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## News

### Critical Care Evaluation & Management Services: Comparative Billing Report in May

In late May, CMS will issue a second letter in the Special Edition Comparative Billing Report (CBR) series on Part B claims for critical care evaluation & management services. Use the data-driven tables to compare your billing and payment patterns with peers in your state and across the nation.

The public can't view CBRs. Look for an email from [cbrpepper.noreply@religroupinc.com](mailto:cbrpepper.noreply@religroupinc.com) to access your report. Update your email address in the Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System to ensure delivery.

More Information:

- [View a webinar recording](#)
- [Visit the CBR website](#)
- [Register for a live webinar](#) on June 9 from 3-4 pm ET

## Medicare Shared Savings Program: Submit Notice of Intent to Apply Beginning June 1

Beginning June 1, CMS will accept Notices of Intent to Apply (NOIAs) for the Medicare Shared Savings Program January 1, 2022, start date. Visit the [Application Types & Timeline](#) and [Application Toolkit](#) webpages to help you prepare your applications.

If you intend to apply, you must submit a NOIA via the [ACO Management System](#) by June 7 at noon ET. This doesn't bind your organization to submit an application. Each ACO should only submit one NOIA. After you submit a NOIA, submit your application from June 8-28 by noon ET.

More Information:

- [Shared Savings Program](#) webpage
- [Shared Savings Program](#) final rule
- Email [SharedSavingsProgram@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SharedSavingsProgram@cms.hhs.gov)

## Submit Medicare GME Affiliation Agreements during COVID-19 PHE by January 1

CMS extended the deadline to submit Medicare Graduate Medical Education (GME) affiliation agreements to January 1, 2022. Two or more teaching hospitals can form a GME group to combine direct and indirect medical education resident caps and train residents. During the Public Health Emergency (PHE), email new or amended agreements by January 1 to [Medicare\\_GME\\_Affiliation\\_Agreement@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Medicare_GME_Affiliation_Agreement@cms.hhs.gov) with "new" or "amended" in the subject line, and send a copy to your Medicare Administrative Contractor.

For more information, see page 8 in the [COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers](#).

## Compliance

### Home Health LUPA Threshold: Bill Correctly

In a recent [report](#), the Office of Inspector General found that Medicare improperly paid some claims for home health services with 5-7 visits in a payment episode. Review the [Medicare Home Health Benefit](#) and [Home Health Prospective Payment System](#) booklets to properly bill for services slightly above the Low Utilization Payment Adjustment (LUPA) threshold.

For more information, visit the [Home Health Prospective Payment System \(PPS\)](#) webpage and view these additional resources to stay informed on the latest policy and payment updates:

- [Home Health PPS final rule](#)
- [Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 7](#), Section 10.6
- [Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 10](#), Section 10.1.17
- [Medicare Program Integrity Manual, Chapter 6](#), Section 6.2

## Events

### Hospice Quality Reporting Program: Composite Quality Measure Webinar — June 2

Wednesday, June 2 from 2-3:30 pm ET

[Register for this webinar.](#)

During this training, learn about the Hospice Quality Composite Measure and how it's different from individual quality measures. Topics:

- Current measure and calculation
- Interpreting and using results
- Resources

## MLN Matters® Articles

### **Addition of the Shared System CWF to the Business Requirements for the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes U0002QW and 87635QW Mentioned in Change Request 11765**

CMS issued a new MLN Matters Article MM12294 on [Addition of the Shared System CWF to the Business Requirements for the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System \(HCPCS\) codes U0002QW and 87635QW Mentioned in Change Request 11765](#). Learn about the change for laboratories billing COVID-19 testing services.

### **International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) and Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determination (NCDs)--July 2021**

CMS issued a new MLN Matters Article MM12124 on [International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision \(ICD-10\) and Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determination \(NCDs\)--July 2021](#). Learn about updated ICD-10 conversions.

### **Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - July 2021 Update**

CMS issued a new MLN Matters Article MM12289 on [Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database \(MPFSDB\) - July 2021 Update](#). Learn about new and updated codes.

### **Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC), Claims Adjustment Reason Code (CARC), Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) and PC Print Update**

CMS issued a new MLN Matters Article MM12220 on [Remittance Advice Remark Code \(RARC\), Claims Adjustment Reason Code \(CARC\), Medicare Remit Easy Print \(MREP\) and PC Print Update](#). Learn about updates effective October 1.

## Publications

### **Collaborative Patient Care is a Provider Partnership — Revised**

CMS revised the Medicare Learning Network [Collaborative Patient Care is a Provider Partnership](#) fact sheet to:

- Update the title
- Add information on quality of care, other coverage and payment rules, and the supplemental medical review contractor
- Clarify that your patient may pay additional costs if documentation is incomplete
- Emphasize that all partnering providers must have necessary information and documentation
- Remove list of medical directors

### **Complying with Medicare Signature Requirements — Revised**

CMS revised the Medicare Learning Network [Complying with Medicare Signature Requirements](#) fact sheet to add information about signing documentation written by a medical student.

### **Medicare Diabetes Prevention & Diabetes Self-Management Training — Revised**

CMS revised the Medicare Learning Network [Medicare Diabetes Prevention & Diabetes Self-Management Training](#) booklet to:

- Extend COVID-19 flexibilities to all patients getting services as of March 31, 2020
- Update information for the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists

## Medicare Mental Health — Revised

CMS revised the Medicare Learning Network [Medicare Mental Health](#) booklet to:

- Add an outpatient psychiatric services medical records checklist and acute care hospital information
- Update CPT codes and descriptions on Table 9

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