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Targeted Probe and Educate (TPE) :

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) utilizes Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC) to review clinical documentation in order to prevent improper payments. In 2014 CMS began a program that combined a review of a sample of claims with education to help reduce errors in the claims submission process. CMS called this medical review strategy, Probe and Educate.

To view the article [Click HERE](#)

To view the TPE Pilot Flow Chart [Click HERE](#)

Changes to Accessing Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) Direct Data Entry (DDE) –

A change has been made to the CMS HPES Enterprise Data Center sign-in screen when accessing FISS DDE. The screen is now titled, **CMS DXC Virtual Data Center**, and the “5 HP TPX” selection has been removed. To access FISS DDE, you now need to select “**2 DXC-VDC Menu**”.

Survey & Certification- Emergency Preparedness Regulation Guidance

On September 8, 2016 the Federal Register posted the final rule *Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers*. The regulation went into effect on November 16, 2016. Health care providers and suppliers affected by this rule must comply and implement all regulations one year after the effective date, **November 16, 2017**.

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Emergency-Prep-Rule.html>

NEWS & EVENTS

Ky Level of Care Trainings for 2017 cancelled:

As of October, the Kentucky Level of Care System (KLOCS) implementation has been delayed until 2018. With a delay in implementation, there will be no KLOCS training sessions in 2017. Once an official implementation date has been decided for 2018, we will provide future communications regarding 2018 training dates and locations.

Flu Season Is NOW:

Follow this link to get the most current vaccination codes:

https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/qr_immun_bill.pdf

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New Medicare Card (formerly called SSNRI) :

CMS is removing Social Security Numbers from Medicare cards to help fight identity theft and safeguard taxpayer dollars. You must be ready by April 2018 for the change from the Social Security Number based Health Insurance Claim Number to the randomly generated Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (the new Medicare number). Up to now, we referred to this work as the Social Security Number Removal Initiative (SSNRI). Moving forward, we will refer to this project as the New Medicare Card.

CHFS proposes a pilot program Post Acute Transitional Care:

Comments were submitted and considered to adopt this revised language. More time is needed to assess what these changes will mean to the existing LTC industry, but you can review the changes on the CHFS website link below.

<http://www.chfs.ky.gov/ohp/con/>

SNF Quality Reporting Data Submission Deadline Extended:

Due to technical issues, SNF providers now will have data submission deadline dates for quarters one, two, and three of Calendar Year 2017 to coincide with the quarter four Calendar Year 2017 deadline of May 15, 2018.

Further [**guidance and timelines**](#) have been posted to the [**SNF Quality Reporting Program Data Submission Deadlines**](#) webpage.

October 1, 2017—September 30, 2018 Medicare Rates:

A correction was recently made and we will have the updated rates available in our office the week of October 15, 2017. Please contact us to receive rates.