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Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule: Understanding 3 Key Topics Listening Session — August 12
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Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule: Understanding 3 Key Topics Listening Session — August 12

Monday, August 12 from 1-2:30 pm ET

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Proposed changes to the CY 2020 Physician Fee Schedule are aimed at reducing burden, recognizing clinicians for the time they spend taking care of patients, removing unnecessary measures, and making it easier for clinicians to be on the path towards value-based care. During this listening session, CMS experts briefly cover three provisions from the proposed rule and address your clarifying questions to help you formulate your written comments for formal submission:

- Increasing value of Evaluation and Management (E/M) payments
- Continuing to improve the Quality Payment Program by streamlining the program's requirements in order to reduce clinician burden
- Creating the new Opioid Treatment Program benefit in response to the opioid epidemic

We encourage you to review the following materials prior to the call:

- [Proposed rule](#)
- [Press release](#)
- [Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule fact sheet](#)
- [Quality Payment Program proposed rule fact sheet](#)

Note: Feedback received during this listening session is not a substitute for your formal comments on the rule. See the [proposed rule](#) for information on submitting these comments by September 27.

Target Audience: Medicare Part B fee-for-service clinicians; office managers and administrators; state and national associations that represent health care providers; and other stakeholders.

OPPS and ASC Proposed Rule Listening Session — August 14

Wednesday, August 14 from 2:30 to 4 pm ET

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CMS proposed updates and policy changes under the Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) payment systems, including price and quality transparency that lay the foundation for a patient-driven health care system. During this listening session, CMS

experts briefly cover provisions from the proposed rule and address your clarifying questions to help you formulate your written comments for formal submission. Topics include:

- Price transparency: Requirements for all United States hospitals to make their standard charges public
- Increasing choices and encouraging site neutrality, including payments for clinic visits

We encourage you to review the [proposed rule](#), [press release](#), and [fact sheet](#) prior to the call. Note: Feedback received during this listening session is not a substitute for your formal comments on the rule. See the [proposed rule](#) for information on submitting these comments by September 27.

Target Audience: All hospitals operating in the United States and other stakeholders.

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