

# FORHP Policy Updates – November 9, 2016

- Emergency Preparedness Requirements
  - Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) must follow similar regulations as other hospitals including:
    - Having a communication plan that includes information for other CAHs and hospitals or both;
    - Documenting the specific name and location of the receiving facility or other location for patients who leave the facility during the emergency;
    - Complying with current generator testing requirements (no additional testing would be mandated); and
    - Having a plan for how it will keep emergency power systems operational during the emergency, unless it evacuates.
  - Providers have up to 1 year to implement the requirements
  - For more information please see:  
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Emergency-Prep-Rule.html>



# FORHP Policy Updates – Continued

## • Physician Fee Schedule

- Added Telehealth services for advance care planning and ESRD
- Separate payment for behavioral health integration provided by a primary care team (doc and behavioral health specialist);
- New Diabetes Prevention Program, payment starting in 2018

[https://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Fact-sheets/2016-Fact-sheets-items/2016-11-02-2.html?utm\\_source=PolicyCrush&utm\\_campaign=7092672fb2-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2016\\_11\\_02&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_fe688512b8-7092672fb2-99680901](https://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Fact-sheets/2016-Fact-sheets-items/2016-11-02-2.html?utm_source=PolicyCrush&utm_campaign=7092672fb2-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2016_11_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fe688512b8-7092672fb2-99680901)

## • Quality Payment Program

- Reporting Thresholds Raised
- Flexibility in Reporting
- Voluntary Reporting for RHCs, FQHCs
  - <https://qpp.cms.gov>



# FORHP Policy Updates – Continued

- **Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS):**
  - Withdrawal of the Two-Midnight Rule
  - Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice (MOON)
- **Outpatient PPS Final Rule:**
  - SCH 7.1% adjustment continues
  - Implementing Section 603 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (site neutral payments) and the resulting moratorium
    - CAHs are exempted; however, all other rural hospitals may be subjected policy changes.
  - Removing the pain management dimension from the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing program to eliminate any potential financial pressure clinicians may feel to overprescribe pain medications.
- **New FORHP Policy Email:** If you have any questions related to policy updates, please contact us at [RuralPolicy@hrsa.gov](mailto:RuralPolicy@hrsa.gov).



# The Health Insurance Marketplace

## Now Is The Time To Get Covered

**Open Enrollment Period  
November 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017**

- For More Information and to Compare, Update, or Choose a New Plan Visit: [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)
- Need Help Understanding Your New Coverage?
  - Visit [Marketplace.CMS.Gov/C2C](http://Marketplace.CMS.Gov/C2C) to access “From Coverage to Care”, an initiative to help people with new health care coverage understand their benefits and connect to primary care and preventive services.



# The Health Insurance Marketplace

## Rural Resources for Outreach and Enrollment

- Partnering with Community Health Centers on Outreach and Enrollment
  - <http://www.hrsa.gov/affordablecareact/healthcenterpartner.pdf>
- Best Practices Guide in Rural Outreach and Enrollment
  - <http://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/resources/affordablecareact/bestpracticesoutreachenrollment.pdf>
- “FORHP, ACA, and You” Office Hours: Monthly webinars for updates and Q&A
  - <http://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/resources/affordablecareact/index.htm>
- FORHP ACA listserv
  - [ORHP-acaquestions@hrsa.gov](mailto:ORHP-acaquestions@hrsa.gov)

