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Top News

CMS Releases FY 2012 Financial Report; Misses Target for Reductions in Improper Payments

CMS missed an important goal set by President Obama to slash improper government reimbursements by 50 percent by 2012, according to the Agency's financial report released on November 21. In June 2010, President Obama launched a national campaign to combat fraud and to reduce wasteful government spending. [\[More ...\]](#)

CMS Releases Guidance on Medicaid/CHIP Issues

CMS' Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services released guidance in the form of a "frequently asked questions" document on November 19 that addresses a number of questions related to Medicaid/CHIP Affordable Care Act-related implementation issues. [\[More ...\]](#)

HHS Secretary Extends Deadline for Decision on Exchanges

In response to a request from the Republican Governors Association (RGA), HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has pushed back the deadline for states to decide on the issue of the establishment of their health insurance exchanges. [\[More ...\]](#)

Three House Republicans Consider Creating New Health Care Committee

Cynthia E. Berry
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Three House Republicans circulated a "Dear Colleague" letter that proposed shifting jurisdiction over health care from the Energy & Commerce and Ways & Means committees to a new Committee on Health Care. [[More ...](#)]

Burgess Open to Shifting Part B Drug into Part D

Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) recently said he would be open to moving the Part B outpatient drug benefit into the Part D outpatient prescription drug benefit. [[More ...](#)]

Provider Groups Differ on Medicare Reform, Deficit Reduction Targets

The American Hospital Association (AHA) is circulating a list of previously discussed options for deficit reductions that would prevent cuts to hospitals by shifting them to other providers and increasing beneficiary cost-sharing. [[More ...](#)]

Senate HELP Committee Holds Hearing on NECC Compounding Issues

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP Committee) held a hearing on November 15 over the recent meningitis outbreak that to date has resulted in over 30 deaths and more than 500 serious illnesses. [[More ...](#)]

House Leaders Demand Documents from FDA

In related news, House leaders recently called on FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg to submit internal documents related to the deadly meningitis outbreak no later than November 30, 2012. [[More ...](#)]

Nursing Homes Criticize OIG Report on Billing Errors

The American Health Care Association (AHCA) sharply criticized a recent OIG report that found that approximately 25 percent of skilled nursing home claims billed in 2009 were in error. [[More ...](#)]

Medical Device Excise Tax Estimated to Increase Industry's Tax Liability by 29 Percent

The Affordable Care Act's excise tax on medical devices will add 29 percent a year to what the medical device industry pays in federal income taxes, according to AdvaMed. [[More ...](#)]

GAO Finds CMS Delinquent in Reporting Progress of FPS

A recent GAO study found that despite the apparent success of CMS' Fraud Prevention System (FPS), CMS has failed to provide Congress with statutorily-required updates on the usefulness of the system. [[More ...](#)]

"Doc Fix" to Cost More than Previously Estimated

According to the latest estimates from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the "doc fix" is going to cost taxpayers nearly \$7 billion more for a one year "fix" than was previously estimated in its last projection. [[More ...](#)]

Studies Find Alarming Rise in Diabetes Diagnoses in the U.S.

The CDC published the results of a study that shows an alarming rise in the number of diagnosed cases of diabetes in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. [\[More ...\]](#)

State News

- [Governors Speak Out on Exchanges](#)
- [Massachusetts Implements New Healthcare Cost Containment System](#)
- [OIG Says NJ Owes Feds \\$5 Million in Improper Payments](#)

Regulatory News

- [HHS Releases Proposed Rules to Implement ACA's Market Rules, Essential Health Benefits, Wellness Provisions](#)
- [CMS Issues Guidance on Coverage Requirements for Medicaid Expansion](#)
- [HHS Publishes Medicare Parts A and B Rates for CY 2013](#)
- [CMS Announces Data Sharing Performance Measurement Project](#)

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Federal Register

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