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COVID-19: Adjusting Operations to Manage Patient Surge

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) collaborated with the COVID-19 Healthcare Resilience Task Force on resources:

- [Medical Operations Coordination Cells \(MOCCs\) Toolkit, First Edition](#): Learn to establish MOCCs to ensure load-balancing across health care facilities and systems
- [Establishing MOCCs for COVID-19 Webinar Recording](#): Features jurisdictions with COVID-19-related experience using the MOCC concept
- [Alternate Care Sites \(ACS\) Funding Summary: Establishment and Operationalization Tip Sheet](#): Funding options for establishing ACS, including operation, ongoing administration, and direct patient costs
- [COVID-19: Healthcare System Operations Strategies and Experiences Webinar Recording](#): Some of the hardest hit hospitals share their experiences with adjusting operations and logistics to manage patient surge

For More Information:

- [ASPR TRACIE](#) Fact Sheet
- [ASPR TRACIE](#) website
- [ASPR TRACIE Novel Coronavirus Resources](#) webpage

PECOS/NPPES/EHR Identity & Access Management System: Role Renamed

Starting June 8, the role Delegated Official is renamed Access Manager throughout the [Identity & Access Management System](#) (I&A) used to manage access to the Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System

(PECOS), National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES), and the Electronic Health Record (EHR) incentive program:

- No change to requirements, functions, access, or privileges for this role
- No impact on I&A users; no action required
- No change to PECOS, NPPES, or EHR systems

This change will avoid confusion between the Delegated Official in PECOS and the Delegated Official in the I&A System supporting PECOS, NPPES, and EHR. This change has no impact on Delegated Officials listed in PECOS or their titles.

Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program: Become a Medicare Enrolled Supplier

Medicare pays Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) suppliers to furnish group-based intervention to at-risk eligible Medicare beneficiaries:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-approved National Diabetes Prevention Program curriculum
- Up to 2 years of sessions delivered to groups of eligible beneficiaries

Find out how to become a Medicare enrolled MDPP supplier:

- Obtain CDC preliminary or full recognition - Takes at least 12 months to obtain preliminary recognition and up to 24 additional months to achieve full recognition: See the [Supplier Fact Sheet](#) and [CDC](#) website
- Prepare for Medicare enrollment: See the [Enrollment Fact Sheet](#) and [Checklist](#)
- [Apply](#) to become a Medicare enrolled MDPP supplier (existing Medicare providers must re-enroll): See the [Enrollment Webinar Recording](#) and [Enrollment Tutorial Video](#)
- Furnish MDPP service: See the [Session Journey Map](#)
- Submit claims to Medicare: See the [Billing and Claims Webinar Recording](#), [Billing and Claims Fact Sheet](#), and [Billing and Payment Quick Reference Guide](#)

For More Information:

- [MDPP Participants: CMS Flexibilities to Fight COVID-19](#)
- [MDPP Expanded Model](#) Booklet
- [Materials](#) from Medicare Learning Network call on June 20, 2018
- [MDPP](#) webpage
- [CDC - CMS Roles](#) Fact Sheet
- Contact mdpp@cms.hhs.gov

Claims, Pricers & Codes

Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program: Valid Claims

For a claim to be valid under the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP), you must have both:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) preliminary or full recognition; see the [Supplier Fact Sheet](#) and [CDC](#) website for more information
- Separate Medicare enrollment as an MDPP supplier (Specialty D1); see the [Enrollment Fact Sheet](#) and [Checklist](#)

Important:

If you do not have a separate Medicare enrollment as an MDPP supplier and you submit a claim for MDPP services, your claim will be rejected.

Medicare enrolled MDPP suppliers: See the [Quick Reference Guide to Payment and Billing](#) and [Billing and Claims Fact Sheet](#) for information on valid claims:

- MDPP Medicare beneficiary eligibility data is returned via the [HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System \(HETS\)](#) on the 271 response; use this data to determine if a beneficiary meets the criteria to receive MDPP services
- Submit claims when a performance goal is met, and report codes only once per eligible beneficiary (except G9890 and G9891)
- List each HCPCS code with the corresponding session date of service and the coach's National Provider Identifier
- List all HCPCS codes associated with a performance payment (including non-payable codes) on the same claim
- Include Demo code 82 in block 19 (Loop 2300 segment REF01 (P4) and segment REF02 (82)) to identify MDPP services
- Do not include codes for other, non-MDPP services on the same claim

For More Information:

- [MDPP Expanded Model](#) Booklet
- [MDPP](#) webpage
- For trouble with MDPP billing and claims, [contact your Medicare Administrative Contractor](#)

Events

COVID-19: Lessons from the Front Lines Call — May 29

Fridays from 12:30 to 2 pm ET

These weekly calls are a joint effort between CMS Administrator Seema Verma, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Stephen Hahn, MD, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force. Physicians and other clinicians: Share your experience, ideas, strategies, and insights related to your COVID-19 response. There is an opportunity to ask questions.

To Participate:

- Conference lines are limited; we encourage you to join via [audio webcast](#)
- Or, call 877-251-0301; Access Code: 6350189

For More Information:

- [Coronavirus.gov](#)
- [CMS Current Emergencies](#) website
- [Podcast and Transcripts](#) webpage: Audio recordings and transcripts

Target Audience: Physicians and other clinicians.

MLN Matters® Articles

Medicare Continues to Modernize Payment Software

A new MLN Matters Special Edition Article SE20019 on [Medicare Continues to Modernize Payment Software](#) is available. Learn about efforts to modernize payment grouping and code editing software for inpatient rehabilitation facilities and skilled nursing facilities

Publications

Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System — Revised

A revised [Acute Care Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System](#) Medicare Learning Network Booklet is available. Learn about:

- Payment rates
- Payment adjustments

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