



Coding and Reimbursement Digest

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Health policy and economics

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Hospital Price Transparency Enforcement Updates

On April 26, 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced updates to the hospital price transparency enforcement process concerning areas that do not require rulemaking. In addition, CMS will require corrective action plans (CAP) completion deadlines, automatically imposing civil monetary penalties (CMP) and streamlining the compliance process. For more information, see [SIR's health policy actions page](#).

MIPS penalty in 2025

Due to advocacy from the AMA and organized medicine, CMS will [continue](#) to allow physicians and group practices to apply for a MIPS Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances hardship exception to avoid up to a -9% MIPS penalty in 2025 based on 2023 performance. The exception will not be automatic, and interested physicians and groups must actively request reweighting of one or more MIPS performance categories due to the COVID-19 PHE. CMS expects to release the hardship exception application in spring 2023.

IPPS proposed rule FY 2024

On April 10, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the proposed rule for fiscal year (FY) 2023 inpatient prospective payment systems (IPPS). The full document can be accessed [here](#). The SIR Economics Steering Committee reviewed the proposed rule and provided a [detailed summary](#) for members.

Cigna's new modifier 25 policy

In April 2023, SIR signed on to a [comment letter](#) to Cigna expressing concerns with its forthcoming policy that will require the submission of office notes with all claims, including evaluation and management services and modifier 25, when a minor procedure is billed. [Cigna's modifier 25 policy effective 5/25/23](#)

May 2023 Dark Days for CMS Data Center Migration

The Peraton Virtual Data Center (VDC) mainframe will be relocated. As a result: Medicare Part B may continue to submit electronic claims on May 5-8, but MACs will not process them until May 9th. Additionally, Medicare Part A may continue to submit electronic claims on May 12-15, but MACs will not process them until May 10th. "Dark Day" for Part B is Monday, May 8th, and Part A will be Monday, May 15th. MACs do not expect any delays to your payments.

SIR members, do you have a coding question? [Click here](#) to submit your question to the Coding Application & Guidance Committee.

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