

# Hot Topics

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### **Medicaid Aligning Billing with National Uniform Billing:**

Claims with dates of services beginning on or after July 1, 2016 will not be permitted with bill type 89, instead providers should use 21 in place of 89. Bills using 89 after July 1, 2016 will be denied.

### **PPS and Consolidated Billing for SNFs Proposed Rule for FY 2017:**

The proposed rule was published April 25, 2016. Major provisions included are: a net 2.1% increase to rates, a proposal to specify a potentially preventable readmission measure for the SNF VBP, other related proposals aimed at implementing VBP for SNFS, and policies and measures in the SNF Quality Report Program. If you would like your facility's proposed rates contact one of our client managers.

### **Department for Medicaid Services Cash Management :**

The DMS issued Provider Letter #A-252 on April 27, 2016 informing providers the monthly Medicaid payments during June 2016 would not be issued. Providers should bill May's services on their normal claims submission schedule. Claims will be adjudicated and placed on hold. Normal payment cycle will be resumed beginning July 2016. Facilities will receive a wire transfer for the May 2016 claims and June 2016 claims on or about Friday July 8, 2016.

### **Reminder Nurse Aide Training Manual Updates:**

<http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/ronlyres/F56CD16C-1CAA-4545-914D-C4597785EC33/0/RevisionstotheNurseAidTrainingManual.pdf>

### **DOL Announces New Overtime Rule:**

On May 17, 2016 the Department of Labor issued new employee classification regulations for all employers with one or more paid employees. The changes increase the salary threshold for employees who can be classified as "exempt" from \$455/week (\$23,660 annually) to \$913/week (\$47,476 annually). Changes are effective December 1, 2016. More Information can be found at this website: <https://www.dol.gov/whd/overtime/nprm2015/factsheet.htm>

### **Payroll Based Journal Reporting:**

The mandatory reporting period begins July 1, 2016. Providers should register for the PBJ system if they have not done so, identify and classify all direct care staff and contract staff in to the appropriate PBJ job code and continue to work with vendors to be ready to report the required information.

You can visit the CMS PBJ web page to find the latest updates at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Staffing-Data-Submission-PBJ.html>.

### **New Quality Measures now listed on Nursing Home Compare:**

Six new Quality measures, four short stay and two long stay, are now listed on the Nursing Home compare Five Star Ratings. Beginning July 2016, CMS will phase in five of the measures into the Five Star Rating System, affecting the QM ratings. Full implementation is expected effective January 2017.