

**The CMS Quarterly Provider Update
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What's New

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12/28/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4182-CN entitled "Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs For Contract Year 2019; Correction" was published. This regulation affect All Providers.

CMS-4182-CN

12/27/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1678-FC entitled "CY 2018 Hospital Outpatient PPS Policy Changes and Payment Rates and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System Policy Changes and Payment Rates; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-1678-CN

12/26/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1702-IFC entitled "Medicare Program; Establishment of Special Payment Provisions and Requirements for Qualified Practitioners and Qualified Suppliers of Prosthetics and Custom-Fabricated Orthotics; Withdrawal" was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

CMS-1702-IFC

12/21/2017

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3934 entitled "Calendar Year (CY) 2018 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable

Charge Payment” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3934](#)

12/12/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1678-FC 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-1678-FC](#)

12/12/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6063-N3 entitled “Medicare Program; Extension of Prior Authorization for Repetitive Scheduled Non-Emergent Ambulance Transports” was published. This regulation affects Ambulance.

[CMS-6063-N3](#)

12/08/2017

INSTRUCTION(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER RELEASE

Transmittal 3930 entitled “Hospice Manual Update Only for Section 30.3” was published. This regulation affects Hospice.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 3930](#)

Transmittal 1981 entitled “Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 and 2015 Worksheet S-10 Revisions: Further Extension for All Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1981](#)

12/04/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-6075-N entitled “Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Provider Enrollment Application Fee Amount for Calendar Year 2018” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

[CMS-6075-N](#)

CMS-16846-N entitled “Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on the FY 2019 Applications for New Medical Services and Technologies Add-On Payments” was published. This regulation affects Meeting Notices.

[CMS-1684-N](#)

11/28/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5524-F and IFC entitled “Cancellation of Advancing Care Coordination through Episode Payment Models and the Cardiac Rehabilitation Incentive Payment Model; and Changes to the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Payment Model; Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-5524-F and IFC

11/28/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-4182-P entitled “Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs For Contract Year 2019” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-4182-P

11/21/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-8066-N entitled “Medicare Program; CY 2018 Part A Premiums for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-8066-N

CMS-8067-N entitled “Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rates, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2018” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-8067-N

CMS-8065-N entitled “Medicare Program; CY 2018 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

CMS-8065-N

11/16/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-5522-FC and CMS-552-IFC entitled “Medicare Program; CY 2018 Updates to the Quality Payment Program; and Quality Payment Program: Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstance Policy for the Transition Year” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

CMS-5522-FC and CMS-5522-IFC

11/15/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1676-F 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-F

11/13/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-1678-FC 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-1678-FC

11/07/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

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

CMS-1672-F

11/03/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-2409-N entitled "Final FY 2015 and Preliminary FY 2017 Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments, and Final FY 2015 and Preliminary FY 2017 Institutions for Mental Diseases Disproportionate Share Hospital Limits" was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

CMS-2409-N

CMS-6077-N entitled "Announcement to lift the Temporary Moratoria on Enrollment of Part B Non-Emergency Ground Ambulance Suppliers and Home Health Agencies in Texas" was published. This regulation affects HHA and Hospitals.

CMS-6077-N

CMS-3350-N entitled "Request for Nominations for Members for the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage (MEDCAC) Advisory Committee" was published. This regulation affect Others.

CMS-3350-N

11/02/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9930-P entitled "CY 2019 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-9930-P

10/20/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3271-F entitled "Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA); Fecal Occult Blood (FOB) Testing" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-3271-F

CMS-3349-PN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by Community Health Accreditation Partner for Continued CMS Approval of Its Home Health Agency Accreditation Program" was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

CMS-3349-PN

10/13/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-9940-IFC entitled "Religious Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-9940-IFC

CMS-9925-IFC entitled "Moral Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-9925-IFC

10/04/2017

REGULATION(S) RELEASED

CMS-3302-WN entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Revisions to Certain Patient's Rights Conditions for Participation and Conditions for Coverage; Withdrawal" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-3302-WN

CMS-1670-WN entitled "Medicare Program; Part B Drug Payment Model; Withdrawal" was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

CMS-1670-WN

CMS-1677-CN entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2018 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program Requirements for 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; Correction" was published. This regulation affects Hospital.

CMS-1677-CN

CMS-6012-WN entitled "Medicare Program; Establishment of Special Payment Provisions and Requirements for Qualified Practitioners and Qualified Suppliers of Prosthetics and Custom-Fabricated Orthotics; Withdrawal" was published. This regulation affects Physician and Suppliers.

CMS-6012-WN

CMS-1679-CN 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 Correction of the Performance Period for the NHSN HCP Influenza Vaccination Immunization Reporting Measure in the ESRD QIP for PY 2020; Correction” was published. This regulation affects Skilled Nursing Facilities.

CMS-1679-CN

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