Abstract: The Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. 1331 et seq. (2006 ed.) ("FCLAA"), requires cigarette manufacturers, packagers, and importers to place one of four statutorily-prescribed Surgeon General's health warnings on cigarette packaging and in advertisements, on a rotational basis in accordance with plans reviewed and approved by the FTC. Each manufacturer, packager, and importer (hereinafter, also referred to as "respondents") wishing to import for sale or distribute cigarettes in the United States is required to submit a plan to the FTC that (1) explains how the respondent intends to comply with the statutory requirement to display the statutorily-prescribed health warnings on its packaging, (2) identifies each of the respondent's brands and brand styles, (3) includes a schedule (or other explanation) showing the warnings that will be assigned to each brand during each quarter of the year, and (4) specifies when in the manufacturing process the respondent will consult its rotation schedule for that particular brand in order to assign the appropriate quarterly warning. Respondents wishing to engage in advertising of cigarettes in the United States are required to submit to the FTC a plan that (1) includes a rotation schedule for the four statutorily-prescribed health warnings for each brand the respondent intends to advertise, (2) specifies how the respondent will determine which health warnings will appear on different kinds of advertisements, and (3) specifies how the respondent will handle advertisements that feature more than one of the respondent's brands.

The FCLAA also provides for an alternative method for displaying the required health warnings on packaging—that is, equalization. Specifically, manufacturers, packagers, and importers may seek the FTC's approval to display the health warnings on a particular cigarette brand style an equal number of times. In order to obtain approval for equalization, respondents must submit an additional plan to the FTC that establishes (1) that their sales satisfy the statutoryprescribed requirements for equalization, and (2) how the respondent will ensure that all four health warnings will be equally displayed during the one-year period following the plan's approval (*e.g.*, by using printing plates that produce an even number of all four warnings simultaneously on each print run). Respondents seeking to equalize must submit new plans annually to demonstrate that their sales continue to qualify for equalization.

The Commission uses the information to assess—as it is required to do under the FCLAA—whether a manufacturer or importer will display the Surgeon General's health warnings in compliance with the governing statutory provisions in the FCLAA.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector: Businesses and other for-profit entities.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 328. Estimated Annual Labor Costs: \$16.695.

Estimated Annual Non-Labor Costs: \$0.

# **D. Request for Comment**

Pursuant to OMB regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, which implement the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, the FTC is providing this second opportunity for public comment while submitting to OMB its request for clearance for the information collection requirements contained in the FCLAA. For more details about the requirements and the basis for the calculations summarized above, see 88 FR 60941.

Your comment—including your name and your state—will be placed on the public record of this proceeding. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive personal information, such as anyone's Social Security number; date of birth; driver's license number or other state identification number or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. You are also solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any sensitive health

information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, your comment should not include any "[t]rade secret or any commercial or financial information which is . . . privileged or confidential"—as provided in Section 6(f) of the FTC Act 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2) including, in particular, competitively sensitive information, such as costs, sales statistics, inventories, formulas, patterns devices, manufacturing processes, or customer names.

### Josephine Liu,

Assistant General Counsel for Legal Counsel. [FR Doc. 2024–01798 Filed 1–29–24; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6750–01–P

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

### [CMS-9145-N]

### Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—October Through December 2023

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS. **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This quarterly notice lists CMS manual instructions, substantive and interpretive regulations, and other **Federal Register** notices that were published in the 3-month period, relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs and other programs administered by CMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** It is possible that an interested party may need specific information and not be able to determine from the listed information whether the issuance or regulation would fulfill that need. Consequently, we are providing contact persons to answer general questions concerning each of the addenda published in this notice.

Addenda	Contact	Phone No.	
I. CMS Manual Instructions II. Regulation Documents Published in the <b>Federal Register</b> III. CMS Rulings IV. Medicare National Coverage Determinations V. FDA-Approved Category B IDEs VI. Collections of Information VI. Medicare-Approved Carotid Stent Facilities VII. American College of Cardiology—National Cardiovascular Data Registry Sites.	Ismael Torres Terri Plumb Tiffany Lafferty Wanda Belle, MPA John Manlove William Parham Sarah Fulton, MHS Sarah Fulton, MHS	(410) 786–1864 (410) 786–4481 (410) 786–7548 (410) 786–7491 (410) 786–6877 (410) 786–6877 (410) 786–2749 (410) 786–2749	
IX. Medicare's Active Coverage-Related Guidance Documents X. One-time Notices Regarding National Coverage Provisions	Lori Ashby, MA JoAnna Baldwin, MS	(410) 786–6322 (410) 786–7205	

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XI. National Oncologic Positron Emission Tomography Registry Sites	David Dolan, MBA	(410) 786–3365
XII. Medicare-Approved Ventricular Assist Device (Destination Therapy) Facilities	David Dolan, MBA	(410) 786–3365
XIII. Medicare-Approved Lung Volume Reduction Surgery Facilities	Sarah Fulton, MHS	(410) 786–2749
XIV. Medicare-Approved Bariatric Surgery Facilities	Sarah Fulton, MHS	(410) 786–2749
XV. Fluorodeoxyglucose Positron Emission Tomography for Dementia Trials	David Dolan, MBA	(410) 786–3365
All Other Information	Annette Brewer	(410) 786–6580

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is responsible for administering the Medicare and Medicaid programs and coordination and oversight of private health insurance. Administration and oversight of these programs involves the following: (1) furnishing information to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, health care providers, and the public; and (2) maintaining effective communications with CMS regional offices, state governments, state Medicaid agencies, state survey agencies, various providers of health care, all Medicare contractors that process claims and pay bills, National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), health insurers, and other stakeholders. To implement the various statutes on which the programs are based, we issue regulations under the authority granted to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services under sections 1102, 1871, 1902, and related provisions of the Social Security Act (the Act) and Public Health Service Act. We also issue various manuals, memoranda, and statements necessary to administer and oversee the programs efficiently.

Section 1871(c) of the Act requires that we publish a list of all Medicare manual instructions, interpretive rules, statements of policy, and guidelines of general applicability not issued as regulations at least every 3 months in the **Federal Register**.

# II. Format for the Quarterly Issuance Notices

This quarterly notice provides only the specific updates that have occurred in the 3-month period along with a hyperlink to the full listing that is available on the CMS website or the appropriate data registries that are used as our resources. This is the most current up-to-date information and will be available earlier than we publish our quarterly notice. We believe the website list provides more timely access for beneficiaries, providers, and suppliers. We also believe the website offers a more convenient tool for the public to find the full list of qualified providers for these specific services and offers more flexibility and "real time" accessibility. In addition, many of the websites have listservs; that is, the public can subscribe and receive immediate notification of any updates to the website. These listservs avoid the need to check the website, as notification of updates is automatic and sent to the subscriber as they occur. If assessing a website proves to be difficult, the contact person listed can provide information.

### III. How To Use the Notice

This notice is organized into 15 addenda so that a reader may access the subjects published during the quarter covered by the notice to determine whether any are of particular interest. We expect this notice to be used in concert with previously published notices. Those unfamiliar with a description of our Medicare manuals should view the manuals at http:// www.cms.gov/manuals.

The Director of the Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Kathleen Cantwell, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Trenesha Fultz-Mimms, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

### Trenesha Fultz-Mimms,

Federal Register Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services.

### Publication Dates for the Previous Four Quarterly Notices

We publish this notice at the end of each quarter reflecting information released by CMS during the previous quarter. The publication dates of the previous four Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances notices are: February 1, 2023 (88 FR 6729), May 12, 2023 (88 FR 30752), August 4, 2023 (88 FR 51814) and October 26, 2023 (88 FR 73591). We are providing only the specific updates that have occurred in the 3-month period along with a hyperlink to the website to access this information and a contact person for questions or additional information.

## Addendum I: Medicare and Medicaid Manual Instructions (October Through December 2023)

The CMS Manual System is used by CMS program components, partners, providers, contractors, Medicare Advantage organizations, and State Survey Agencies to administer CMS programs. It offers day-to-day operating instructions, policies, and procedures based on statutes and regulations, guidelines, models, and directives. In 2003, we transformed the CMS Program Manuals into a web user-friendly presentation and renamed it the CMS Online Manual System.

### How To Obtain Manuals

The internet-only Manuals (IOMs) are a replica of the Agency's official record copy. Paper-based manuals are CMS manuals that were officially released in hardcopy. The majority of these manuals were transferred into the internet-only manual (IOM) or retired. Pub 15–1, Pub 15–2 and Pub 45 are exceptions to this rule and are still active paper-based manuals. The remaining paper-based manuals are for reference purposes only. If you notice policy contained in the paper-based manuals that was not transferred to the IOM, send a message via the CMS Feedback tool.

Those wishing to subscribe to old versions of CMS manuals should contact the National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce, 5301 Shawnee Road, Alexandria, VA 22312 Telephone (703– 605–6050). You can download copies of the listed material free of charge at: http://cms.gov/manuals.

### How To Review Transmittals or Program Memoranda

Those wishing to review transmittals and program memoranda can access this information at a local Federal Depository Library (FDL). Under the FDL program, government publications are sent to approximately 1,400 designated libraries throughout the United States. Some FDLs may have arrangements to transfer material to a local library not designated as an FDL. Contact any library to locate the nearest FDL. This information is available at http://www.gpo.gov/libraries/.

In addition, individuals may contact regional depository libraries that receive and retain at least one copy of most federal government publications, either in printed or microfilm form, for use by the general public. These libraries provide reference services and interlibrary loans; however, they are not sales outlets. Individuals may obtain information about the location of the nearest regional depository library from any library. CMS publication and transmittal numbers are shown in the listing entitled Medicare and Medicaid Manual Instructions. To help FDLs locate the materials, use the CMS publication and transmittal numbers.

For example, to find the manual Updates to Medicare Benefit Policy Manual and Medicare Claims Processing Manual for Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) (CMS-Pub. 100–02) Transmittal No. 12418.

Addendum I lists a unique CMS transmittal number for each instruction in our manuals or program memoranda and its subject number. A transmittal may consist of a single or multiple instruction(s). Often, it is necessary to use information in a transmittal in conjunction with information currently in the manual.

### Fee-For Service Transmittal Numbers

*Please Note:* Beginning Friday, March 20, 2020, there will be the following change regarding the Advance Notice of Instructions due to a CMS internal process change. Fee-For Service Transmittal Numbers will no longer be determined by Publication. The Transmittal numbers will be issued by a single numerical sequence beginning with Transmittal Number 10000.

For the purposes of this quarterly notice, we list only the specific updates to the list of manual instructions that have occurred in the 3-month period. This information is available on our website at www.cms.gov/Manuals.

Transmittal No.	Manual/subject/publication No.
	Medicare General Information (CMS-Pub. 100–01)
12037 12341 12425	Update to Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance and Premium Rates for Calendar Year (CY) 2024. Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction. Enforcing Billing Requirements for Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Services with New Condition Code 92—Additional Publi- cation Update.
	Medicare Benefit Policy (CMS-Pub. 100–02)
12283	Internet Only Manual Updates to Pub. 100-02 and 100-04 to Implement Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023 Changes for
12200	Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).
12291 12299	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction. An Omnibus CR to Implement Policy Updates in the CY 2023 PFS Final Rule, Including (1) Removal of Selected NCDs (NCD 160.22 Ambulatory EEG Monitoring), and, (2) Expanding Coverage of Colorectal Cancer Screening—Full Agile Pilot CR.
12385	Hospice Benefit Policy Manual Updates Related to the Addition of Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs) or Mental Health Counselors (MHCs) to the Hospice Interdisciplinary Team.
12400	Hospice Benefit Policy Manual Updates Related to the Addition of Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs) or Mental Health Counselors (MHCs) to the Hospice Interdisciplinary Team.
12418 12421	Updates to Medicare Benefit Policy Manual and Medicare Claims Processing Manual for Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs). January 2024 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).
12425	Enforcing Billing Requirements for Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Services with New Condition Code 92—Additional Publi- cation Update.
	Medicare National Coverage Determination (CMS-Pub. 100–03)
12299 12352	An Omnibus CR to Implement Policy Updates in the CY 2023 PFS Final Rule, Including (1) Removal of Selected NCDs (NCD 160.22 Ambulatory EEG Monitoring), and, (2) Expanding Coverage of Colorectal Cancer Screening—Full Agile Pilot CR. Manual Updates for Coverage of Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG) For Treatment of Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases in the Home.
	Medicare Claims Processing (CMS-Pub. 100–04)
12283	Internet Only Manual Updates to Pub. 100–02 and 100–04 to Implement Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023 Changes for Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Physician's Services and Other Professional Services Excluded From Part A PPS Payment and the Consolidated Billing Requirement.
12284	Deleting Internet Only Manuals (IOM) Pub. 100–04, Chapter 4, Section 190, Payer Only Codes Utilized by Medicare Payer Only Codes Utilized by Medicare.
12287 12288	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction. Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction.
12288	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction.
12290	Diagnosis Code Update for Add-on Payments for Blood Clotting Factor Administered to Hemophilia Inpatients Payment for Blood Clotting Factor Administered to Hemophilia Inpatients.
12291	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction.
12298 12299	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction. An Omnibus CR to Implement Policy Updates in the CY 2023 PFS Final Rule, Including (1) Removal of Selected NCDs (NCD 160.22 Ambulatory EEG Monitoring), and, (2) Expanding Coverage of Colorectal Cancer Screening—Full Agile Pilot CR.
12301 12305	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction. Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Participation Enrollment and Medicare Participating Physicians and Suppliers Directory (MEDPARD) Procedures.
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12315	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.

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12316	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12321	Implementation of Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) Provider Type.
12322	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12325	Update to the Internet Only Manual (IOM) Publication (Pub.) 100–04, Chapter 18 Section 50.3–50.4, To Remove 0359U Per The International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD–10) and Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage De- terminations (NCDa) - Other 2000
12326	terminations (NCDs)—October 2023. Internet-Only Manual Update, Pub. 100–04, Chapter 23 (Fee Schedule Administration and Coding Requirements), Section 50.6.
12337	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12339	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction.
12342	April 2024 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Quarterly Update Reminder.
12343	Quarterly Update to Home Health (HH) Grouper.
12344	File Conversions Related to the Spanish Translation of the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Descrip- tions.
12347	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12354	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12357	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12359 12360	Implementation of New Benefit Category for Lymphedema Compression Treatment Items. Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12361	Updates to Chapter 1 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Publication (Pub.) 100–04) to Include Newly Created and
12364	Utilized Payer Only Codes. NCD 220.6.20—Beta Amyloid Positron Emission Tomography in Dementia and Neurodegenerative Disease.
12369	Implementation of Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) Provider Type.
12375	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction.
12389	Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment.
12391	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12396	Update to the Internet Only Manual (IOM) Publication (Pub.) 100–04, Chapter 32 Sections 320.3.3 and 370.1 for Coding Revisions to the National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)—April 2024 Change Request (CR) 13390.
12398	Calendar Year 2024 Update for Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule.
12399	April 2024 Bi-Annual Update of the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM).
12401	Instructions for Retrieving the 2024 Pricing and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Data Files through CMS' Mainframe Telecommunications Systems.
12402	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction.
12403	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Sensitivity of Instruction.
12404	Instructions for Downloading the Medicare ZIP Code File for April 2024 Files.
12406	CY 2024 Home Infusion Therapy (HIT) Payment Rates and Instructions for Retrieving the January 2024 Home Infusion Ther- apy (HIT) Services Payment Rates Through the CMS Mainframe Telecommunications System.
12407	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12411 12413	New Place of Service (POS) Code 27—"Outreach Site/Street". Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12413	Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) for Calendar Year (CY) 2024 and Productivity Adjustment.
12415	New Waived Tests.
12416	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12418	Updates to Medicare Benefit Policy Manual and Medicare Claims Processing Manual for Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs).
12419	January 2024 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (I/OCE) Specifications Version 25.0.
12420	January 2024 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System.
12421	January 2024 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).
12422	April 2024 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files and Revisions to Prior Quarterly Pricing.
12423	Enforcing Billing Requirements for Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Services with New Condition Code 92.
12424	Implement Edits to Prevent Payment of Complexity Add-On Code G2211 When Associated Office/Outpatient Evaluation and
12426	Management Visit (Codes 99202–99205, 99211–99215) is Reported With Modifier 25. Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable
	Charge Payment. Medicare Secondary Payer (CMS-Pub. 100–05)
12304	Changes to The Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) Web, Including Modified Medicare Secondary Payer
	(MSP) Health Insurance Master Record (HIMR) Screen and Remote Identity Process (RIDP). Attachment 1—ECRS Web User Guide, Software Version 7.4 2023/October 2. Attachment 2—ECRS Web Quick Reference Card Version 7.4 2023/October 2.
	Medicare Financial Management (CMS-Pub. 100–06)
12297 12323	Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments—1st Qtr Notification for FY 2024. Revisions and Deletions to the Internet Only Manual (IOM), Publication 100–06, Chapter 4, Debt Collection Related to Ex- tended Repayment Schedules (ERS) and Debt Management.
	Rates of Interest. Procedures for Applying Interest During Overpayment Recoupment.
	Recoupment by Withholding Payments. Establishing an Extended Repayment Schedule.

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	Extended Repayment Schedule (ERS) Approval Process. Sending the Extended Repayment Schedule (ERS) Request to the Regional Office (RO). Monitoring an Approved Extended Repayment Schedule (ERS) and Reporting Requirement. Requests from Terminated Providers or Debts that are Pending Referral to Department of Treasury.
12329	The Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) Submission of Copybook Files to the Provider and Statistical Reimbursement (PS&R) System.
12346	Revisions and Deletions to the Internet Only Manual (IOM), Publication 100–06, Chapter 4, Debt Collection Related to Ex- tended Repayment Schedules (ERS) and Debt Management. Rates of Interest.
	Procedures for Applying Interest During Overpayment Recoupment.
	Recoupment by Withholding Payments. Establishing an Extended Repayment Schedule (ERS).
	Extended Repayment Schedule (ERS) Required Documentation—Physician is a Sole Proprietor.
	Extended Repayment Schedule (ERS) Required Documentation—Provider is an Entity Other Than a Sole Proprietor. 4/50.3/Extended Repayment Schedule (ERS) Approval Process.
	4/50.4/Sending the Extended Repayment Schedule (ERS) Request to the Regional Office (RO).
	Monitoring an Approved Extended Repayment Schedule (ERS) and Reporting Requirements. Requests from Terminated Providers or Debts that are Pending Referral to Department of Treasury.
	Medicare State Operations Manual (CMS-Pub. 100–07)
	None.
	Medicare Program Integrity (CMS-Pub. 100–08)
12279	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12280	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12281	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12295	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12296	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12300 12302	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction. Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction.
12302	Updates of Chapter 4 and Chapter 8 in Publication (Pub.) 100–08, Including Adding Guidance Regarding Handling of Freedom
12000	Information Act (FOIA) Requests.
	Requests for Information From Outside Organizations.

Duration of the Payment Suspension.

DME Payment Suspensions (MACs and UPICs).

Additional Revocation Policies. Establishing Effective Dates.

Non-DMÉ National Payment Suspensions (MACs and UPICs).

12336 ..... Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.

12356	Incorporation of Recent Provider Enrollment Regulatory Changes into Chapter 10 of CMS Publication (Pub.) 100-08-Physi-
	cian Fee Schedule (PFS) Final Rule.
	Additional Definitions

Auditional Definitions.
Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs).
Mental Health Counselors (MHCs).
Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) Suppliers.
Providers/Suppliers Not Eligible to Enroll.
Denials—General Principles.
Denial Reasons.
Additional Denial Policies.
Changes of Information.
Revocation Effective Dates.
Revocation Reasons.
Reenrollment Bar.

 Opting-Out of Medicare.

 Appeals Process.

 Revalidation Notification Letters.

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 Incorporation of Recent Provider Enrollment Regulatory Changes into Chapter 10 of CMS Publication (Pub.) 100–08—Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) Final Rule.

# 12394 ..... Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.

12395 ..... Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to Confidentiality of Instruction.

12408 ..... Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.

### Medicare Contractor Beneficiary and Provider Communications (CMS-Pub. 100-09)

# None.

Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (CMS-Pub. 100–10)

None.

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CR)—New Reason Code to Prevent Ad- y.
S) to Add a Location Field to the Data
ate a Summary Report for Healthcare In-
uiry Search Screen Using a Procedure
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lealth Initiatives.
Instruction.

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12355	International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) and Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determina- tions (NCDs)—January 2024 Update.
12362	
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12367	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12368	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
12392	Enforcing Billing Requirements for Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Services with Revenue Code 0905 for Federally Quali- fied Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC).
12397	Payment of Codes for Chemotherapy Administration and Nonchemotherapy Injections and Infusions.
12405	Direct Mailing Notification to Hospice Providers Regarding the Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model, Hospice Benefit Component, Participating Medicare Advantage Organizations.
12410	Updating Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) Payment Rates.
12428	Provider Education for the Review Choice Demonstration (RCD) for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Services (IRFs).
	Medicare Quality Reporting Incentive Programs (CMS-Pub. 100–22)
12293	Payments to Home Health Agencies That Do Not Submit Required Quality Data This CR Rescinds and Fully Replaces CR 10874.
12294	Issued to a specific audience, not posted to Internet/Intranet due to a Confidentiality of Instruction.
	State Payment of Medicare Premiums (CMS-Pub. 100–24).
	None.

 None.

 Information Security Acceptable Risk Safeguards (CMS-Pub. 100–25).

 None.

For questions or additional information, contact Ismael Torres (410–786–1864).

### Addendum II: Regulation Documents Published in the Federal Register (October Through December 2023)

## Regulations and Notices

Regulations and notices are published in the daily **Federal Register**. To purchase individual copies or subscribe to the **Federal Register**, contact GPO at *www.gpo.gov/fdsys*. When ordering individual copies, it is necessary to cite either the date of publication or the volume number and page number.

The **Federal Register** is available as an online database through *GPO Access*. The online database is updated by 6 a.m. each day the **Federal Register** is published. The database includes both text and graphics from Volume 59, Number 1 (January 2, 1994) through the present date and can be accessed at *http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/ index.html*. The following website *http://www.archives.gov/federalregister/* provides information on how to access electronic editions, printed editions, and reference copies.

For questions or additional information, contact Terri Plumb (410– 786–4481).

# Addendum III: CMS Rulings (October Through December 2023)

CMS Rulings are decisions of the Administrator that serve as precedent final opinions and orders and statements of policy and interpretation. They provide clarification and interpretation of complex or ambiguous provisions of the law or regulations relating to Medicare, Medicaid, Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review, private health insurance, and related matters.

The rulings can be accessed at *http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Rulings.* 

For questions or additional information, contact Tiffany Lafferty (410–786–7548).

### Addendum IV: Medicare National Coverage Determinations (October Through December 2023)

Addendum IV includes completed national coverage determinations (NCDs), or reconsiderations of completed NCDs, from the quarter covered by this notice. Completed decisions are identified by the section of the NCD Manual (NCDM) in which the decision appears, the title, the date the publication was issued, and the effective date of the decision. An NCD is a determination by the Secretary for whether or not a particular item or service is covered nationally under the Medicare Program (title XVIII of the Act), but does not include a determination of the code, if any, that is assigned to a particular covered item or service, or payment determination for a particular covered item or service. The

entries below include information concerning completed decisions, as well as sections on program and decision memoranda, which also announce decisions or, in some cases, explain why it was not appropriate to issue an NCD. Information on completed decisions as well as pending decisions has also been posted on the CMS website. For the purposes of this quarterly notice, there were no specific updates to national coverage determinations (NCDs), or reconsiderations of completed NCDs published in the 3-month period. This information is available at: www.cms.gov/medicare-coveragedatabase/.

For questions or additional information, contact Wanda Belle, MPA (410–786–7491).

### Addendum V: FDA-Approved Category B Investigational Device Exemptions (IDEs) (October Through December 2023)

(Inclusion of this addenda is under discussion internally.)

### Addendum VI: Approval Numbers for Collections of Information (October Through December 2023)

All approval numbers are available to the public at *Reginfo.gov*. Under the review process, approved information collection requests are assigned OMB control numbers. A single control number may apply to several related information collections. This information is available at

*www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.* For questions or additional information, contact William Parham (410–786–4669).

### Addendum VII: Medicare-Approved Carotid Stent Facilities (October Through December 2023)

Addendum VII includes listings of Medicare-approved carotid stent facilities. All facilities listed meet CMS standards for performing carotid artery stenting for high risk patients. On March 17, 2005, we issued our decision memorandum on carotid artery stenting. We determined that carotid artery stenting with embolic protection is reasonable and necessary only if performed in facilities that have been determined to be competent in performing the evaluation, procedure, and follow-up necessary to ensure optimal patient outcomes. We have created a list of minimum standards for facilities modeled in part on professional society statements on competency. All facilities must at least meet our standards in order to receive coverage for carotid artery stenting for high risk patients. For the purposes of this quarterly notice, we are providing only the specific updates that have occurred in the 3-month period. This information is available at: http:// www.cms.gov/MedicareApproved Facilitie/CASF/list.asp#TopOfPage.

For questions or additional information, contact Sarah Fulton, MHS (410–786–2749).

Facility	Provider No.	Date approved	State
The following facilities are new listings for this guarter			
HCA Florida Englewood Hospital, 700 Medical Boulevard, Englewood, FL 34223	1639122864	09/09/2023	FL
Kaiser Permanente San Francisco, Medical Center, 2425 Geary Blvd Provider, San Francisco, CA 94115	050076	09/09/2023	CA
Sanford Bemidji Medical Center, 1300 Anne Street NW, Bemidji, MN 56601	240100	09/09/2023	MN
The following facilities have editorial changes (in bold)			
From: Galichia Heart Hospital, To: Wesley Woodlawn Hospital, 2610 N. Woodlawn Boulevard, Wichita, KS 67220–2729.	170123	05/16/2005	KS
From: Presence Resurrection Medical Center, To: Ascension Resurrection, 7435 West Talcott Avenue, Chi- cago, IL 60631.	140117	04/12/2005	IL
From: Fort Walton Beach Medical Center, To: HCA Fort Walton—Destin Hospital, 1000 Mar Walt Drive, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547.	100223	04/14/2005	FL
From: Trumbull Memorial Hospital, To: Trumbull Regional Medical Center, 1350 E Market Street, Warren, OH 44483.	1053844671	03/14/2013	ОН

## Addendum VIII: American College of Cardiology's National Cardiovascular Data Registry Sites (October Through December 2023)

The initial data collection requirement through the American College of Cardiology's National Cardiovascular Data Registry (ACC– NCDR) has served to develop and improve the evidence base for the use of ICDs in certain Medicare beneficiaries. The data collection requirement ended with the posting of the final decision memo for Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators on February 15, 2018.

For questions or additional information, contact Sarah Fulton, MHS (410–786–2749).

### Addendum IX: Active CMS Coverage-Related Guidance Documents (October Through December 2023)

CMS issued a guidance document on November 20, 2014 titled "Guidance for the Public, Industry, and CMS Staff: Coverage with Evidence Development Document". Although CMS has several policy vehicles relating to evidence development activities including the investigational device exemption (IDE), the clinical trial policy, national coverage determinations and local coverage determinations, this guidance document is principally intended to help the public understand CMS's implementation of coverage with evidence development (CED) through the national coverage determination process. The document is available at http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coveragedatabase/details/medicare-coveragedocument-details.aspx?MCDId=27.

CMS published three proposed guidance documents on June 22, 2023 to provide a framework for more predictable and transparent evidence development and encourage innovation and accelerate beneficiary access to new items and services. The documents are available at:

https://www.cms.gov/medicarecoverage-database/view/medicarecoverage-document.aspx?mcdid=35& docTypeId=1&sortBy=title&bc=16.

https://www.cms.gov/medicarecoverage-database/view/medicarecoverage-document.aspx?mcdid=34& docTypeId=1&sortBy=title&bc=16.

https://www.cms.gov/medicarecoverage-database/view/medicarecoverage-document.aspx?mcdid=33& docTypeId=1&sortBy=title&bc=16.

For questions or additional information, contact Lori Ashby, MA (410 786 6322).

### Addendum X: List of Special One-Time Notices Regarding National Coverage Provisions (October Through December 2023)

There were no special one-time notices regarding national coverage provisions published in the 3-month period. This information is available at *http://www.cms.gov.* 

For questions or additional information, contact JoAnna Baldwin, MS (410–786 7205).

### Addendum XI: National Oncologic PET Registry (NOPR)

Addendum XI includes a listing of National Oncologic Positron Emission Tomography Registry (NOPR) sites. We cover positron emission tomography (PET) scans for particular oncologic indications when they are performed in a facility that participates in the NOPR.

In January 2005, we issued our decision memorandum on positron emission tomography (PET) scans, which stated that CMS would cover PET scans for particular oncologic indications, as long as they were performed in the context of a clinical study. We have since recognized the National Oncologic PET Registry as one of these clinical studies. Therefore, in order for a beneficiary to receive a Medicare-covered PET scan, the beneficiary must receive the scan in a facility that participates in the registry. There were no additions, deletions, or editorial changes to the listing of National Oncologic Positron Emission Tomography Registry (NOPR) in the 3month period. This information is available at http://www.cms.gov/ MedicareApprovedFacilitie/NOPR/ list.asp#TopOfPage.

For questions or additional information, contact David Dolan, MBA (410–786–3365).

### Addendum XII: Medicare-Approved Ventricular Assist Device (Destination Therapy) Facilities (October Through December 2023)

Addendum XII includes a listing of Medicare-approved facilities that receive coverage for ventricular assist devices (VADs) used as destination therapy. All facilities were required to meet our standards in order to receive coverage for VADs implanted as destination therapy. On October 1, 2003, we issued our decision memorandum on VADs for the clinical indication of destination therapy. We determined that VADs used as destination therapy are reasonable and necessary only if performed in facilities that have been determined to have the experience and infrastructure to ensure optimal patient outcomes. We established facility standards and an application process. All facilities were required to meet our standards in order to receive coverage for VADs implanted as destination therapy.

For the purposes of this quarterly notice, we are providing only the specific updates to the list of Medicareapproved facilities that meet our standards that have occurred in the 3month period. This information is available at *http://www.cms.gov/ MedicareApprovedFacilitie/VAD/ list.asp#TopOfPage.* 

For questions or additional information, contact David Dolan, MBA, (410–786–3365).

Facility	Provider No.	Date of initial certification	Date of re-certification	State
The following facility is a new	/ listing.			
St. Bernard's Medical Center, 225 East Washington, Jonesboro, AR 72401 Other information: DNV-GL ID #: C624530 Previous Re-certification Dates: n/a	040020	08/31/2023		AR
The following facilities have editorial c	hanges (in l	bold).		
Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, 600 Gresham Drive, Norfolk, VA 23507 Other information: DNV-GL ID #: C592382 Previous Re-certification Dates: 11/13/2008; 12/21/2010; 02/05/2013; 01/13/2015; 03/14/2017; 4/20/2019; 10/07/2021	49–0007	11/13/2008	09/05/2023	VA
<ul> <li>Presbyterian Medical Center of the UPHS, 51 North 39th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104.</li> <li>Other information: Joint Commission ID #6145</li> <li>Previous Re-certification Dates: 10/05/2010; 11/07/2012; 12/09/2014; 03/21/2017; 4/17/2019; 07/29/2021</li> </ul>	390223	10/05/2010	06/28/2023	PA
University of Alabama at Birmingham, 619 19th S. South, Birmingham, AL 35249– 1900. Other information: Joint Commission ID # 2814 Previous Re-certification Dates: 12/09/2008; 04/22/2011; 04/09/2013; 04/07/2015; 05/16/2017; 7/3/2019; 08/21/2021	010033	10/29/2003	07/27/2023	AL
<ul> <li>Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority, 1250 East Marshall Street, Richmond, VA 23298–051.</li> <li>Other information: Joint Commission ID # 6381</li> <li>Previous Re-certification Dates: 11/04/2008; 12/14/2010; 12/21/2012;12/16/2014; 02/14/2017; 04/10/2019; 08/07/2021</li> </ul>	490032	04/08/2004	07/19/2023	VA
Fresno Community Hospital and Medical Center, 2823 Fresno St., Fresno, CA 93721. Other information: Joint Commission ID # 9832 Previous Re-certification Dates: 1/04/2014; 12/13/2016; 2/13/2019; 08/11/2021	050060	01/04/2014	08/09/2023	CA
University Hospital (Stony Brook), Health Sciences Center Suny Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794–8503. <i>Other information:</i> Joint Commission ID # 5188 <i>Previous Re-certification Dates:</i> 01/30/2013; 01/15/2015; 03/14/2017; 05/08/2019; 09/17/2021	330393	03/02/2011	08/09/2023	NY
Maimonides Medical Center, 4802 Tenth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219–2916 Other information: Joint Commission ID #5734 Previous Re-certification Dates: 08/23/2012; 07/29/2014; 09/13/2016; 10/11/2018; 10/27/2021	330194	08/23/2012	10/18/2023	NY
The General Hospital Corporation, 55 Fruit Street, Boston, MA 02114 Other information: Joint Commission ID# 5513 Previous Re-certification Dates: 12/08/2008; 01/19/2011; 02/13/2013; 01/06/2015; 02/28/2017; 05/22/2019; 10/14/2021	220071	12/15/2003	09/07/2023	MA
Montefiore Health System, 111 East 210th StreetM Bronx, NY 10467 Other information: Joint Commission ID #2514 Previous Re-certification Dates: 09/23/2008; 10/08/2010; 10/23/2012; 09/23/2014; 10/08/2016; 11/07/2018; 10/29/2021	330059	11/14/2003	10/04/2023	NY
Bryan Medical Center, 1600 South 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506 Other information: Joint Commission ID # 244330 Previous Re-certification Dates: 03/05/2013; 02/12/2015; 04/18/2017; 07/17/2019; 09/22/2021	280003	03/05/2013	08/23/2023	NE
Nebraska Medical Center, 987400 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198– 7400. <i>Other information:</i> Joint Commission ID # 186313	280013	02/02/2011	08/16/2023	NE

Facility	Provider No.	Date of initial certification	Date of re-certification	State
Previous Re-certification Dates: 01/20/2011; 01/29/2013; 02/24/2015; 02/14/2017;				
04/17/2019; 09/09/2021				
Dignity Health, 350 West Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013	030024	05/08/2019	08/26/2023	AZ
Other information: Joint Commission ID # 9494				
Previous Re-certification Dates: 05/08/2019; 08/19/2021				
From: Norton Hospitals Inc.	180088	09/17/2020	10/13/2023	KY
To: Norton Audubon Hospital, 1 Audubon Plaza Drive, Louisville, KY 40217				
Other information: DNV ID #: C553570				
Previous Re-certification Dates: 09/17/2020				
From: University of Virginia Medical Center	490009	02/12/2010	09/15/2023	VA
To: Rector & Visitors of the University of Virginia, 1215 Lee Street, Charlottesville,				
VA 22903				
Other information: Joint Commission ID #: 6329				
Previous Re-certification Dates: 03/21/2012; 05/06/2014; 06/07/2016; 06/06/2018;				
10/13/2021				
Temple University Hospital, Inc., 3401 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140	390027	02/08/2012	09/13/2023	PA
Other information: Joint Commission ID #: 6152				
Previous Re-certification Dates: 02/08/2012; 02/11/2014; 04/07/2016; 04/04/2018;				
10/13/2021				
Prisma Health Richland, 5 Richland Medical Park Drive, Columbia, SC 29203	420018	03/07/2013	09/13/2023	SC
Other information: Joint Commission ID #: 6588				
<i>Previous Re-certification Dates:</i> 03/06/2013; 04/21/2015; 06/06/2017; 6/28/2019; 10/08/2021				
Hillcrest Medical Center, 1120 S. Utica, Tulsa, OK 74104	370001	12/04/2017	11/17/2023	OK
Other information: DNV #: C584663				
Previous Re-certification Dates: 12/04/2017; 11/25/2020				
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, 330 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215	220086	04/25/2017	09/29/2023	MA
Other information: Joint Commission ID #: 5501				
Previous Re-certification Dates: 4/25/2017; 05/22/2019; 11/04/2021				
Yale New Haven Hospital, 20 York Street, New Haven, CT 06510-3203	070022	01/25/2011	12/13/2023	CT
Other information: Joint Commission ID #: 5677				
Previous Re-certification Dates: 01/25/2011; 01/15/2013; 12/16/2014; 02/28/2017;				
5/22/2019; 11/24/2021	000400	00/00/0010	40/07/0000	
UMass Memorial Health Care, Inc, One Biotech Park 365 Plantation Street,	220163	02/06/2019	10/27/2023	MA
Worcester, MA 01605.				
Other information: Joint Commission ID #: 5640				
<i>Previous Re-certification Dates:</i> 02/06/2019; 11/06/2021 North Carolina Baptist Hospital, dba Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist, Medical	340047	06/28/2011	10/25/2023	NC
Center Boulevard, Winston Salem, NC 27157.	340047	00/28/2011	10/23/2023	INC
Other information: Joint Commission ID #: 6571				
Previous Re-certification Dates: 06/28/2011; 08/13/2013; 08/04/2015; 08/18/2017; 10/9/2019; 10/16/2021				
Memorial Hermann—Texas Medical Center, 6411 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77030–1501.	450068	03/19/2013	12/22/2023	ТХ
Other information: Joint Commission ID #: 9081				
<i>Previous Re-certification Dates:</i> 03/19/2013; 04/14/2015; 05/24/2017; 06/26/2019;				
12/23/2021				
Cleveland Clinic Florida, 3100 Weston Road, Weston, FL 33331	100289	05/19/2015	11/02/2023	FL
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Other information: Joint Commission ID #: 334451	100200			

### Addendum XIII: Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (LVRS) (October Through December 2023)

Addendum XIII includes a listing of Medicare-approved facilities that are eligible to receive coverage for lung volume reduction surgery. Until May 17, 2007, facilities that participated in the National Emphysema Treatment Trial were also eligible to receive coverage. The following three types of facilities are eligible for reimbursement for Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (LVRS):

• National Emphysema Treatment Trial (NETT) approved (Beginning 05/ 07/2007, these will no longer automatically qualify and can qualify only with the other programs);

• Credentialed by the Joint Commission (formerly, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)) under their Disease Specific Certification Program for LVRS; and

• Medicare approved for lung transplants.

Only the first two types are in the list. For the purposes of this quarterly notice, there are no additions and deletions to a listing of Medicareapproved facilities that are eligible to receive coverage for lung volume reduction surgery. This information is available at www.cms.gov/Medicare ApprovedFacilitie/LVRS/list.asp# TopOfPage.

For questions or additional information, contact Sarah Fulton, MHS (410–786–2749).

### Addendum XIV: Medicare-Approved Bariatric Surgery Facilities (October Through December 2023)

Addendum XIV includes a listing of Medicare-approved facilities that meet minimum standards for facilities modeled in part on professional society statements on competency. All facilities must meet our standards in order to receive coverage for bariatric surgery procedures. On February 21, 2006, we issued our decision memorandum on bariatric surgery procedures. We determined that bariatric surgical procedures are reasonable and necessary for Medicare beneficiaries who have a body-mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 35, have at least one comorbidity related to obesity and have been previously unsuccessful with medical treatment for obesity. This decision also stipulated that covered bariatric surgery procedures are reasonable and necessary only when performed at facilities that are: (1) certified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as a Level 1 Bariatric Surgery Center (program standards and requirements in effect on February 15, 2006); or (2) certified by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASBS) as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence (BSCOE) (program standards and requirements in effect on February 15, 2006).

There were no additions, deletions, or editorial changes to Medicare-approved facilities that meet CMS' minimum facility standards for bariatric surgery that have been certified by ACS and/or ASMBS in the 3-month period. This information is available at www.cms.gov/MedicareApproved Facilitie/BSF/list.asp#TopOfPage.

For questions or additional information, contact Sarah Fulton, MHS (410–786–2749).

## Addendum XV: FDG–PET for Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases Clinical Trials (October Through December 2023)

There were no FDG–PET for Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases Clinical Trials published in the 3-month period.

This information is available on our website at www.cms.gov/Medicare ApprovedFacilitie/PETDT/list.asp# TopOfPage.

For questions or additional information, contact David Dolan, MBA (410–786–3365).

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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

#### [CMS-4207-NC]

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### Medicare Program; Request for Information on Medicare Advantage Data

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). **ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** This request for information (RFI) seeks input from the public regarding various aspects of Medicare Advantage (MA) data. Responses to this RFI may be used to inform general efforts to strengthen Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS') MA data capabilities and guide policymaking.

**DATES:** To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, by May 29, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** In commenting, refer to file code CMS-4207-NC.

Comments, including mass comment submissions, must be submitted in one of the following three ways (please choose only one of the ways listed):

1. *Electronically.* You may submit electronic comments on this document to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the "Submit a comment" instructions.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS–4207–NC, P.O. Box 8013, Baltimore, MD 21244–8013.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

3. *By express or overnight mail.* You may send written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-4207-NC, Mail Stop C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

For information on viewing public comments, see the beginning of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ilina Chaudhuri, (410) 786–8628.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Inspection of Public Comments: All comments received before the close of the comment period are available for

viewing by the public, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We post all comments received before the close of the comment period on the following website as soon as possible after they have been received: http:// www.regulations.gov. Follow the search instructions on that website to view public comments. CMS will not post on *Regulations.gov* public comments that make threats to individuals or institutions or suggest that the individual will take actions to harm the individual. CMS continues to encourage individuals not to submit duplicative comments. We will post acceptable comments from multiple unique commenters even if the content is identical or nearly identical to other comments.

### I. Background

In a request for information that appeared in the Federal Register on August 1, 2022 (87 FR 46918) (hereinafter referred to as 2022 General MA RFI), CMS sought feedback on ways to strengthen Medicare Advantage (MA) to align with the Vision for Medicare (https://www.cms.gov/blog/buildingcms-strategic-vision-working-togetherstronger-medicare) and the CMS Strategic Pillars (https://www.cms.gov/ about-cms/what-we-do/cms-strategicplan). The 2022 General MA RFI set out to create more opportunities for stakeholders to engage with CMS, and in alignment with the agency's Strategic Pillars, prioritize increased engagement throughout the policy process with our partners and the communities we serve. As a result of this commitment, we received more than 4,000 responses from a wide variety of voices. One key theme that emerged was an interest in greater beneficiary protections, such as strengthened MA marketing regulations and prior authorization protections. Respondents also focused on issues related to payment, including accurate risk adjustment and value-based payment arrangements between providers and insurers, as well as competition in the market, such as topics related to insurer consolidation and vertical integration. Additionally, we received strong feedback from respondents who stated that CMS should have comprehensive highquality MA programmatic data and promote more program transparency through increased public releases of MA data. Respondents underscored the urgency for more complete MA data and data transparency as enrollment in MA