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Please send your comments to Evelyn Duffy at exd4@case.edu on the two important areas listed below no later than September 4th at 2pm EST which ends the Public Comment period by CMS. This revision will affect how the rules are promulgated. All comments will be combined and forwarded to CMS in one document.

1. The list of DME items that require a face-to-face encounter with the patient (Section III C).
2. A simplified way that the Physician can verify that the NP made the face-to-face encounter so as not to delay the patient receiving the equipment. (I would suggest for example that it could be included in your standard care arrangement with your MD that NP agrees to abide by...).

Proposed Rule: Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule, DME Face to Face Encounters, Elimination of the Requirement for Termination of Non-Random Prepayment Complex Medical Review and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2013; Hospital Outpatient Prospective and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; Electronic Reporting Pilot; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities Quality Reporting Program; Quality Improvement Organization Regulations; Proposed Rules

This major proposed rule addresses changes to the physician fee schedule, payments for Part B drugs, and other Medicare Part B payment policies to ensure that our payment systems are updated to reflect changes in medical practice and the relative value of services. It would also implement provisions of the Affordable Care Act by establishing a face-to-face encounter as a condition of payment for certain durable medical equipment (DME) items. In addition, it would implement statutory changes regarding the termination of non-random prepayment review under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003. Finally, this proposed rule also includes a discussion regarding the Chiropractic Services Demonstration program.

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New Online Educational Sessions

Upcoming Events

Great Lakes Chapter 5th Annual Gerontological Nursing Conference

Saturday, November 3, 2012
7:30 Registration & Breakfast /
8:00am Keynote Address
Early Bird Registration ends October
1st

Visit www.glcgapna.org for registration information

The Dearborn Inn - A Marriott Hotel
20301 Oakwood Boulevard
Dearborn, Michigan 48124 USA
313-271-2700

DE Valley Chapter "Management of Clostridium Difficile - Associated Diarrhea (CDAD)"

Thursday, September 13th at 6:30pm
Dinner Meeting at the [Dilworthtown Inn](#) in Pennsylvania
RSVP to Denise Lyons
Dlyons44@comcast.net

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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