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EMAIL ALERT

Retroactive Changes to Medicare CY 2010 ASC Payment Rates

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”) has applied revised Medicare payment rates for all ASC services provided to Medicare patients between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010. The revised ASC payment rates reflect required retroactive Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act changes to the 2010 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (“OPPS”) and Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (“MPFS”) payment amounts, as well as changes to MPFS payment amounts due to Practice Expense and malpractice Relative Value Unit corrections. The revised ASC payment rates are listed in the revised Addenda AA and BB to the CY 2010 OPPS/ASC final rule, and can be viewed at http://www.cms.gov/ASCPayment/11_Addenda_Updates.asp or at <http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/Tools/Fee%20Schedule/ASCFEESchedule.aspx>.

CMS contractors (e.g. TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, LLC) began paying claims based upon the revised ASC payment rates in June 2010. Although CMS contractors will not perform mass adjustments for claims affected by the revised ASC payment rates, they will adjust affected claims brought to their attention.

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