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**11/20/2009**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1414-FC, entitled "Medicare Program: Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and CY 2010 Payment Rates; Changes to the Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System and CY 2010 Payment Rates; Final Rule," was published. This regulation affects Ambulatory Surgical Centers.  
[View CMS-1414-FC](#)

**11/13/2009**

**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 115, entitled "Ambulance Services," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 115](#)

Transmittal 1851, entitled "Therapy Cap Values for Calendar Year (CY) 2010," was published. This regulation affects Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities, Hospices, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, Outpatient Physical Therapy and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1851](#)

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

Transmittal 61, entitled "Update to Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance and Premium Rates for 2010," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 1852, entitled "Claim Status Category Code and Claim Status Code Update," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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Transmittal 1853, entitled "CY 2010 Fee Schedule Update for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS)," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

[View the complete text of Transmittal 1853](#)

Transmittal 1854, entitled "January 2010 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing Files," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies, Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1854](#)**

**11/10/2009**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1560-F, entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for CY 2010," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies.

**[View CMS-1560-F](#)**

**11/06/2009**

**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED**

Transmittal 62, entitled "Payments to Practices Participating in the Electronic Health Records (EHR) Demonstration," was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 62](#)**

Transmittal 590, entitled "Round One Rebid of the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program - Phase 8A: Hospital Exception," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Hospitals.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 590](#)**

Transmittal 592, entitled "Round One Rebid of the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program - Phase 8C of Implementation: Repairs and Replacements," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 592](#)**

Transmittal 593, entitled "DMEPOS Competitive Bidding program Round One Rebid Implementation--Phase 8B: Oxygen Modality," was published. This regulation affects Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies and Home Health Agencies.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 593](#)**

Transmittal 595, entitled "Ensuring the Denial of Claims for Ambulance Services Rendered to Beneficiaries in Part A Skilled Nursing Facility Stays," was published. This regulation affects Ambulances and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 595](#)**

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

Transmittal 1845, entitled "Announcement of Medicare Rural health Clinics (RCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Payment Rate Increases," was published. This regulation affects Federally Qualified Health Centers.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1845**

Transmittal 1847, entitled “Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2010,” was published. This regulation affects Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories, Hospitals, Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities, Non-Physician Practitioners, Physicians, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1847**

**11/04/2009**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1418-N, entitled “Medicare Programs; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System; Extension of Comment Period,” was published. This regulation affects Renal Dialysis Facilities.

**View CMS-1418-N**

**10/30/2009**

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1565-N, entitled “Medicare Program; Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (PPAC)—December 7, 2009,” was published. This regulation is a Meeting Notice.

**View CMS-1565-N**

CMS-2232-P2; CMS-2244-P2, entitled “Medicaid Program: State Flexibility for Medicaid Benefit Packages and Premiums and Cost Sharing,” was published. This regulation affects Medicaid.

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**10/29/2009**

**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED**

Transmittal 1840, entitled “Billing for Services to voluntary Uses of Advanced Beneficiary Notices of Noncoverage (ABNs),” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1840**

**10/28/2009**

**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED**

Transmittal 1839, entitled “Instructions regarding processing claims rejecting for gender/procedure conflict,” was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1839**

**10/27/2009**

**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED**

Transmittal 1836, entitled “New physician specialty code for Geriatric Psychiatry. The new physician specialty code for Geriatric Psychiatry is 27.,” was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 1836**

10/23/2009

**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 112, entitled "Coverage of Inpatient Rehabilitation Services," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**View the complete text of Transmittal 112**

Transmittal 307, entitled "Establishing New Practice Locations in a Different State," was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

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**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-1505-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Criteria for Medicare Coverage of Inpatient Hospital Rehabilitation Services," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-2900-N, entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Approval of the Application by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) for Continued Deeming Authority for Hospices," was published. This regulation affects Hospices.

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10/22/2009

**REGULATION(S) RELEASED**

CMS-4085-P, entitled "Medicare Program; Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs; Proposed Rule," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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CMS-8037-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for Calendar Year 2010," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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CMS-8038-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Part A Premium for Calendar Year 2010 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-8039-N, entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rate, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2010," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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10/16/2009

**TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED - CLARIFICATION**

Transmittal 53, entitled "Revising Chapter 2--Ascertaining Compliance with the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Requirements," was published. This regulation affects Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions and Skilled Nursing Facilities.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 53](#)**

Transmittal 1829, entitled "Annual Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee Update," was published. This regulation affects Physicians.

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Transmittal 1831, entitled "Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

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

Transmittal 160, entitled "Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments-1st Notification for FY 2010," was published. This regulation affects ALL Providers.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 160](#)**

**10/07/2009**

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

CMS-1406-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and Fiscal Year 2010 Rates and to the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Rate Year 2010 Rates; Corrections," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

**[View CMS-1406-CN](#)**

**10/02/2009**

#### **TRANSMITTAL(S) RELEASED**

Transmittal 1823, entitled "Place of Service (POS) and Date of Service (DOS) Instructions for Interpretation of Diagnostic Tests," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals, Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1823](#)**

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

Transmittal 1824, entitled "Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2009-2010 Season," was published. This regulation affects Non-Physician Practitioners and Physicians.

**[View the complete text of Transmittal 1824](#)**

**10/01/2009**

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

CMS-1538-CN, entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2010; Correction," was published. This regulation affects Hospitals.

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