittal 2264, entitled "October 2011 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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07/26/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9993-P, entitled "Group Health Plans and Health Insurance Issuers: Rules Relating to Internal Claims and Appeals and External Review Processes; Correction," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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07/25/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 926, entitled "Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) and PC Print User Guide Update for Implementation of version 5010A1" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 927, entitled "Populating REF Segment – Other Claim Related Adjustment – for Healthcare Claim Payment/Advice or Transaction 835 version 5010A1" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 77, entitled "Method of Cost Settlement for inpatient Services for Rural Hospitals Participating Under Demonstrations Authorized by Section 410A of the Medicare Modernization Act. Sections 3123 and 10313 of the Affordable Care Act authorized an expansion of the demons" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 915, entitled "Additional Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Subject to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Edits" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2257, entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for October 2011" was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View complete text of Transmittal 2257

Transmittal 2255, entitled "Quarterly Update to the End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Renal Dialysis Facilities.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9983-P, entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) Program," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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07/19/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1524-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2012," was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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07/18/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1525-P, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment; Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment; Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program; Physician Self-Referral; and Provider Agreement Regulations on Patient Notification Requirements," was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Hospitals, and Physicians.

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07/15/2011

TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2255, entitled "Quarterly Update to the End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Renal Dialysis Facilities.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9975-P, entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Standards Related to Reinsurance, Risk Corridors and Risk Adjustment," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-9989-P, entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of Exchanges and Qualified Health Plans," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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07/13/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1518-CN2, 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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07/12/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1353-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2012," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies and Medicaid.

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CMS-2348-P, entitled "Medicaid Program; Face-to-Face Requirements for Home Health Services; Policy Changes and Clarifications Related to Home Health," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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07/08/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1577-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System for CY 2012, End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program for PY 2013 and PY 2014; Ambulance Fee Schedule; and Durable Medical Equipment," was published.

This regulation affects DME, ESRD, and Ambulance.

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CMS-0032-IFC, entitled "Administrative Simplification: Adoption of Operating Rules for Eligibility for a Health Plan and Health Care Claim Status Transactions," was published.

This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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07/05/2011

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5058-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Section 3113: The Treatment of Certain Complex Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Demonstration," was published.

This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-3239-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Value-Based Purchasing Program; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Hospital.

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