

# Hot Topics

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## **KY Health net will be unavailable at 5 pm EDT on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Due to the upcoming hardware upgrade and platform migration of the MMIS, providers and agents will be unable to access KY Health between 5 pm EDT on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> through 5 am EDT on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

This is presently a **tentative** date. The final decision will be made next week.

Claims submitted by noon EDT on Thursday, 4/7 will be processed in the weekly financial payment cycle which will run one day earlier on Thursday, 4/7.

Please be proactive and submit all claim files by noon EDT on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. *This email is sent as a mass email notification to all KY Medicaid web service trading partners.*

## **Payroll Based Journal final version was released by CMS on March 16, 2016.**

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Staffing-Data-Submission-PBJ.html>

Several sources such as payroll vendors offer publications and tips for getting ready. Please contact your account manager for additional resources.

## **HIPAA Compliance Phase 2**

Office of Civil Rights has initiated phase 2 of HIPAA Compliance Audits. Covered Entities and Business Associates selected for audit will receive an email. Be alert for these emails, as they may be categorized as spam creating a delayed reply.

## **SNF RAC Review Activity Announced Following CMS Release of 2013 Provider Billing Data**

States with the 2013 highest average standardized Medicare payment were Indiana (\$12,406), Texas (\$12,064), and California (\$11,862). Other Midwestern states data totals included Illinois (\$11,525), Ohio (\$10,901), and Kentucky (\$10,153). The use of Ultra High therapy RUGs accounted for the highest percentage of total therapy days and the highest Medicare payments to SNFs, totaling more than \$16.6 billion dollars.

## **KAHCF Quality Summit registration deadline is April 4, 2016.**