

The CMS Quarterly Provider Update APRIL 2017

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06/30/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2431-N2 entitled “Zika Health Care Services Program; Round 2” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-2431-N2

CMS-3345-N entitled “Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) - August 30, 2017” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-3345-N

CMS-5522-P entitled “CY 2018 Updates to the Quality Payment Program” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

CMS-5522-P

06/27/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9928-CN entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Reducing Regulatory Burdens & Improving Healthcare Choices to Empower Patients; Correction” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-9928-CN

06/16/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1669-N; CMS-1668-N entitled “Medicare Program; Rechartering, Membership, and Announcement of the Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Meeting on August 1, 2017” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Meeting Notices.

CMS-1669-N; CMS-1668-N

CMS-1668-N; CMS-1669- entitled “Medicare Program; Public Meeting on July 31, 2017 Regarding New and Reconsidered Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Test

Codes for the Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2018” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories and Meeting Notices.

CMS-1668-N; CMS-1669-N

CMS-1669-N entitled “Medicare Program; Rechartering, Membership, and Announcement of the Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Meeting on August 1, 2017” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

CMS-1669-N

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3795 entitled “Updates in the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Inpatient and Outpatient Provider Specific Files (PSF)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3795

Transmittal 3796 entitled “Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update FY 2018” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3796

Transmittal 236 entitled “Medicare Benefit Policy Manual - Chapter 10, Ambulance Locality and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Assessment” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

View the complete text of Transmittal 236

06/14/2017

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 169 entitled “New to State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix Z, Emergency Preparedness for All Provider and Certified Supplier Types” was published. This regulation affects Organ Procurement Organization, Hospice, Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Home Health Agency, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

View the complete text of Transmittal 169

06/14/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3343-PN entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities: Revisions to Case-Mix Methodology; Extension of Comment Period” was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

CMS-1686-N

06/13/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3343-PN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Application From the American Osteopathic Association/Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (AOA-HFAP) for Continued CMS Approval of Its Ambulatory Surgical Center Accreditation Program" was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

CMS-9928-NC

06/12/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9928-NC entitled "Reducing Regulatory Burdens Imposed by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act & Improving Healthcare Choices To Empower Patients" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9928-NC

06/08/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3342-P entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Revision of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities: Arbitration Agreements" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-3342-P

06/02/2017

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3788 entitled "July 2017 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System" was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3788](#)

05/27/2017

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3776 entitled "Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes - July 2017 Update" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Hospitals, Physicians, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Rural Health Clinics

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3776](#)

05/25/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1685-N entitled “Medicare Program: Announcement of the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (the Panel) Meeting on August 21-22, 2017” was published. This regulation affects Meeting Notices.

CMS-1685-N

05/19/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5519-F3 entitled “Medicare Program; Advancing Care Coordination Through Episode Payment Models (EPMs); Cardiac Rehabilitation Incentive Payment Model; and Changes to the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model (CJR); Delay of Effective Date” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-5519-F3

05/15/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1671-P entitled “Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2018” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1671-P

05/12/2017

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 1846 entitled “MCS Implementation of the Restructured Clinical Lab Fee Schedule” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

View the complete text of Transmittal 1846

Transmittal 3771 entitled “New Waived Tests” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3771

Transmittal 1849 entitled “Implementation of Modifier XX for Type of Bill 72x” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 1849

05/05/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9103-N entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--January Through March 2017” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9103-N

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 1840 entitled “Update Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS)

Editing to Include All Three Patient Reason for Visit Code Fields” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1840](#)

05/04/2017

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 1832 entitled “Update FISS Editing to Include the Admitting Diagnosis Code Field” was published. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioners, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Hospice, Hospitals, Home Health Agencies, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Physicians, Organ Procurements, Ambulance, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, Rural Health Clinics, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Medicare Advantage and Community Mental Health Clinics.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1832](#)

Transmittal 1835 entitled “Reason Codes 36233 and 36330 Bypass for Claims Submitted on the 72x Type of Bill for Services Provided to Beneficiaries with Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) and edits related to not separately payable drugs” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1835](#)

Transmittal 195 entitled “Screening for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Infection” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1679-P entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2018, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, SNF Quality Reporting Program, Survey Team Composition, and Proposal To Correct the Performance Period for the NHSN HCP Influenza Vaccination Immunization Reporting Measure in the ESRD QIP for PY 2020” was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[CMS-1679-P](#)

CMS-1675-P entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities: Revisions to Case-Mix Methodology” was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[CMS-1686-ANPRM](#)

05/03/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1686-ANPRM entitled “Medicare Program; FY 2018 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate” was published. This regulation affects Hospice.

[CMS-1675-P](#)

CMS-1671-P entitled “Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2018” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1671-P

04/28/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1677-P entitled “Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Proposed Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2018 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program Requirements Eligible Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, and Eligible Professionals; Provider-Based Status of Indian Health Service and Tribal Facilities and Organizations; Costs Reporting and Provider Requirements; Agreement Termination Notices” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-1677-P

04/18/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9929-F entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Market Stabilization” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-9929-F

04/14/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5523-N entitled “Medicare Program; Funding in Support of the Pennsylvania Rural Health Model--Cooperative Agreement” was published. This regulation affects Others.

CMS-5523-N

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 710 entitled “Update to Pub. 100-08, Chapter 15” was published. This regulation affects Non Physician Practitioners.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 710](#)

Transmittal 3748 entitled “Quarterly Update to the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Procedure to Procedure (PTP) Edits, Version 23.2, Effective July 1, 2017” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3748](#)

04/6/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1656-F2 entitled “Medicare Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality

Reporting Programs; Organ Procurement Organization Reporting and Communication; Transplant Outcome Measures and Documentation Requirements; Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs; Payment to Nonexcepted Off-Campus Provider-Based Department of a Hospital; Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program; Establishment of Payment Rates Under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for Nonexcepted Items and Services Furnished by an Off-Campus Provider-Based Department of a Hospital; Correcting Amendment” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospitals.

CMS-1656-F2

04/3/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3819-P2 entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies; Delay of Effective Date” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

CMS-3819-P2

CMS-2399-F entitled “Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments--Treatment of Third Party Payers in Calculating Uncompensated Care Costs” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-2399-F

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