

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update  
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**06/27/2014**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3301-PN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application From Det Norske Veritas Healthcare for Continued CMS-Approval of Its Critical Access Hospital Accreditation Program" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.  
**CMS-3301-PN**

CMS-3297-PN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Application From the Joint Commission for Continued Approval of Its Ambulatory Surgical Center Accreditation Program" was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.  
**CMS-3297-PN**

CMS-3290-FN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Continued Approval of The Joint Commission's (TJC's) Hospital Accreditation Program" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.  
**CMS-3290-FN**

CMS-9954-F2 entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2015; Correcting Amendment" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.  
**CMS-9954-F2**

**06/25/2014**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-9952-F2 entitled "Ninety-Day Waiting Period Limitation" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.  
**CMS-9952-F2**

**06/20/2014**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 2976 entitled "Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Software--Maintenance CR" was published. This regulation affects All Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 2976](#)**

Transmittal 521 entitled "Submission of Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Certifications of Compliance with Section 485.918(b)(1)" was published. This regulation affects All CMHC.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 521](#)**

Transmittal 523 entitled "Update to CMS Publication 100-08, Chapter 3" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 523](#)**

Transmittal 2977 entitled "Clarification of Billing Instructions Related to the Home Health Benefit" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 2977](#)**

**06/17/2014**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1599-N entitled "Medicare Program; Additional Extension of the Payment Adjustment for Low-Volume Hospitals and the Medicare-Dependent Hospital (MDH) Program Under the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS)for Acute Care Hospitals for Fiscal Year 2014" This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[CMS-1599-N](#)**

**06/04/2014**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-6050-P entitled "Medicare Program; Notification of Closure of Teaching Hospital and Opportunity To Apply for Available Slots" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[CMS-1620-N](#)**

**05/28/2014**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-6050-P entitled "Medicare Program; Prior Authorization Process for Certain Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Items" was published. This regulation affects Suppliers.

**[CMS-6050-P](#)**

**05/23/2014**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal1388 entitled "ICD-10 Conversion/Coding Infrastructure Revisions/ICD-9 Updates to National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)--Maintenance CR" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1388](#)**

Transmittal 104 entitled "Implementing Payment Changes for FCHIP (Frontier Community Health Integration Project), Mandated by section 123 of MIPPA 2008

and as amended by section 3126 of the ACA of 2010” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances and Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 104](#)**

Transmittal 115 entitled “New to State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix Y – Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Interpretive Guidance” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Organ Procurement Organizations.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 115](#)**

Transmittal 2964 entitled “Indian health Services (IHS) Hospital Payment Rates for Calendar Year 2014” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 2964](#)**

Transmittal 2967 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 Centers, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Hospice, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Non-Physician Practitioners, Organ Procurement Organizations, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Renal Dialysis Facilities, and Rural Health Clinics.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 2967](#)**

Transmittal 2968 entitled “Quarterly Update for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) – October 2014” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 2968](#)**

Transmittal 2969 entitled “Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 20.3, Effective October 1, 2014” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 2969](#)**

Transmittal 2970 entitled “July 2014 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 2970](#)**

Transmittal 2971 entitled “July 2014 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective payment System (OPPS)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 2971](#)**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-0052-P entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Modifications to the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Programs for 2014; and Health Information Technology: Revisions to the Certified EHR Technology Definition” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Physicians.

**[CMS-0052-P](#)**

CMS-3291-N entitled “Announcement of the Re-Approval of AABB (Formerly Known as the American Association of Blood Banks) as an Accreditation Organization Under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

**CMS-3291-N**

CMS-4159-F entitled "Medicare Program; Contract Year 2015 Policy and Technical changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**CMS-4159-F**

**05/16/2014**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-7032-CN entitled "Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), May 22, 2014; Corrections " was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**CMS-7032-CN**

**05/15/2014**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1607-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 2015 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Reasonable Compensation Equivalents for Physician Services in Excluded Teaching Hospitals; Provider Administrative Appeals and Judicial Review; Enforcement Provisions for Organ Transplant Centers; and Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program " was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1607-P**

**05/12/2014**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1615-NC entitled "Medicare Program; Request for an Exception to the Prohibition on Expansion of Facility Capacity Under the Hospital Ownership and rural Provider Exception to the Physician Self-Referral Prohibition" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Physicians.

**CMS-1615-NC**

CMS-1616-NC entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of Application From a Hospital Requesting Waiver for Organ Procurement Service Area" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1616-NC**

CMS-1618-NC entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of Application From a Hospital Requesting Waiver for Organ Procurement Service Area" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1618-NC**

CMS-3267-F entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Regulatory Provisions To Promote Program Efficiency, Transparency, and Burden Reduction; Part II" was published. This regulation affects Providers and Suppliers.

**CMS-3267-F**

**05/09/2014**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1467-N entitled "Medicare Program; The Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP Panel) Summer Meeting, August 25-26, 2014" was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice..

**CMS-1467-N**

**05/08/2014**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1609-P entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2015 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update; Hospice Quality Reporting requirements and Process and Appeals for Part D Payment for Drugs for Beneficiaries Enrolled in Hospice" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

**CMS-1609-P**

CMS-1617-NC entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of Application From a Hospital Requesting Waiver for Organ Procurement Service Area" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1617-NC**

CMS-1619-NC entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of Application From a Hospital Requesting Waiver for Organ Procurement Service Area" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1619-NC**

**05/07/2014**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1608-P entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal year 2015" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1608-P**

**05/06/2014**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1605-P entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2015" was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**CMS-1605-P**

CMS-1606-P entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System—Updated for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 (FY 2015)" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**CMS-1606-P**

**05/02/2014**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1443-FC entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Federally Qualified Health Centers; Changes to Contracting Policies for Rural

Health Clinics; and Changes to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 Enforcement Actions for Proficiency Testing Referral” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Federally-Qualified Health Centers.

**CMS-1443-FC**

CMS-7032-N2 entitled “Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), May 22, 2014” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**CMS-7032-N2**

**04/25/2014**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 113 entitled “New Guidance Added to Chapter 7 – Survey and Enforcement Process for Skilled Nursing Facilities and Nursing Facilities” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 113**

Transmittal 114 entitled “New to State Operations Manual (SOM) Chapter 10” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 114**

Transmittal 2936 entitled “July 2014 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files” was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 2936**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1466-N entitled “Medicare Program; Notice of Two Membership Appointments to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**CMS-1466-N**

CMS-9085-N entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—January Through March 2014” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

**CMS-9085-N**

**04/18/2014**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 166 entitled “Fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) Positron Emission Tomography (PET) for Solid Tumors (This CR rescinds and fully replaces CR8468/TR2873 dated February 6, 2014)” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Rural Health Clinics.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 166**

Transmittal 1371 entitled “Instructions to Contractors for Implementing Section 5506 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) – Preservation of Resident Cap Positions

from Closed Teaching Hospitals—Rounds 1, 2, 3 and After” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1371](#)**

**04/17/2014**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-5506-N4 entitled “Medicare Program; Comprehensive ESRD Care Initiative; Extension of the Submission Deadlines for the Letters of Intent and Applications” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

**[CMS-5506-N4](#)**

**04/16/2014**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3277-P entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Fire Safety Requirements for Certain Health Care Facilities” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**[CMS-3277-P](#)**

**04/11/2014**

**INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE**

Transmittal 111 entitled “State Operations Manual (SOM) Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 policy revisions for Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 111](#)**

Transmittal 112 entitled “Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM) Chapter 2” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 112](#)**

Transmittal 2926 entitled “Chapter 29 Appeals Update (Includes Post-DOMA Guidance and Signature Requirement for Appointment of Representative and Assignment of Appeal Rights)” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 2926](#)**

Transmittal 2920 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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