

Additional IPPS Hospital Blanket Waivers for 2021 Hurricane Ida

- **Extension for Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board (MGCRB) Applications:**
CMS is modifying the September 1, 2021 deadline for applications for FY 2023 reclassifications to be submitted to the MGCRB. CMS has granted an extension to the deadline at § 412.256(a)(2) for the States of Mississippi and Louisiana. Applications for FY 2023 reclassifications from hospitals in these areas must be received by the MGCRB not later than October 4, 2021
- **Extension for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Wage Index Revisions:**
Regarding the FY 2023 wage index, CMS is modifying the September 2, 2021 deadline specified in the FY 2023 Hospital Wage Index Development Time Table for these hospitals to request revisions to and provide documentation for their FY 2019 Worksheet S-3 wage data and CY 2019 occupational mix data as included in the May 23, 2021 preliminary Public Use Files (PUFs), respectively. CMS has granted an extension for hospitals in the States of Louisiana and Mississippi until October 4, 2021. MACs must receive the revision requests and supporting documentation by this date. If hospitals encounter difficulty meeting this extended deadline of October 4, 2021, hospitals should communicate their concerns to CMS via their MAC, and CMS may consider an additional extension if CMS determines it is warranted.

These temporary emergency waivers apply to the timeframes specified in the Secretary's declaration of the PHE.