



Policy Update

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Additional Screening Requirements, Application Fees, Temporary Enrollment Moratoria, Payment Suspensions and Compliance Plans for Providers and Suppliers

- Final rule published January 24, 2011
- New provider screening and enforcement measures.
- Authority to suspend payments when a credible allegation of fraud is being investigated.
- Application fee imposed on institutional providers and suppliers (including CAHs, RHCs, and FQHCs).
- Permits a temporary moratorium on enrollment for new providers and suppliers.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-1686.pdf>



Hospital Inpatient Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program

- Proposed rule published on January 13, 2011,
- Section 3001 of the Affordable Care Act
 - Requires CMS to establish a new Hospital VBP Program that rewards hospitals for providing high quality, safe care to patients
 - Two demonstration projects to test VBP models for CAHs and small hospitals that do not qualify, due to an insufficient number of qualifying cases.
- Comments due March 8, 2011.

CMS will hold a Special Open Door Forum on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 1:30 – 3:30PM EST to discuss the proposed rule.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-01-13/pdf/2011-454.pdf>.



Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act: Applicability to Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Inpatients and Hospitals with Specialized Capabilities

- Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published December 23, 2010
- Revisiting the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act policies regarding hospital inpatients and the responsibilities of hospitals with specialized capabilities.
- Specifically asking for comment on policies from the September 9, 2003 final rule on EMTALA and the August 19, 2008 IPPS final rule, respectively.
- Comments due February 22, 2011.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-32267.pdf>



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