

## The CMS Quarterly Provider Update OCTOBER 2011

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**12/29/2011**

#### **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 1010, entitled “Instructions to Teaching Hospitals for Reporting the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Refund of Medical Resident FICA Taxes,” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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#### **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 152, entitled “January 2012 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS),” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2378, entitled “January 2012 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System (ASC),” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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#### **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 2372, entitled “Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC), Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC) and Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) and PC Print Update,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2374, entitled “Additional Instructions Regarding Demand Bills Under the Home Health Prospective Payment System,” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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Transmittal 76, entitled “Clarifications to Appendix L, Ambulatory Surgical Center Interpretive Guidelines – Obtaining Consent before Observing Surgical Procedures,” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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Transmittal 77, entitled "Revised Appendix A, Interpretive Guidelines for Hospitals," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 78, entitled "Revised Appendix A, Interpretive Guidelines for Hospitals, and Revised Appendix W, Interpretive Guidelines for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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#### **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 2371, entitled "Claim Status Category and Claim State Codes Update," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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**12/21/2011**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-5048-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Independence at Home Demonstration Program," was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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**12/20/2011**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1598-NC, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of Application From Hospital Requesting Waiver for Organ Procurement Service Area," was published. This regulation affects Organ Procurement Organizations.

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**12/19/2011**

#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-5056-P, entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Programs; Transparency Reports and Reporting of Physician Ownership or Investment Interests," was published. This regulation affects Physicians

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**12/16/2011**

#### **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 2369, entitled "Summary of Policies in the CY 2012 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule and the Telehealth Originating Site Facility Fee Payment Amount," was published. This regulation affects Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners.

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Transmittal 2370, entitled "January 2012 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 13.0," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1586-N, entitled "Medicare Program; First Semi-Annual Meeting of the Advisory Panel," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-9068-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances--July Through September 2011," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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**12/13/2011**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-9983-F, entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) Program," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-9996-N2, entitled "Early Retiree Reinsurance Program," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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**12/09/2011**

## **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 1005, entitled "Implementation of the Award for the Jurisdiction F (J-F) Part A and Part B Medicare Administrative Contractor (A/B MAC) including New Workload Numbers for Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2366, entitled "Off-Cycle Release of the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Pricer," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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## **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 2365, entitled "Calendar Year (CY) 2012 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment," was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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**12/07/2011**

## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-5059-F, entitled "Medicare Program Availability of Medicare Data for Performance Measurement," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Suppliers.

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CMS-9998-FC, entitled "Medical Loss Ratio Requirements Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-9998-IFC2, entitled "Medical Loss Ratio Requirements Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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**12/01/2011**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1525-FC, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment; Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment; Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program; Physician Self-Referral; and Patient Notification Requirements in Provider Agreements," was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospitals.

**[View CMS-1525-FC](#)**

CMS-5505-N2, entitled "Medicare Program; Announcement of a New Application Deadline for the Advance Payment Model," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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**11/28/2011**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1524-FC and CMS-1436-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, Five-Year Review of Work Relative Value Units, Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: Signature on Requisition, and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2012," was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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**11/25/2011**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1593-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Renaming and Other Changes to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment Charter (Formerly the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups) and Request for Nominations

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**11/23/2011**

**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 137, entitled "Intensive Behavioral Therapy for Cardiovascular Disease," was published. This regulation affects Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Rural Health Clinics.

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Transmittal 138, entitled "Screening and Behavioral Counseling Interventions in Primary Care to Reduce Alcohol Misuse," was published. This regulation affects Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Rural Health Clinics.

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Transmittal 139, entitled "Screening for Depression in Adults," was published. This regulation affects Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Rural Health Clinics.

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#### **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 2356, entitled "Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) Rate Update for Calendar Year (CY) 2012," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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**11/18/2011**

#### **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 72, entitled "Revised Appendix A: Conditions of Participation and Interpretive Guidelines for Hospitals," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2347, entitled "Recoupment of Incorrect Payments Made Under the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System (PPS) for the Low-Volume Payment Adjustment," was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

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#### **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 72, entitled "Update to Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance and Premium Rates for 2012," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 2350, entitled "2012 Annual Update to the Therapy Code List," was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Outpatient Physical Therapy, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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Transmittal 2351, entitled "Therapy Cap Values for Calendar Year (CY) 2012," was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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#### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1431-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on FY 2013 Applications for New Medical Services and Technology Add-On Payments Under

the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-3253-N, entitled “Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee—January 25, 2012,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-3254-N, entitled “Medicare Program; Request for Nominations for Members for the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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**11/10/2011**

### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1577-F, entitled “Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System and Quality Incentive Program; Ambulance Fee Schedule; Durable Medical Equipment; and Competitive Acquisition of Certain Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies,” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Renal Dialysis Facilities.

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**11/04/2011**

### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1353-F, entitled “Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar year 2012,” was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

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CMS-9067-N, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—April Through June 2011,” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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**11/02/2011**

### **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1345-F, entitled “Medicare Program; Medicare Shared Savings Program: Accountable Care Organizations,” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

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CMS-1439-IFC, entitled “Medicare Program; Final Waivers in Connection With the Shared Savings Program,” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

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CMS-5505-N, entitled “Medicare Program; Advanced Payment Model,” was published. This regulation affects All Providers.

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CMS-6049-N entitled "Medicare Program; Final Waivers in Connection With the Shared Savings Program," was published. This regulation affects All Providers and Suppliers.

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**11/01/2011**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-8043-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for CY 2012," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-8044-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Part A Premiums for CY 2012 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-8045-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2012," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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**10/28/2011**

**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED**

Transmittal 148, entitled "Billing for Donor Post-Kidney Transplant Complication Services," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 2333, entitled "Payment for Multiple Surgeries in a Method II Critical Access Hospital (CAH)," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2336, entitled "FISS claims processing updates for Ambulance services," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances and Hospitals.

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Transmittal 2337, entitled "New Influenza Virus Vaccine Code," was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Renal Dialysis Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

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**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 2332, entitled "Diagnosis Code Update for Add-on Payments for Blood Clotting Factor Administered to Hemophilia Inpatients," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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## **REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1585-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Notice of Two Membership Appointments to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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CMS-2901-PN, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Program; The American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities for Approval of Deeming Authority for Rural Health Clinics," was published. This regulation affects Rural Health Clinics.

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CMS-5502-N3, entitled "Medicare Program; Accountable Care Organization Accelerated Development Learning Sessions; Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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**10/27/2011**

## **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 394, entitled "Additional Provider and Supplier Enrollment Requirements for Fixed Wing and Helicopter Air Ambulance Operators," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

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Transmittal 975, entitled "Format Revisions to the Special Incentive Remittance Advice used to Report Quarterly Incentive Payments for Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), the Primary Care Incentive Payment Program (PCIP), and the HPSA Surgical Incentive Payment Program (HSIP)," was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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Transmittal 2328, entitled "Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) Used for Therapy Claims Subject to the Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction," was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Hospitals and Outpatient Physical Therapy.

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## **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 2329, entitled "Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances – Annual Update for 2011-2012 Season," was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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Transmittal 2331, entitled "Format Revisions to the Special Incentive Remittance Advice used to Report Quarterly Incentive Payments for Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), the Primary Care Incentive Payment Program (PCIP), and the HPSA Surgical Incentive Payment Program (HSIP)," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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**10/26/2011**

**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 2326, entitled “Discontinuation of Hospice Late Charge Claims,” was published. This regulation affects Ambulances and Hospitals.

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**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3180-N2, entitled “Pilot Program for Parallel Review of Medical Products; Correction,” was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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**10/24/2011**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3217-F, entitled “Medicare Program; Changes to the Ambulatory Surgical Centers Patient Rights Conditions for Coverage,” was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

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CMS-3244-P, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Conditions of Participation,” was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-9070-P, entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Program; Regulatory Provisions To Promote Program Efficiency, Transparency, and Burden Reduction,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 2320, entitled “Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2012” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – MID-QUARTER**

Transmittal 2321, entitled “New Waived Tests” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories.

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Transmittal 2322, entitled “Quarterly Update to the Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Version 18.0, Effective January 1, 2012” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-3180-N2, entitled "Pilot Program for Parallel Review of Medical Products," was published. This regulation affects Other CMS Business.

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CMS-4157-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Proposed Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs for Contract Year 2013 and Other Proposed Changes; Considering Changes to the Conditions of Participation for Long Term Care Facilities," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers and Medicare Advantage.

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**10/07/2011**

**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED – CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 2316, entitled "Hospice Claims Processing Procedures When Required Face-to-Face Encounters Do Not Occur Timely" was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-8049-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Establishment of the Medicare Economic Index Technical Advisory Panel and Request for Nominations for Members," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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**10/04/2011**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-5504-N2, entitled "Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Initiative," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-7022-N, entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), November 17, 2011," was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

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**10/03/2011**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-5508-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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