

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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06/27/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1599-CN entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Hospital Conditions of Participation; Corrections" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1599-CN](#)

CMS-3140-F entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities; Hospice Services" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

[View CMS-3140-F](#)

06/25/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3285-PN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application From the American Osteopathic Association/Health Facilities Accreditation Program for Continued CMS-Approval of Its Critical Access Hospital Accreditation Program" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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06/21/2013

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 2731 entitled "Medicare part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective payment System (PPS) Pricer Update FY 2014" was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2731](#)

06/19/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9957-P entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of Exchanges and Qualified Health Plans; Small Business Health Options Program” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View CMS-9957-P](#)

06/14/2013

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 155 entitled “Ocular Photodynamic Therapy (OPT) with Verteporfin for Macular Degeneration” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 155](#)

Transmittal 1248 entitled “Multi Carrier System (MCS) Modifications to Liability Assignment Regarding Therapy Cap Claim Denials” was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1248](#)

Transmittal 2727 entitled “Medicare Contractor Annual Update of the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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06/07/2013

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 83 entitled “Revised Appendix A, Interpretive Guidelines for Hospitals, Appendix W, Interpretive Guidelines for Critical Access hospitals, and Appendix L, Interpretive Guidelines for Ambulatory Surgical Centers” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 83](#)

Transmittal 171 entitled “Revisions to the end Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Medicare Benefit Policy Manual to Reflect the Implementation of the ESRD Prospective Payment System (PPS)” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 171](#)

Transmittal 1246 entitled “Implementation of the Award for the Jurisdiction K (JK) Part A and Part B Medicare Administrative Contractor (A/B MAC) to National Government Services” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Non-Physician Practitioners, Organ Procurements, Physicians, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1246](#)

06/04/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9964-F2 entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of Exchanges and Qualified Health Plans; Small Business Health Options Program” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View CMS-9964-F2](#)

06/03/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2327-CN entitled "Medicaid Program; Increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Changes Under the Affordable Care Act of 2010; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

[View CMS-2327-CN](#)

CMS-9979-F entitled "Incentives for Nondiscriminatory Wellness Programs in Group Health Plans" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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05/31/2013

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 468 entitled "Detailed Written Orders and Face-to-Face Encounters" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Non-Physician Practitioners, and Physicians.

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Transmittal 469 entitled "Enrollment Denials When Overpayment Exists" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 470 entitled "Revision to Surety Bond Collection Process" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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Transmittal 1243 entitled "Implementation of CMS Ruling 1455-R (Medicare Program; Part B Billing in Hospitals)" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2717 entitled "July 2013 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System" was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Center.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1459-N entitled "Medicare Program; Notification of Closure of Teaching Hospitals and Opportunity to Apply for Available Slots" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View CMS-1459-N](#)

CMS-7029-N entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), June 24, 2013" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-7028-N entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Programs; Renewal of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) and Request for Nominations” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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05/29/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9951-N entitled “HHS –Operated Risk Adjustment Data Validation Stakeholder Meeting” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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05/24/2013

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 2711 entitled “Expedited Determinations for Provider Service Terminations” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2711](#)

Transmittal 2713 entitled “Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally-Qualified Heath Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Medicare Advantage, Non-Physician Practitioners, Organ Procurements, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, Religious Non-Medical health Care Institutions, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, and Skilled Nursing Facilities, .

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2713](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3255-N entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Survey, Certification and Enforcement Procedures; Extension of Comment Period” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Medicare Advantage.

[View CMS-3255-N](#)

CMS-1451-N entitled “Medicare Program; Public Meeting in Calendar Year 2013 for New Clinical Laboratory Test Payment Determinations” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-1458-N entitled “Medicare Program; Second Semi-Annual Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP Panel) August 26-27, 2013” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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05/23/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4173-F entitled “Medicare Program; Medical Loss Ratio Requirements for the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Medicare Advantage.
[View CMS-4173-F](#)

05/17/2013

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 2708 entitled “July Update to the CY 2013 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)” was published. This regulation affects Non-Physicians and Physicians.

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Transmittal 2709 entitled “July Quarterly Update for 2013 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5504-N3 entitled “Medicare Program; Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Model 1 Open Period” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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05/15/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2367-P entitled “Medicaid Program; State Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotment Reductions” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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05/10/2013

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 2700 entitled “Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 19.2, Effective July 1, 2013” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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Transmittal 2703 entitled “Ambulance Payment Reduction for Non-Emergency Basic Life Support (BLS) Transports to and from Renal Dialysis” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1449-P entitled “Medicare Program; FY 2014 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update; Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements; and Updates on Payment Reform” was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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CMS-1599-P entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Hospital Conditions of Participation" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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05/08/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1448-P entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2014" was published. This regulation affects Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

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05/06/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1446-P entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2014" was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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05/03/2013

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 1216 entitled "Applying Multiple Procedure Payment Reductions to Therapy Cap Amounts for Critical Access hospital Claims" was published. This regulation affects Medicare Advantage.

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Transmittal 1231 entitled "Common Working File (CWF) Informational Unsolicited Response (IUR) or Reject for a new patient visit billed by the same physician or physician group within the past three years" was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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Transmittal 2690 entitled "Billing Social Work and Psychological Services in Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs)" was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Hospitals and Outpatient Physical Therapy.

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Transmittal 2694 entitled "Discontinuation of Home Health Type of Bill 33X" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 1214 entitled "Medicare System Update to Include Line Level national Provider Identifier (NPI) Sanction Editing on Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Method I Outpatient Claims" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 1217 entitled “CWF Editing for Vaccines Furnished at Hospice” was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3110-PN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application From the Accreditation Commission for Health Care for Continued CMS-Approval of Its Hospice Accreditation Program” was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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CMS-9079-PN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—January Through March 2013” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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05/02/2013

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 1221 entitled “Affordable Care Act Provider Specific File Interface Update for Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Long Term Care Hospitals” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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Transmittal 1223 entitled “Part A to art B Billing of Denied Hospital Inpatient Claims” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 1225 entitled “Reporting of Principal and Interest when returning previously recouped money” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Organ Procurements, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Medicare Advantage, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 1225

Transmittal 2695 entitled “Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes – July 2013 Update” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Rural Health Clinics.

View the complete text of Transmittal 2695

04/29/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6045-P entitled "Medicare Program; Requirements for the Medicare Incentive Reward Program and Provider Enrollment" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9996-N4 entitled "Early Retiree Reinsurance Program" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 2687 entitled "Clarify the definition of customized durable medical equipment (DME) items" was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

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04/12/2013

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 459 entitled "Tax Identification Numbers of Foreign Owning and Managing Entities and Individuals" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2686 entitled "Remittance Advice remark and Claims Adjustment Reason Code and Medicare Remit Easy Print and PC Print Update" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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04/10/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1454-P entitled "Medicare Program; Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities With Which They Have Financial Relationships: Exception for Certain Electronic Health Records Arrangements" was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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04/05/2013

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 2681 entitled "Claims Status Category and Claims Status Codes Update" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers, Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Community Mental Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Hospitals,

Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Medicare Advantage, Non-Physician Practitioners, Organ Procurements, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED

Transmittal 2682 entitled “Quarterly Update for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) – July 2013” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 2682](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3255-P entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Survey, Certification and Enforcement Procedures” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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04/02/2013

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2327-FC entitled “Medicaid Program; Increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Changes Under the Affordable Care Act of 2010” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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