

The CMS Quarterly Provider Update JULY 2014

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10/09/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3819-P entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Program: Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

CMS-3819-P

09/26/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 122 entitled "Revisions to State Operations Manual (SOM), Appendix A-Survey Protocol, Regulations and Interpretive Guidelines for Hospitals" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 122

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4175-N entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Appeals; Adjustment to the Amount in Controversy Threshold Amounts for Calendar Year 2015" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-4175-N

09/23/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1626-N entitled "Medicare Program; Solicitation of Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-1626-N

CMS-3304-PN entitled "Medicare Program; Solicitation of Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and is a Meeting Notice.

CMS-3304-PN

09/22/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3065 entitled “Billing for Cost Based Payment for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) Services Furnished by Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Hospitals” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3065](#)

Transmittal 3066 entitled “Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) PPS Changes” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3066](#)

Transmittal 3068 entitled “Quarterly Update for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) - January 2015” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3068](#)

09/19/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3072 entitled “January 2015 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files” was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3072](#)

Transmittal 6 entitled “Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 2, Provider Cost Reporting Forms and Instructions, Chapter 40, Form CMS-2552-10” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 6](#)

09/05/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 174 entitled “Screening for Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) in Adults” was published. This regulation affects Physicians, Clinical laboratory Improvement Amendments, Skilled Nursing Facility, Rural Health Clinics, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 174](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9941-F entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Annual Eligibility Redeterminations for Exchange Participation and Insurance Affordability Programs; Health Insurance Issuer Standards Under the Affordable Care Act, Including Standards Related to Exchanges” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Suppliers.

CMS-9941-F

09/04/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-0046-N and CMS-0052-F entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Modifications to the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program for 2014 and Other Changes to the EHR Incentive Program; and Health Information Technology: Revisions to the Certified EHR Technology Definition and EHR Certification Changes Related to Standards; Final Rule” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Suppliers.

CMS-0046-F and CMS-00052-F

09/02/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3037 entitled “Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTC) Update, October 2014” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3037

Transmittal 3038 entitled “Implement Operating Rules - Phase III ERA EFT: CORE 360 Uniform Use of Claim Adjustment Reason Codes (CARC) and Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARC) Rule - Update from CAQH CORE” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3038

Transmittal 3043 entitled “Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update” was published. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Organ Procurement, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, Hospital, Hospice, Ambulance, Skilled Nursing Facility, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Medicare Advantage, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Home Health Agency, Federally Qualified Health Center, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Community Mental Health Centers and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3043

Transmittal 3044 entitled “Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 21.0, Effective January 1, 2015” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3044

Transmittal 3048 entitled “New Physician Specialty Code for Interventional Cardiology” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3048

Transmittal 3035 entitled “Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Home Health Consolidated Billing Enforcement” was published. This regulation affects Hospital, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Home Health Agency and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3035](#)

08/29/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 31 entitled “This Change Request (CR) contains language-only changes for updating ICD-10 and ASC X12 language in Pub 100-22, Chapters 01 & 02. There are no new coverage policies, payment policies, or codes introduced in this transmittal.” was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 31](#)

Transmittal 3055 entitled “Annual Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee Update 2015” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3055](#)

Transmittal 3056 entitled “Sample Collection Fee Adjustment for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Home Health Agencies, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3056](#)

Transmittal 3057 entitled “Ambulance Inflation Factor for CY 2015 and Productivity Adjustment” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3057](#)

08/27/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4132-FN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Renewal of Deeming Authority of the Accreditation Association for National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)” was published. This regulation affects Medicare Advantage.

[CMS-4132-FN](#)

CMS-9939-IFC entitled “Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[CMS-9939-IFC](#)

CMS-9940-P entitled “Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[CMS-9940-P](#)

08/22/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 1423 entitled “International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) Testing – Acknowledgement Testing with Providers” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1423](#)

Transmittal 3034 entitled “Update – Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2015” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3034](#)

Transmittal 3032 entitled “Hospice Manual Update for Diagnosis Reporting and Filing Hospice Notice of Election (NOE) and Termination or Revocation of Election. This CR rescinds and fully replaces CR 8777.” was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3032](#)

Transmittal 3031 entitled “Update to Pub. 100-04, Chapter 14 to Provide Language-Only Changes for Updating ASC X12” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3031](#)

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1609-F 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 Hospices” was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

[CMS-1609-F](#)

CMS-1607-F and CMS-1599-F3 entitled “Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2015 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Reasonable Compensation Equivalents for Physician Services in Excluded Hospitals and Certain 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-F and CMS-1599-F3](#)

CMS-3303-PN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application From the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc., for Continued Approval of Its Home Health Agency Accreditation Program” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[CMS-3303-PN](#)

08/20/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-7033-N entitled “Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), September 12, 2014” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

[CMS-7033-N](#)

08/15/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 1421 entitled “Revised Modification to the Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) Program” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1421](#)

Transmittal 1422 entitled “Specific Modifiers for Distinct Procedural Services” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1422](#)

Transmittal 1420 entitled “DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program (CBP): Correction to VMS Processing of Wheelchair Accessory Claims for Round 2.” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1420](#)

Transmittal 3025 entitled “October 2014 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3025](#)

08/11/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3300-NC entitled “Medicare Program; Evaluation Criteria and Standards for Quality Improvement Program Contracts (Base and Task Order(s)) ” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

[CMS-3300-NC](#)

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 192 entitled “Clarification of the Confined to the Home Definition in Chapter 15, Covered Medical and Other Health Services, of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 192](#)

Transmittal 1403 entitled “Change in Applying Co-insurance and Lifetime Reserve (LTR) Amounts on Informational Only Claims with Condition Code (CC) 04” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1403](#)

Transmittal 1412 entitled “Modifying FISS Part B Claims Overlap Edits related to CMS-1599-F” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1412](#)

Transmittal 3012 entitled “October 2014 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3012](#)

Transmittal 1405 entitled “Diagnosis Reporting on Home Health Claims” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1405](#)

Transmittal 3010 entitled “Preventing Payment on Requests for Anticipated Payment (RAPs) When Home Health Beneficiaries are Enrolled in Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3010](#)

Transmittal 3011 entitled “October Quarterly Update for 2014 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule” was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3011](#)

08/08/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3018 entitled “October 2014 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 15.3” was published. This regulation affects 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, Medicare Advantage, Non-Physician Practitioners, Organ Procurements, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3018](#)

Transmittal 3020 entitled “October 2014 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 15.3” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, 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 Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3020](#)

08/06/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

[CMS-1606-F](#)

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

CMS-1608-F

08/05/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1605-F 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-F

08/04/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-0043-F entitled "Administrative Simplification: Change to the Compliance Date for the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS) Medical Data Code Sets" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-0043-F

08/01/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6059-N entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs: Announcement of the Extended Temporary Moratoria on Enrollment of Ambulance Suppliers and Home Health Agencies in Designated Geographic Locations" was published. This regulation affects Suppliers and Home Health Agencies.

CMS-6059-N

07/31/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 2996 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.

View the complete text of Transmittal 2996

Transmittal 2998 entitled "Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update FY 2015" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 2998

07/30/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1599-F2 entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and

Quality Reporting Programs; Physician-Owned Hospitals: Data Sources for Expansion Exception; Physician Certification of Inpatient Hospital Services; Medicare Advantage Organizations and Part D Sponsors: Appeals Process for Overpayments Associated With Submitted Data ” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1599-F2

07/29/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6057-N entitled “Medicare Program; Expanded Medicare Prior Authorization for Power Mobility Devices (PMDs) Demonstration” was published. This regulation affects Suppliers.

CMS-6057-N

07/28/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3296-NC entitled “Medicare Program; Evaluation Criteria and Standards or Beneficiary and Family Centered Care Quality Improvement Organization Contract ” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

CMS-3296-NC

07/25/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9086-N entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--April Through June 2014” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

CMS-9086-N

07/24/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9949-CN entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Exchange and Insurance Market Standards for 2015 and Beyond; Correction” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9949-CN

07/18/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 2991 entitled “October Quarterly Update to 2014 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement” was published. This regulation affects Physicians and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 2991

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3287-FN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Initial Approval of The Compliance Team’s (TCT’s) Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Accreditation Program” was published. This regulation affects Rural Health Clinics.

CMS-3287-FN

07/17/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 463 entitled “Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual Part 1, Chapter 25, Limitation on Coverage of Costs Under Medicare and Notice of Schedule of Limits on Provider Costs” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities, and Home Health Agencies.

View the complete text of Transmittal 463

Transmittal 2985 entitled “Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update FY 2015” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 2985

07/14/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1613-P entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; Physician-Owned Hospitals: Data Sources for Expansion Exception; Physician Certification of Inpatient Hospital Services; Medicare Advantage Organizations and Part D Sponsors: Appeals Process for Overpayments Associated With submitted Data” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospitals.

CMS-1613-P

07/11/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1612-P entitled “Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule, Access to Identifiable Data for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Models & Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2015” was published. This regulation affects All Physicians.

CMS-1612-P

CMS-1614-P entitled “Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, Quality Incentive Program, and Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies” was published. This regulation affects RDF/ESRD.

CMS-1614-P

07/10/2014

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 528PI entitled “Proof of Delivery” was published. This regulation affects All DMEPOS.

View the complete text of Transmittal 528PI

07/07/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1611-P entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2015 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update; Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements; and Survey and Enforcement Requirements for Home Health Agencies” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

CMS-1611-P

07/02/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9957-F3; CMS-9964-F4 entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Program Integrity: Exchange, Premium Stabilization Programs, and Market Standards; Amendments to the HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2014; Correcting Amendment” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9957-F3; CMS-9964-F4

07/01/2014

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9941-P entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Annual Eligibility Redeterminations for Exchange Participation and Insurance Affordability Programs; Health Insurance Issuer Standards Under the Affordable Care Act, Including Standards Related to Exchanges” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9941-P

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