

The CMS Quarterly Provider Update July 2017

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09/29/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4181-N entitled “Medicare Appeals; Adjustment to the Amount in Controversy Threshold Amounts for CY 2018” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-4181-N

CMS-1698-N entitled “Request for Nominations to the Medicare Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

CMS-1698-N

09/22/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3343FN entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Continued Approval of the American Osteopathic Association/Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program's (AOA/HFAP's) Ambulatory Surgical Center Accreditation Program” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

CMS-3343-FN

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 1919 entitled “Targeted Probe and Educate” was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Physicians, Ambulance and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1919](#)

09/12/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1700-N entitled “Medicare Program; Announcement of the Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Meeting, September 25, 2017” was published. This regulation affects Meeting Notices.

CMS-1700-N

09/12/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6076-IFR2 entitled “Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation; Correcting Amendment” was published. This regulation affects Suppliers.

CMS-6076-IFR2

09/07/2017

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3854 entitled “October 2017 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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09/01/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4177-N entitled “Recognition of Changes to the NAIC Model Standards for Regulation of Medicare Supplemental Insurance” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

CMS-4177-N

08/22/2017

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3839 entitled “Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Update” was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Hospitals, Hospices, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Home Health Agency, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Physicians, Ambulance, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Medicare Advantage, Community Mental Health Centers, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Organ Procurement Organizations, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Renal Dialysis Facilities.

View the complete text of Transmittal 3839

Transmittal 3842 entitled “Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTCs) October 2017 Code Set Update” was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Hospitals, Hospices, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Home Health Agency, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Physicians, Ambulance, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and

Supplies, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions, Medicare Advantage, Community Mental Health Centers, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Organ Procurement Organizations, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3842](#)

08/22/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3340-N entitled "Secretarial Review and Publication of the National Quality Forum Report of 2016 Activities to Congress and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services" was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

[CMS-7046-N](#)

08/11/2017

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 1890 entitled "Suppression of the Standard Paper Remittance Advice (SPR) in 45 Days if also receiving Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA)" was published. This regulation affects All Providers and Renal Dialysis Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1890](#)

Transmittal 1891 entitled "Provider-Based Determination" was published. This regulation affects Physicians, Rural Health Clinics and Hospitals.

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Transmittal 3825 entitled "October Quarterly Update to 2017 Annual Update of HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) Enforcement" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3825](#)

Transmittal 3826 entitled "Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 3827 entitled "Quarterly Influenza Virus Vaccine Code Update - January 2018" was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners, Hospitals, Hospices, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Rural Health Clinics, Renal Dialysis Facilities, Home Health Agency, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Physicians.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3827](#)

Transmittal 1889 entitled "Implementation of the Transitional Drug Add-On Payment Adjustment" was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

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REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-7046-N entitled "Health Insurance Marketplace[hairsp]\SM\, Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), September 13, 2017" was published. This regulation affects Meeting Notices.

CMS-7046-N

08/07/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1673-NC entitled "Medicare Program; FY 2018 Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System--Rate Update" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1673-NC

08/04/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1675-F entitled "FY 2018 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

CMS-1675-F

CMS-1679-F entitled "Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for SNF Final Rule for FY 2018, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, SNF Quality Reporting Program, Survey Team Composition, & correction of 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-F

08/02/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

CMS-1671-F

07/31/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-7045-N entitled "Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) Charter Renewal" was published. This regulation affects Meeting Notices.

CMS-7045-N

07/28/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6059-N7 entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs: Announcement of the Extension of Temporary Moratoria on Enrollment of Part B Non-Emergency Ground Ambulance Suppliers and Home Health Agencies in Designated Geographic Locations" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies, Suppliers and Ambulance.

CMS-6059-N7

CMS-2394-P entitled "Medicaid Program; State Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotment Reductions" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-2394-P

CMS-1672-P entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2018 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update and Proposed CY 2019 Case-Mix Adjustment Methodology Refinements; Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model; and Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

CMS-1672-P

07/21/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1676-P entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2018; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements; and Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program" was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

CMS-1676-P

CMS-2405-N entitled "Medicaid Program; State Allotments for Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals (QIs): Federal Fiscal Year 2014 and Federal Fiscal Year 2015 through Calendar Year 2015" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-2405-N

CMS-5525-N entitled "Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); Meeting on Behavioral Health Payment and Care Delivery" was published. This regulation affects Meeting Notices.

CMS-5525-N

07/20/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1674-P entitled "CY 2018 Hospital Outpatient PPS Policy Changes and Payment Rates and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System Policy Changes and Payment Rates" was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospitals.

CMS-1674-P

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 67 entitled “Fiscal Year 2018 and After Payments to Skilled Nursing Facilities That Do Not Submit Required Quality Data” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 67](#)

07/13/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3260-F2 entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-3260-F2

07/10/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3819-F2 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-F2

07/05/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1674-P entitled “Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, Payment for Renal Dialysis Services Furnished to Individuals With Acute Kidney Injury, and End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program” was published. This regulation affects End-Stage Renal Diseases and Renal Dialysis Facilities.

CMS-1674-P

CMS-6068-F entitled “Medicaid/CHIP Program; Medicaid Program and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); Changes to the Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control and Payment Error Rate Measurement Programs in Response to the Affordable Care Act” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-6068-F

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittals 1863 entitled “The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2015 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCH)” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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