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CMS Posts Proposed Physician Fee Schedule Rule

CMS [issued its proposed rule \[PDF\]](#) for Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2011, on June 25, 2010.

The proposed rule:

- addresses changes to the physician fee schedule and other Medicare Part B payment policies,
- implements and discusses certain provisions of both the Affordable Care Act and the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008,
- discusses payments under the ambulance fee schedule and clinical laboratory fee schedule, payments to ESRD facilities and payment for Part B drugs, and
- discusses the Chiropractic Services Demonstration Project, the Competitive Bidding Program for Durable Medical Equipment, and provider and supplier enrolment issues associated with air ambulances.

Comments are due August 24, 2010. Future publications of Payment Matters will discuss certain selected provisions of the proposed rule.