



The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2016 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCH)

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PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is intended for providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

Change Request (CR) 10527 informs MACs about updated data for determining the disproportionate share adjustment for IPPS hospitals and the low-income patient adjustment for IRFs, as well as payments, as applicable, for LTCH discharges (for example, discharges paid the IPPS comparable amount under the short-stay outlier payment adjustment). Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

Section 9105 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 provides that for discharges occurring on or after May 1, 1986, an additional payment must be made to IPPS hospitals serving a disproportionate share of low-income patients. The additional payment is determined by multiplying the federal portion of the Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG) payment by the DSH adjustment factor, and beginning for discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2014, the additional payment is determined by multiplying the DRG payment by the DSH adjustment factor reduced by 75 percent. (See 42 CFR 412.106.)

Under the IRF PPS, IRFs will receive an additional payment amount to account for the cost of furnishing care to low-income patients. The additional payment is determined by multiplying the federal prospective payment by the low-income patient adjustment formula (See 42 CFR 412.624(e)(2)).

Under the LTCH PPS, the payment adjustment for Short-Stay Outlier (SSO) cases at 42 CFR 412.529 requires the calculation of an amount comparable to the amount that would otherwise be paid under the IPPS (that is, the "IPPS comparable amount."). This calculation includes an "IPPS Comparable" DSH adjustment, where applicable, that is determined using the best available SSI data at the time of claim payment (See 42 CFR 412.529(d)(4)).

Updated Date Files

The SSI/Medicare beneficiary data for hospitals are available electronically and contain the name of the hospital, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) certification number, SSI days, total Medicare days, and the ratio of days for patients entitled to Medicare Part A attributable to SSI recipients. The files are located at the following CMS website addresses:

- IPPS: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/dsh.html>
- IRF: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/InpatientRehabFacPPS/SSIData.html>
- LTCH: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/LongTermCareHospitalPPS/download.html>

The data is used for settlement purposes for IPPS hospitals and IRFs with cost reporting periods beginning and during Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 (cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2015, and before October 1, 2016), except when explicitly directed otherwise by CMS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR10527, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R2043OTN.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/>.

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