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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

42 CFR Part 412

[CMS-1538-CN]

RIN 0938-AP56

Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2010; Correction

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Correction of final rule.

SUMMARY: This document corrects technical errors that appeared in the

final rule published in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 2009 entitled “Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2010” (74 FR 39762).

DATES: *Effective Date.* The correction to the average length of stay value for CMG 0501, tier 2, in Table 1 on page 39768 of the final rule (74 FR 39762) is effective October 1, 2009. The correction to the preamble text at the top of the middle column of page 39791 of the final rule (74 FR 39762) is effective January 1, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susanne Seagrave, (410) 786-0044.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In FR Doc. E9-18616 of August 7, 2009 (74 FR 39762), there are technical errors that we are identifying and correcting in the Correction of Errors section below. The corrections in this notice are effective as if they were included in the final rule published on August 7, 2009. Accordingly, the correction to the average length of stay value for CMG 0501, tier 2, in Table 1 on page 39768 of the final rule (74 FR 39762) is effective October 1, 2009. This change is applicable for IRF discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2009 and on or before September 30, 2010 (FY 2010). The correction to the preamble text at the top of the middle column of page 39791 of the final rule is effective January 1, 2010.

II. Summary of Errors

In the August 7, 2009 final rule (74 FR 39762), the average length of stay value for CMG 0501, tier 2, in Table 1 on page 39768 should have been listed as 10, but was inadvertently listed as 0. In the FY 2010 IRF PPS proposed rule (74 FR 21052 at 21057), we proposed the average length of stay value for CMG 0501, tier 2, as 10. The proposal was based on FY 2007 IRF claims data, which was the most recent available data we had at the time. The updated FY 2008 data that we used for the final rule contained no IRF cases for CMG 0501, tier 2. When there are not enough cases in a particular CMG and tier (referred to herein as a “payment group”) to calculate an average length of stay, we combine the cases in that payment group with the next highest-paying payment group to calculate an average length of stay value. Accordingly, for the final rule, we used the average length of stay value of 10 from CMG 0501, tier 1 for CMG 0501, tier 2, but in Table 1 we inadvertently indicated a value of 0 instead of 10. Thus, we are correcting Table 1 to show

the average length of stay value for CMG 0501, tier 2, is 10.

In addition, we are correcting certain language in the preamble that could be misread, resulting in confusion with the regulatory requirements that must be met with respect to the preadmission screening required under § 412.622(a)(4)(A). Section 412.622(a)(4)(A) requires that the comprehensive preadmission screening be conducted by a licensed or certified clinician(s) designated by the rehabilitation physician described in § 412.622(a)(3)(iv) within 48 hours immediately preceding the IRF admission. Our policy is that the IRF personnel conducting the screening must be a clinician or group of clinicians who are appropriately trained and qualified to assess the patient’s medical and functional status, assess the risk for clinical and rehabilitation complications, and assess other aspects of the patient’s condition both medically and functionally. As we stated in the final rule, we do not believe that non-clinical personnel can adequately perform these assessments. In the final rule (74 FR 39791), we stated that, “* * * we believe that the IRF personnel involved in collecting the information for the preadmission screening must be appropriately trained and qualified to assess the patient’s medical and functional status, assess the risk for clinical and rehabilitation complications, and assess other aspects of the patient’s condition both medically and functionally” (emphasis added). As the discussion in which this sentence was embedded only pertained to clinical staff assessments under § 412.622(a)(4)(A), we should have utilized terminology that referenced “clinical staff” and “assessment,” not “IRF personnel” and “collecting.” Consistent with the discussion in which the statement appears, we meant to convey that the IRF clinical staff conducting the preadmission screening must be trained and qualified to make the appropriate assessments. The appropriate use of non-clinical staff in the collection of the information that is used in the § 412.622(a)(4)(A) assessment is beyond the scope of the preamble discussion. Therefore, to eliminate any confusion, we are revising the sentence in the middle column at the top of page 39791 of the final rule to read, “* * * we believe that the clinician(s) conducting the preadmission screening must be appropriately trained and qualified to assess the patient’s medical and functional status, assess the risk for clinical and rehabilitation

complications, and assess other aspects of the patient's condition both medically and functionally."

III. Correction of Errors

In FR Doc. E9-18616 of August 7, 2009 (74 FR 39762), make the following corrections:

■ 1. On page 39768, in Table 1, in CMG 0501, under "Average length of stay," tier 2, the value "0" is corrected to read "10."

■ 2. On page 39791, in column 2, in line 7 from the top, the phrase "IRF personnel involved in collecting the information for," is corrected to read, "clinician(s) conducting."

IV. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking and Delayed Effective Date

We ordinarily publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** to provide a period for public comment before the provisions of a rule take effect in accordance with section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). We also ordinarily provide a 30-day delay in the effective date of the provisions of a rule in accordance with section 553(d) of the APA (5 U.S.C. 553(d)). However, we can waive both notice and comment procedures and the 30-day delay in effective date if the Secretary finds, for good cause, that such procedures are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and incorporates a statement of the finding and the reasons into the notice.

The policies and payment methodology expressed in the FY 2010 IRF PPS final rule (74 FR 39762) have previously been subjected to notice and comment procedures. This correction notice provides technical corrections to the FY 2010 final rule that was promulgated through notice and comment rulemaking, and does not make substantive changes to the policies or payment methodologies that were expressed in the final rule. Therefore, we find it unnecessary to undertake further notice and comment procedures with respect to this correction notice. We also believe that it is in the public interest (and would be contrary to the public interest to do otherwise) to waive notice and comment procedures and the 30-day delay in effective date for this notice. This correction notice is intended to ensure that the FY 2010 final rule accurately reflects the policies expressed in the final rule, and that the correct information is made available to the public prior to the effective dates of the final rule. Therefore, we find good cause to waive notice and comment procedures and the 30-day delay in the effective date for this correction notice.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: September 25, 2009.

Dawn L. Smalls,

Executive Secretary to the Department.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

46 CFR Parts 501, 502, 503, 504, 506, 508, 515, 520, 525, 530, 531, 535, 540, 545, 550, 551, 555, 560, and 565.

[Docket No. 09-06]

RIN 3072-AC37

Recodification of the Shipping Act as Positive Law

September 16, 2009.

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends Commission regulations to reflect the codification of the Shipping Act as positive law. No substantive change is involved.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 1, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen V. Gregory, Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573-0001. (202) 523-5725. *E-mail:* secretary@fmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The House of Representatives introduced H.R. 1442 to complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, "Shipping," as positive law, by reorganizing and restating the laws previously set forth in the appendix to title 46. On October 6, 2006, H.R. 1442 was enacted as Public Law 109-304. This rule changes prior references in the Commission regulations to reflect the codification and involves no substantive changes. This rule also corrects typographical errors in the Commission regulations.

Because this rule involves no substantive changes, the Commission finds, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), that notice and public procedure on this rule is unnecessary. The Chairman of the Commission certifies, pursuant to section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. *et seq.*, that the rule will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This rule is not a "major rule" under 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects

46 CFR Part 501

Administrative practice and procedure, Authority delegations, Organization and functions, Seals and insignia.

46 CFR Part 502

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Investigations, Lawyers, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

46 CFR Part 503

Freedom of information, Sunshine Act.

46 CFR Part 504

Environmental impact statements, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

46 CFR Part 506

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties.

46 CFR Part 508

Conflict of interests.

46 CFR Part 515

Freight forwarders, Maritime carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

46 CFR Part 520

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46 CFR Part 525

Freight, Harbors, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Warehouses.

46 CFR Part 530

Freight, Maritime carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

46 CFR Part 531

Freight, Non-vessel-operating common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

46 CFR Part 535

Administrative practice and procedure, Maritime carriers, Terminal operators, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

46 CFR Part 540

Insurance, Maritime carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surety bonds.

46 CFR Part 545

Antitrust, Maritime carriers.

46 CFR Part 550

Administrative practice and procedure, Maritime carriers, Penalties.