

# **Hospice Regulatory Review**

# 2014 Hospice Wage Index And Payment Rate Update

http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-07/pdf/2013-18838.pdf

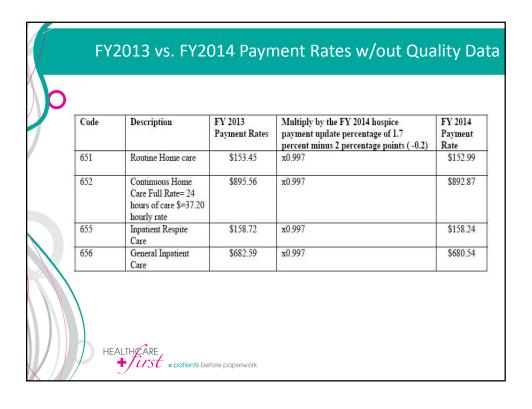
https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/Hospice/index.html



# FY2013 vs. FY2014 Payment Rates w/Quality Data

Code	Description	FY 2013 Payment Rates	Multiply by the FY 2014 final hospice payment update of 1.7 percent	FY 2014 final Payment Rate
651	Routine Home Care	\$153.45	x1.017	\$156.06
652	Continuous Home Care Full Rate = 24 hours of care \$=37.95 hourly rate	\$895.56	x1.017	\$910.78
655	Inpatient Respite Care	\$158.72	x1.017	\$161.42
656	General Inpatient Care	\$682.59	x1.017	\$694.19







# Diagnosis Reporting on Claims

- Providers <u>must</u> code and report the principal diagnosis as well as all coexisting and additional diagnosis related to the terminal condition or related conditions
- 72% of hospice providers are still only reporting one diagnosis on hospice claims



# Use of Nonspecific, Symptom Diagnosis

- "debility"
- "adult failure to thrive"
- CMS' will return to provider (RTP), effective for claims submitted on or after Oct. 1, 2014, hospice claims with either Debility or Adult Failure to Thrive (AFTT) listed as the principal diagnosis



### Be careful with Dementia Codes....

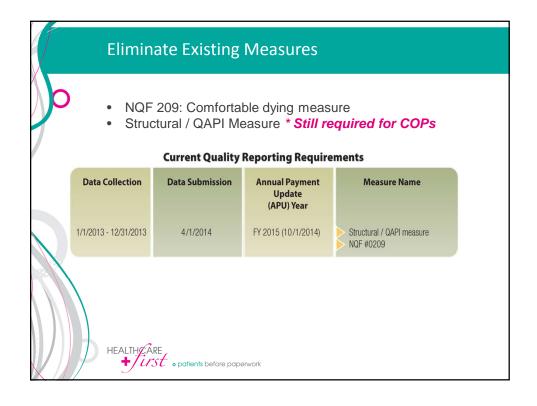
- Some Dementia Codes are inappropriate for use as a principal diagnosis. A few examples are:
  - 290.0 Senile dementia, uncomplicated
  - 294.8 Other persistent mental disorders due to conditions classified elsewhere
  - 294.10 Dementia in conditions classified elsewhere without behavioral disturbance
  - 294.11 Dementia in conditions classified elsewhere with behavioral disturbance

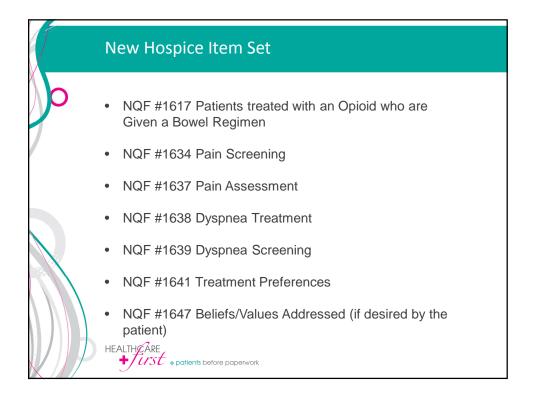


### **Hospice Quality Reporting**

- The current reported quality measures will be eliminated.
- Existing reported quality measures will be replaced with a standardized assessment instrument called the Hospice Item Set (HIS)
- CMS will begin data collection related to a new Hospice Experience of Care Survey beginning Jan 2015.



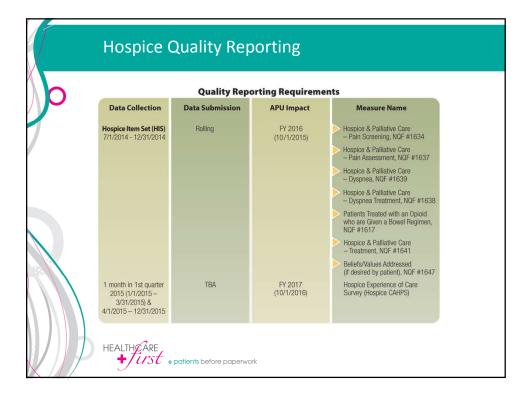




N	ew Hospice Item Set	
0	Administrative Information  A0050. Type of Record  Enter Code  1. Add new record 2. Modify existing record 3. Inactivate existing record A0100. Facility Provider Numbers. Enter code in boxes provided.  A. National Provider Identifier (NPI):  B. CMS Certification Number (CCN):	
	A0205. Site of Service at Admission  01. Hospice in patient's home/residence 02. Hospice in Assisted Living facility 03. Hospice hospi	
HE.	A0220. Admission Date    Month   Day   Year	

Ne	ew Hospice Item Set	
o	Section   Health Conditions	
	Enter Code  C. Type of standardized pain screening tool used:  1. Numeric  2. Verbal descriptor  3. Patient visual  4. Staff observation  9. No standardized tool used	
	Enter Code  D. The patient's pain severity was: 0. None 1. Mild 2. Moderate 3. Severe 9. Pain not rated  J0910. Comprehensive Pain Assessment Enter Code 0. No > Skip to J2030, Screening for Shortness of Breath 1. Yes	
HEA	B. Date of comprehensive pain assessment:    Day Year	





### **Hospice Experience of Care Survey**

- Adding a new Hospice Experience of Care Survey "CAHPS" for Hospice
  - Required to contract with a vendor for survey administration and quarterly data submission.
  - Required to participate in a "dry run" for at least 1 month in first guarter of Calendar year 2015
  - Continuous participation will begin April 1, 2015
  - Participation will affect the FY 2017 payment determination
  - Hospices with fewer than 50 deaths from January 1rst 2014 through December 31rst 2014 will be exempt from requirements for FY 2017 payment determination
  - Hospices who fail to participate in the Hospice CAHPS survey will have a 2% market basket reduction in FY 2017.



### Potential Future Hospice Items

- Reform Options
  - U-Shaped Model of resource use
  - Short stay add-on payment
  - Case mix
- · Rebasing the Routine Home Care Rate
- · Additional data collection

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/Hospice/Downloads/Hospice-Study-Technical-Report-4-29-13.pdf



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# Proposed Hospice Cost Report Changes

http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing-Items/CMS-1984-14.html?DLPage=1&DLSort=1&DLSortDir=descending



### **Hospice Cost Report Changes**

- Free Standing Hospice and Home Health Agency (HHA) – based Hospices
- Segregate all direct patient care costs by multiple cost categories into the respective level of care.
- Modify the manner in which general service costs and statistical information is accumulated by the hospice.
- General service cost centers have been expanded.



### **Hospice Cost Report Changes**

- Included Worksheet S-2 to incorporate data previously reported on the Provider Cost Report Reimbursement Questionnaire, Form CMS-339.
- Modified Worksheet A to separately identify general service costs.
- Modified Worksheets A-1 through A-4 to identify direct patient care services by level of care.
- Modified Worksheets B and B-1 to separately identify costs by level of care.
- Renamed Worksheet D as Worksheet C.
- · Renamed Worksheet G as Worksheet F.





### **Hospice RAC Audits**

- Selected at random
- No Guidelines to determine which providers will be selected
- States impacted: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.

http://blog.healthcarefirst.com/regulatory-blog/bid/96580/Hospice-RAC-Audits-Coming-to-Region-C



### Widespread Hospice Edits

- Claims with revenue code 0651 (Routine) and a length of stay of greater than 730 days.
- Claims based on a length of stay of 999 days.
- Claims with revenue code 0656 (General Inpatient Services [GIP]) with at least seven or more days in a billing period.

http://www.cgsmedicare.com/hhh/medreview/med\_review\_edits.html



# Medicare Administrative Contractors

## Home Health & Hospice Jurisdictions

Medicare currently has four Jurisdictions assigned for Home Health and Hospice Administrative Contractors.

Jurisdictions A – D are reserved from the HH & H workloads. A map of the regions can be found at: <a href="http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-">http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-</a>
Contracting/MedicareContractingReform/Jurisdiction-Maps/HomeHealthHospiceMACJurisdictionMap.pdf

It is important for your agency to be up to date with the instructions from your contractor. So make sure you are signed up for their newsletters and alerts.

You can find links to each of the contractors at the HEALTHCARE *first* Regulatory Blog.



