

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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06/29/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-8052-N, entitled "Medicare program; Meeting of the Medicare Economic Index Technical Advisory Panel", was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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06/26/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5505-N3, entitled "Medicare Program; Announcement of a New Opportunity for Participation in the Advance Payment Model for Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)", was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-1445-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Public Meeting Regarding Inherent Reasonableness of Medicare Fee Schedule Amounts for Non-Mail Order (Retail) Diabetic Testing Supplies", was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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06/22/2012

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 2489, entitled "Attending Provider Identifiers on Religious Nonmedical health Care Institution Claims," was released. This regulation affects Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions.

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06/21/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9963-NC, entitled "Request for Domains, Instruments, and Measures for Development of a Standardized Instrument for Use in Public Reporting of

Enrollee Satisfaction With Their Qualified Health Plan and Exchange”, was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

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06/20/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3265-PN, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application From the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care for Continued Approval of Its Ambulatory Surgical Centers Accreditation Program”, was published. This regulation affects all ASC’s.

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CMS-3265-PN, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application From American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities for Continued Approval of Its Ambulatory Surgery Facilities Accreditation Program”, was published. This regulation affects all ASC’s.

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CMS-3265-PN, entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), August 2, 2012”, was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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06/15/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6047-ANPRM, entitled “Medicare Program; Medicare Secondary Payment and “Future Medicals”, was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Suppliers.

[View CMS-6047-ANPRM](#)

06/11/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1588-CN, entitled “Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2013 Rates; Hospitals' Resident Caps for Graduate Medical Education Payment Purposes; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers and for Ambulatory Surgical Centers; Corrections”, was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1588-CN](#)

06/08/2012

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED - CLARICATION

Transmittal 157, entitled “July 2012 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS),” was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 157](#)

Transmittal 2484, entitled "Change Request Title: October Quarterly Update to 2012 Annual Update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidate Billing (CB) Enforcement," was released. This regulation affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Community Mental Health Centers, Durable Medicare Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Medicare Advantage, Non-Physician Practitioners, Organ Procurement Organizations, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2484](#)

Transmittal 2485, entitled "Medicare Contractor Annual Update of the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)," was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3269-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposal Evaluation Criteria and Standards for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Organizations", was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View CMS-3269-N](#)

CMS-8051-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Economic Index Technical Advisory Panel—June 25, 2012", was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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06/01/2012

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED - CLARICATION

Transmittal 156, entitled "Updates to Caps and Limitations on Hospice Payments," was released. This regulation affects Hospices.

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Transmittal 2480, entitled "Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN), Form CMS-R-131, Updated Manual Instructions," was released. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Physicians.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4157-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs for Contract Year 2013 and Other Changes; Corrections", was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Medicare Advantage.

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05/25/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1595-N, entitled “Medicare Program; Semi-Annual Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP Panel)—August 27, 28, and 29, 2012”, was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-3257-N, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of the Re-Approval of the Joint Commission as an Accreditation Organization Under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988”, was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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CMS-3264-PN, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by American Osteopathic Association/Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (AOA/HFAP) for Continuing CMS-Approval of its Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Accreditation Program”, was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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CMS-3266-PN, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application From the Community Health Accreditation Program for Continued Approval of Its Hospice Accreditation Program”, was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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CMS-4164-FN, entitled “Medicare Program; Approved Renewal of Deeming Authority of the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission for Medicare Advantage Health Maintenance Organizations and Local Preferred Provider Organizations”, was published. This regulation affects Medicare Advantage.

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05/18/2012

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED - CLARICATION

Transmittal 2472, entitled “Coding Changes to Ultrasound diagnostic Procedures for Transesophageal Doppler Monitoring,” was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2474, entitled “Handling Misdirected Claims for Part B Items and Services,” was released. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2475, entitled “Internet Only Manual (IOM) Update for Laboratory Services and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Claims Processed Under the End Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System (ESRD PPS),” was released. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5052-N2, entitled “Medicare Program; Solicitation for Proposals for the Medicare Graduate Nurse Education Demonstration—Deadline Extension”, was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-90732-N, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—January through March 2012”, was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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05/17/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

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05/16/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3244-F, entitled “Medicaid and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Conditions of Participation”, was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Hospitals.

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CMS-9070-F, entitled “Medicaid and Medicaid Programs; Regulatory Provisions to Promote Program Efficiency, Transparency, and Burden Reduction”, was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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05/11/2012

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED - CLARICATION

Transmittal 2465, entitled “Assigned Codes for Home Oxygen Use for Cluster Headache (CH) in a Clinical Trial (ICD-10),” was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2465](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2370-P, entitled “Medicaid Program; Payments for Services Furnished by Certain Primary Care Physicians and Charges for Vaccine Administration Under the Vaccines for Children Program”, was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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CMS-8050-N, entitled “Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Economic Index Technical Advisory Panel—May 21, 2012; Correction”, was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice

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05/07/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

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05/04/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-8050-N, entitled "Medicaid Program; Meeting of the Medicare Economic Index Technical Advisory Panel--May 21, 2012" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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05/03/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2249-P2, entitled "Medicaid Program; State Plan Home and Community-Based Services, 5-Year Period for Waivers, Provider Payment Reassignment, and Setting Requirements for Community First Choice" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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CMS-2249-CN, entitled "Medicaid Program; State Plan Home and Community-Based Services, 5-Year Period for Waivers, Provider Payment Reassignment, and Setting Requirements for Community First Choice; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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05/01/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9967-NC, entitled "Request for Information Regarding Stop Loss Insurance" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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04/27/2012

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 452, entitled "Section 1499, Exhibit C-3 Adjusted Hourly Salary Equivalency Amount Monthly Inflation Factors For Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) and CAHs With Swing Beds," was released. This regulation affects Community Mental Health Centers, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Renal Dialysis Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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Transmittal 2462, entitled "New Physician Specialty Code for Sleep Medicine," was released. This regulation affects Physicians.

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INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 1079, entitled “New Occurrence Code to Report Date of Death,” was released. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2448, entitled “Ensuring Hospice Certifying Physician Identifiers Are Fully Processed,” was released. This regulation affects Hospices.

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Transmittal 2449, entitled “Modification to CWF, FISS, MCS and VMS to Return Submitted Beneficiary Information when there is a CWF Name and Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) Mismatch,” was released. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2452, entitled “Anesthesiologist Services with a Modifier GC in a Method II Critical Access Hospital (CAH),” was released. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2454, entitled “Contractor and Common Working File (CWF) Additional Instructions Related to Change Request (CR) 7633 – Screening and Behavioral Counseling Interventions in Primary Care to Reduce Alcohol Misuse,” was released. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2454](#)

Transmittal 2457, entitled “Revisions of the Financial Limitation for Outpatient Therapy Services – Section 3005 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012,” was released. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2446, entitled “New Influenza Virus Vaccine Code,” was released. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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Transmittal 2450, entitled “Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes – July 2012 Update,” was released. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6010-F, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Changes in Provider and Supplier Enrollment, Ordering and Referring, and Documentation Requirements; and Changes in Provider Agreements” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Suppliers.

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04/24/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1444-NC, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of Application From a Hospital Requesting Waiver for Organ Procurement Service Area” was published. This regulation affects Organ Procurement Organizations.
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CMS-1525-CN2, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment; Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment; Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program; Physician Self-Referral; and Patient Notification Requirements in Provider Agreements; Corrections” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.
[View CMS-1525-CN2](#)

04/20/2012

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 451, entitled “Inflation Factor,” was released. This regulation affects Community Mental Health Centers, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Renal Dialysis Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1442-N, entitled “Medicare Program; Extension of Certain Wage Index Reclassifications and Special Exceptions for the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (PPS) for Acute Care Hospitals and the Hospital Outpatient PPS” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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04/18/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-0044-CN, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Electronic Health Record Incentive Program--Stage 2; Corrections.” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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04/17/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-0040-P, entitled “Administrative Simplification: Adoption of a Standard for a Unique Health Plan Identifier; Addition to the National Provider Identifier Requirements; and a Change to the Compliance Date for ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Medical Data Code Set,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Provider and Medicare Advantage.

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04/13/2012

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION

Transmittal 207, entitled “Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments – 3rd Notification for FY 2012,” was released. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 415, entitled “General Update to Chapter 15 of the Program Integrity Manual (PIM) – Part V” was released. This regulation affects ALL Providers, Ambulances, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, and Physicians.

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Transmittal 415, entitled “Implementation of the Award for the Jurisdiction H Part A and Part B Medicare Administrative Contractor (JH A/B MAC) Including New Workload Numbers for Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas as well as for the J4 WPS L” was released. This regulation affects Ambulances, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 415](#)

04/12/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4157-FC, entitled “Medicare Program; Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs for Contract Year 2013 and Other Changes,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Provider and Medicare Advantage.

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04/11/2012

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9966-N, entitled “Risk Adjustment Meeting—May 7, 2012 and May 8, 2012,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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04/06/2012

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER

Transmittal 2440, entitled “July 2012 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files,” was released. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2440](#)

Transmittal 2441, entitled “Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Subject to and Excluded from Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Edits,” was released. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2441](#)

Transmittal 2442, entitled “Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC), Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC), and Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) and PC Print Update,” was released. This regulation affects ALL Providers

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Transmittal 2443, entitled “Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule- New Waived Tests,” was released. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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