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Fee schedule rule affects EHR Incentive Program

A proposed rule released July 8 by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services explains changes to physician quality programs for calendar year 2014. What's not immediately evident within the document is that it contains additional options for eligible professionals to report clinical quality measures.

CMS proposes complex care payment

Medicare only pays for primary care management services as part of a face-to-face visit. Under a proposed rule issued July 8, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services would make a separate payment to physicians for managing select patients' care needs beginning in 2015.

ONC puts its mark on certified EHRs

Doctors looking to purchase electronic health record technology can now get a visual cue about a product's ability to support the pursuit of meaningful use.

Cloud EMR keeps practice on cutting edge

Deanna Boyette, MD, of Boyette Orthopedics & Sports Medicine in Greenville, N.C., opened her own practice three years ago with the goal of being digital. Since going live on a cloud-based EMR, the practice has qualified for two years of incentive payments and is preparing for Stage 2 of meaningful use.

PAHCOM and CMS continue ICD-10 collaboration

The Professional Association of Health Care Office Management and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have been working together to address the impact ICD-10 will have on small physician practices. The organizations will be offering a series of informational webinars and in-person training sessions to help you prepare for the ICD-10 implementation date of Oct. 1, 2014.

HIE technology helps Gulf states prepare for disaster

A project that will help patients and providers access health information in the event of a hurricane or other widespread disaster involves collaboration between HHS' Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT and the health information exchange programs in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, South Carolina

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programs in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin, and West Virginia.

Experts aim to avert procedure overuse

In a paper released on July 10, a network of healthcare experts detailed reduction strategies for five specific procedures often employed by clinicians that may, in several instances, not be entirely necessary.

 **VIDEOS**

Intervention helps improve and maintain better blood pressure control

An intervention that consisted of home blood pressure telemonitoring with pharmacist management resulted in improvements in BP control and decreases in BP during 12 months, compared with usual care, and improvement in BP that was maintained for 6 months following the intervention, according to a study in the July 3 issue of JAMA.

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