CMS Proposed Changes to the Medicare Provider-Based Rules: Will They Reshape the Future? Or Will They Re-write the Past?

Program Overview

Last November Congress and the President passed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (BBA). Section 603 of that act imposed sweeping changes that virtually shut down the development and implementation of new off-campus provider-based hospital outpatient departments overnight. To implement those changes, CMS will release significant changes to Medicare’s provider-based regulations as part of the proposed 2017 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) – the first such changes since 2003.

This webinar will review the newly proposed regulatory changes to Medicare’s provider-based rules, and also address the practical implications flowing from them and how to operationalize them, should they be finalized, as well as aspects of the proposed rules that you should consider commenting on before they are finalized by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). Lastly, this webinar will also provide an update of current legislative proposals targeted at revising Section 603 of the Act.

Program Objectives

At the completion of this program, the participants will be able to:
1. Discuss the scope of changes to CMS’ proposed changes to the provider based rules
2. Identify the practical and operational implications flowing from the proposed changes to the provider based rules
3. Describe the issues that remain unsolved or unaddressed in the proposed rules
4. Identify the issues CMS has requested comments on regarding the proposed rules and issues which merit comments
5. Discuss the current legislative proposals aimed at amending Section 603 of the Act

About the Speakers

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Who Should Attend

Hospital administration, legal counsel and governmental affairs personnel, operations (especially outpatient department managers), facility planners, as well as physicians and non-physician practitioners providing professional services in provider based hospital outpatient departments.