# **Delegated Provider Portal Postings**

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#### **CMS Transmittals:**

**LRR-2021-GOV-5312336-** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Original Medicare instruction regarding removal of drugs that can be used for other indications from an edit requiring osteoporosis drugs to be billed only by home health agencies.

**Transmittal R10763OTN:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10763otn">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10763otn</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Oct. 1, 2021** 

LRR-2021-GOV-5312282- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Original Medicare instruction regarding the October quarterly update to 2021 annual update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes used for skilled nursing facility (SNF) consolidated billing enforcement (CB).

**Transmittal R107700TN:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10770otn">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10770otn</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Oct. 1, 2021** 

LRR-2021-GOV-5312429- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Original Medicare information that ensures that allogenic stem cell acquisition costs, reported with revenue code 0815, are not included in the IPPS payment and are deducted prior to processing through Pricer.

**Transmittal R10764OTN:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10764otn">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10764otn</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Oct. 1, 2021** 

LRR-2021-GOV-5312425- Effective January 1, 2021, the Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Medicare Parts C & D final rule specified that Medicare will now cover kidney acquisition cost for Medicare Advantage beneficiaries. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued Original Medicare instruction to implement a mechanism for payment to allow

Medicare FFS coverage of kidney acquisition costs for Medicare Advantage beneficiaries provided by Maryland Waiver hospitals.

**Transmittal R10765OTN:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10765otn">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10765otn</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Jan. 1, 2021** 

**LRR-2021-GOV-5317780**- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Original Medicare instruction for the quarterly update to the clinical laboratory fee schedule.

**Transmittal R10810CP:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10810cp">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10810cp</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021** 

LRR-2021-GOV-5318656- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Original Medicare instruction regarding the July 2021 update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB).

**Transmittal R10793CP:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10793cp">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10793cp</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021** 

LRR-2021-GOV-5318657- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a reminder to Original Medicare contractors that updates the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 23, Section 20. The update includes information regarding existing, new, revised and discontinued Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for the October 2021 quarter.

**Transmittal R10811CP:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10811cp">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10811cp</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Oct. 1, 2021** 

LRR-2021-GOV-5334838- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Original Medicare instruction advising Medicare contractors about the addition of the QW modifier to CMS Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes 0240U,

0241U, 87637.

**Transmittal R108270TN:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10827otn">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10827otn</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Oct. 6, 2020** 

LRR-2021-GOV-5335081- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Original Medicare instruction regarding the July 2021 update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS). This instruction reflects updates to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC), HCPCS Modifier, and Revenue Code additions, changes, and deletions identified in this Change Request.

**Transmittal R10825CP:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10825cp">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10825cp</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021** 

LRR-2021-GOV-5325339- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) quarterly files for July 2021.

**Transmittal R10824CP:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10824cp">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10824cp</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021** 

LRR-2021-GOV-5325504- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have issued Original Medicare instruction regarding the new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for 2021 and how they will be handled by Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) edits.

**Transmittal R10831CP:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10831cp">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10831cp</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2021** 

**LRR-2021-GOV-5344330-** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have issued original Medicare instruction regarding the July 2021 update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System.

**Transmittal R10858CP:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10858cp">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10858cp</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021** 

LRR-2021-GOV-5357169- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have issued Original Medicare instruction regarding the July quarterly update for 2021 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule.

**Transmittal R10856CP:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10856cp">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10856cp</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021** 

**LRR-2021-COM-5421832-** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the updated interest rate from the Department of the Treasury regarding overpayments and underpayments by the Medicare Program. The rate is 9.625 percent effective July 19, 2021.

**Transmittal R10887FM:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10887fm">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10887fm</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 19, 2021** 

#### Illinois Medicaid:

**LRR-2021-MCD-5315843-** The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has provided retroactive rate changes for additional Long-Term Care Facilities.











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**LRR-2021-MCD-5315823-** The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has provided retroactive rate changes for various Long-Term Care Facilities.









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**LRR-2021-MCD-5319465-** The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) released a notice of provider closures for 2021.

#### 2021 Closure:

☐ Montebello Health Care Center (201422175-001)

LRR-2021-MCD-5322195- The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has posted the Durable Medical Equipment (DMS) Fee Schedule and DME Fee Schedule Key - updated April 5, 2021.

#### **IL HFS Durable Medical Equipment:**

https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/MedicaidReimbursement/Pages/DME.aspx

**LRR-2021-MCD-5321219-** The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services issued an email to provide plans with the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) rate increases effective July 1, 2021.



LRR-2021-MCD-5324216- The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued a new notification on May 28, 2021 to advise that they have updated the Provider Sanctions Database.

**OIG Home:** <a href="https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/oig/Pages/Welcome.aspx">https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/oig/Pages/Welcome.aspx</a>

New Sanctions: https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/oig/Pages/NewSanctions.aspx

LRR-2021-MCD-5330975- The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) issued a notice to provide information regarding a wage increase set to go into effect July 1, 2021 for individual providers serving DRS customers.

| Minimum<br>Hourly<br>Wages | Jan 1,<br>2020<br>effective<br>April 1,<br>2020 | July 1,<br>2020 | Jan 1,<br>2021 | July 1,<br>2021      | Jan 1,<br>2022 | July 1,<br>2022 | Dec 1,<br>2022 |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| PA                         | \$14.00   | \$14.50         | \$15.00        | <mark>\$15.50</mark> | \$16.00        | \$16.50         | \$17.25        |
| CNA                        | \$17.00   | \$17.50         | \$18.00        | <b>\$18.50</b>       | \$19.00        | \$19.50         | \$20.25        |
| LPN                        | \$24.00   | \$24.50         | \$25.00        | \$25.50              | \$26.00        | \$26.50         | \$27.25        |
| RN                         | \$30.75   | \$31.25         | \$31.75        | \$32.25              | \$32.75        | \$33.25         | \$34.00        |

LRR-2021-MCD-5333796- The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has provided the most recent Renal Dialysis per diem rates for 2021.



LRR-2021-MCD-5337368- The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) recently issued a notice to confirm the correct homemaker rate increase of \$23.40 for Persons with Disabilities waiver, Persons with HIV/AIDS waiver, and Persons with Brain Injury waiver.







LRR-2021-MCD-5340951- The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has provided the updated Supportive Living Program rates as of July 1, 2021.

# **IL HFS Supportive Living 2021:**

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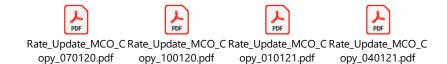
LRR-2021-MCD-5341312- The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has posted the updated NF rates as of July 1, 2021.

### **IL HFS Long Term Care:**

https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/MedicaidReimbursement/Pages/LTC.aspx

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021** 

**LRR-2021-MCD-5356362**- The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has provided retroactive rate sheets for ten Long-Term Care facilities.



LRR-2021-MCD-5352758- The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) released notice to advise they have posted the calculations for the July 2021 through September 2021 Directed Payments to its Hospital Reimbursement Notification Website.

### **IL HFS Hospital Reimbursement Notifications:**

https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/MedicaidReimbursement/Pages/dsh.aspx

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021** 

**LRR-2021-MCD-5353011-** The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) posted a new Provider Notice regarding Directed Payment and Passthrough Calculations on their Provider Notices website on June 29, 2021.

https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/notices/Pages/prn210629b.aspx

**LRR-2021-MCD-5352840-** The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services has posted the updated Outpatient High Volume Determination, effective July 1, 2021, to their website.

#### **IL HFS Hospital Reimbursement Notifications:**

https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/MedicaidReimbursement/Pages/dsh.aspx

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021** 

LRR-2021-MCD-5402916- The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has posted the Durable Medical Equipment (DMS) Fee Schedule and DME Fee Schedule Key - updated April 5, 2021. The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) posted an updated COVID-19 Fee Schedule on July 9, 2021.

## IL HFS Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates:

https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/Pages/coronavirus.aspx

**LRR-2021-MCD-5366270-** The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) issued a provider notice to inform providers of an update to coding and reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccination administration provided in the home.

# **IL HFS Provider Notice Issued 7/2/2021:**

https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/notices/Pages/prn070221a.aspx

LRR-2021-GOV-5312336- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued Original Medicare instruction regarding the October 2021 update of the of Medicare ZIP Code files.

**Transmittal R10875CP:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10875cp">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10875cp</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Oct. 1, 2021** 

LRR-2021-GOV-5416452- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have issued Original Medicare instruction regarding the October 2021 quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B drug pricing files and revisions to prior quarterly pricing files.

**Transmittal R10870CP:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10870cp">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10870cp</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Oct. 1, 2021** 

**LRR-2021-GOV-5411540-** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have issued original Medicare instruction regarding the quarterly update to the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits effective October 1, 2021.

**Transmittal R10851CP:** <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10851cp">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Transmittals/r10851cp</a>

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Oct. 1, 2021** 

LRR-2021-MCD-5416939- The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) issued a notice to advise an updated GEMT cost report and instruction files for rate year 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022 have been posted to the HFS website.

### **IL HFS Publicly Owned Transportation Providers:**

https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/CostReports/Pages/PubliclyOwnedTransportationProviders.aspx

#### CMS Website:

LRR-2021-GOV-5317868- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) posted an updated link on their webpage "COVID-19 Vaccine Policies & Guidance" that contains an updated version of the document "Toolkit on COVID-19 Vaccine: Health Insurance Issuers and Medicare Advantage Plans".

CMS has updated the following sections in the toolkit:

Operational Considerations for Potential COVID-19 Vaccines

Therapeutic Coverage

https://www.cms.gov/COVIDvax

LRR-2021-GOV-5325680- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted updates to the 2020 Average Sales Price (ASP) Pricing files to their webpage, 2020 ASP Drug Pricing Files.

https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-part-b-drug-average-sales-price/2020-asp-drug-pricing-files

**LRR-2021-GOV-5325238-** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted updated files for the months of January and April 2021 to their webpage, 2021 ASP Drug Pricing Files.

https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-part-b-drug-average-sales-price/2021-asp-drug-pricing-files

**LRR-2021-GOV-5325207-** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the July 2021 Average Sales Price (ASP) Pricing files on their webpage, 2021 ASP Drug Pricing Files.

https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-part-b-drug-average-sales-price/2021-asp-drug-pricing-files

**LRR-2021-GOV-5357167**- The U. S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Fiscal Service, has published the prompt payment interest rate for July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The rate for this period will be 1.125 percent.

https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/prompt-payment/rates.html

# **Federal Register:**

LRR-2021-GOV-5346265- Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; New Categories for Hospital Outpatient Department Prior Authorization Process; Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: Laboratory Date of Service Policy; Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating Methodology; Physician-Owned Hospitals; Notice of Closure of Two Teaching Hospitals and Opportunity To Apply for Available Slots, Radiation Oncology Model; and Reporting Requirements for Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) To Report COVID—19 Therapeutic Inventory and Usage and To Report Acute Respiratory Illness During the Public Health Emergency (PHE) for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID—19) (CMS-1736-FC, 1736-IFC)

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/08/12/2020-17086/medicare-program-hospital-outpatient-prospective-payment-and-ambulatory-surgical-center-payment

#### **Texas Commercial:**

LRR-2021-COM-5334894- The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) issued Bulletin B-0015-21 advising health benefit plan issuers that telemedicine and telehealth requirements in Insurance Code Section 1455.004 extend to covered mental health and behavioral health care services.

Texas Department of Insurance: <a href="https://www.tdi.texas.gov/bulletins/2021/B-0015-21.html">https://www.tdi.texas.gov/bulletins/2021/B-0015-21.html</a>