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Navigating Benefind and the changes to Medicaid Pending:

DCBS has changed how Medicaid pending cases will be handled. No case will be permitted to be pending longer than 60 days from the date of application. Providers can request two extensions that may not exceed fifteen days each. Our office has been working with DMS and Providers to successfully navigate the Benefind System. If you need assistance with Benefind, please contact [Alesha Anderson](#) or [Sarah McIntosh](#).

Upcoming Medicare Payment Changes:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule [CMS-1696-F] outlining Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Medicare payment updates and quality program changes for skilled nursing facilities (SNFs).

Changes to the case-mix classification system used under the SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS), the SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program (VBP), and the SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) are addressed in the the link below.

The final rule includes policies that continue a commitment to shift Medicare payments from volume to value, with continued implementation of the SNF VBP and SNF QRP.

The final rule can be downloaded from the Federal Register [here](#).

Events, News & Notes

Urgent Reminder regarding State Health Plan:

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services filed an amendment to 900 KAR 5:020, the state Health Plan for facilities and services, on July 13, 2018. The [amended regulation](#) revises the State Health Plan Certificate of Need criteria for nursing facility beds. The revised language would allow for the addition of long-term care beds in Kentucky. The [current assessment](#) used to determine the need for additional Nursing Facility beds in KY does not support a need for additional beds. See the revised State Health Plan [here](#). Written comments may be submitted until August 31, 2018. All who oppose this amendment are encouraged to submit written comments to:

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Patient Liability – Removal of MAP 552:

A provider letter was mailed to SNF's the last week of July regarding the Removal of the MAP 552 from the KYHealthNet website.

In order to facilitate a reduction in duplicate information and streamline administrative procedures, the previous paper form (MAP 552) is no longer relevant and was discontinued on August 1, 2018. The patient liability will still be sent to the member and authorized representative. Providers will still be able to review the patient liability amount in KYHealthNet. An authorized representative can log into Benefind to review all reported income used in the patient liability calculation.

NEW FLU Vaccine Code affective January 1, 2019:

Influenza Virus Vaccine Code 90689 will be payable by Medicare, effective January 1, 2019. This new code will be included on the 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database file and the HCPCS update. To view more details click [here](#).

VBP & PBJ Elucidated Reports are now offered by our staff:

Let us translate your Value Based Purchasing Program (VBP) and Payroll Based Journal (PBJ) information into dollars for you. For a minimal fee, we have developed a report drilling down the financial impact specific to your facility. The VBP report requires you to provide your VBP Performance score report. This report can be found on tab 3 of the Casper Report—SNFVBP August 2018 Score Report FY19.xlsx.

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