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Upcoming Events

Long Time, No Fix - Is a New SGR Bill Coming Soon?

The US House Energy & Commerce Committee, chaired by Congressman Fred Upton (R-St. Joseph), is expected to address new SGR reform legislation in committee next week. Stakeholders are hoping to see the new bill prior to the committee hearing.

Since the sequester forced a 2% cut to Medicare physician reimbursements that began in April, the AMA, MSMS and other state and specialty societies have ramped up efforts to get SGR reform this year. Most recently, AMA Executive Vice President & CEO James L. Madara, MD, sent Congressman Upton a letter on July 11, asking him to support repealing the flawed SGR formula and replacing it with "a payment program that provides stability and predictability."

When meeting with MSMS physicians at the AMA Advocacy Conference in February, the Congressman told the group that he planned to draft a bill to do just that, and he expected movement on it during the summer.

Watch Medigram, Twitter, and Facebook for further developments.

[AMA Medicare info>>](#)

HIPAA Violations Are Real – Use MSMS Tools to Protect Your Practice

As Well Point is finding out, the consequences of violating HIPAA rules can be severe. The insurer was told this month that it must pay \$1.7 million to the federal government for leaving names, Social Security numbers and personal health information of more than 600,000 individuals unprotected on the Internet, according to the US Department of Health & Human Services.

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Transitioning to Accountable Care Organizations

Wednesday, September 18
Plymouth

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Proposed Rule: Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2014

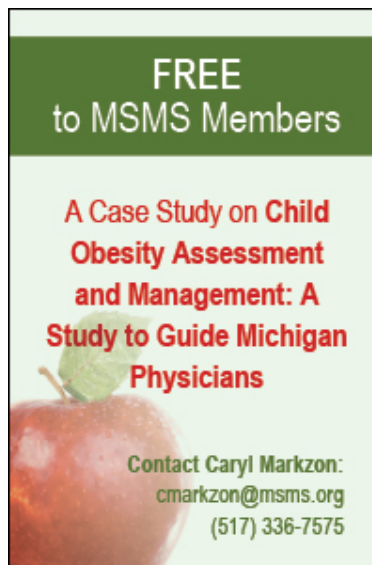
On July 8, the US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that would update payment policies and payment rates for services furnished under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) on or after January 1, 2014. Currently, Medicare only pays for primary care management services as part of a face-to-face visit. In the proposed rule, in order to support primary care, CMS proposes to make a separate payment to physicians for managing select Medicare patients' care needs beginning in 2015. The proposed rule also proposes changes to several of the quality reporting initiatives that are associated with PFS payments – the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS).

Links:

--[Proposed rule](#)

--[Fact sheet](#), "Proposed Policy and Payment Changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2014"

--[Fact sheet](#), "Proposed Changes for Calendar Year 2014 Physician Quality Programs and the Value Based Payment Modifier"



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