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Deadline for hardship exception application extended to November 30, 2014

Extension will help providers avoid 2015 Medicare EHR payment adjustment

If a provider is eligible to participate in the Medicare Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program, the provider must demonstrate meaningful use in either the Medicare OR Medicaid EHR Incentive Program to avoid a payment adjustment.

Medicaid providers that are eligible to participate only in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program are not subject to these payment adjustments.

Eligible professionals (EPs) and eligible hospitals (EHs) may be exempt from payment adjustments if they can show that demonstrating meaningful use would result in a significant hardship. To be considered for an exception, an EP or EH must submit a hardship exception application along with proof of the hardship. If approved, the hardship exception is valid for one payment year only. A new application must be submitted if the hardship continues for the following payment year.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced its intent to reopen the submission period for hardship exception applications to avoid the 2015 Medicare payment adjustments for not demonstrating meaningful use of Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT). The new deadline for both EPs and EHs is November 30, 2014.



This reopened submission period for hardship exception applications is for:

- EPs and EHs that have been unable to fully implement 2014 Edition CEHRT due to delays in 2014 Edition CEHRT availability; AND
- EPs who were unable to attest by October 1, 2014, and EHs that were unable to attest by July 1, 2014, using the flexibility options provided in the CMS 2014 CEHRT Flexibility Rule.

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These are the only circumstances that will be considered for this extended hardship application submission period.

Visit the <u>Payment Adjustments and Hardship Exceptions page</u> of the CMS website at cms.gov for more information, including the hardship exception application form. If you have further questions, please contact Indiana Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Customer Service at (317) 488-5137 or 1-855-856-9563.

Pricing corrected for CPT code 92616

Effective November 20, 2014, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will correct a systems error affecting pricing for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®1) code 92616 - Flexible fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing and laryngeal sensory testing by cine or video recording. This pricing correction is retroactively effective for fee-for-service claims with dates of service (DOS) on or after August 1, 2012.

For reimbursement consideration, providers may submit claims for CPT code 92616 for DOS on or after August 1, 2012. Claims for CPT code 92616 for these DOS that previously denied may be resubmitted. Claims beyond the original oneyear filing limit must include a copy of this banner page as an attachment and must be filed within one year of the publication date.

This pricing change will be reflected in the next monthly update to the Fee Schedule at indianamedicaid.com.

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Have you updated your IHCP provider information for 2014 taxes?



In preparation for generating and mailing tax filing documents, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) must receive any updates to "mail to." "pay to," or "home office" addresses, or to your 2014 taxpayer identification information, by December 14.

■ Verify your provider profile information on Web interChange – You can review and verify your "mail to," "pay to," and "home office" addresses on Web interChange. Go to your provider profile on Web interChange via indianamedicaid.com.

■ Update your "mail to" or "pay to" address information — If your "mail to"

- or "pay to" address has changed, you can update it online or by mail. If you want to update your "mail to" or "pay to" addresses online via Web interChange, choose Provider Profile and the Edit/View option. (You must have Web interChange administrative access to view this page.) You can also request updates by submitting an IHCP Name and Address Maintenance Form, available on the Update Your Provider Profile page at indianamedicaid.com.
- Update your "home office" address Changes to your "home office" address, which is your legal address, must be submitted by mail and must be accompanied by a revised W-9. You can request updates by submitting an IHCP Name and Address Maintenance Form, available on the Update Your Provider Profile page at indianamedicaid.com, along with a revised W-9 form.
- Corrections to your taxpayer identification information If your taxpayer identification information, including the name, address, or identification number, on the W-9 form on file with the IHCP needs to be updated, you must submit your update by mail using the IHCP Tax Identification Maintenance Form available on the Update Your Provider Profile page at indianamedicaid.com. A revised W-9 form must be submitted with the form.

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