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Quality Payment Program: 2021 APM Incentive Payments

CMS published 2021 Alternative Payment Model (APM) Incentive Payment details on the [Quality Payment Program \(QPP\) website](#); eligible clinicians and surrogates can log in to see what we paid by your National Provider Identifier and organization. [Read 2021 Learning Resources for Qualifying APM Participant \(QP\) Status and APM Incentive Payment](#) to learn more.

Compliance

Inhalant Drugs: Bill Correctly

An Office of Inspector General (OIG) [report](#) found that CMS improperly paid suppliers for inhalation drugs. Review the [Provider Compliance Tips for Nebulizers and Related Drugs](#) fact sheet to help you bill correctly. Additional resources:

- [Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15](#), Sections 110, 110.1, 110.3
- [Medicare Program Integrity Manual, Chapter 5](#), Sections 5.2, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9
- [2018 Medicare Fee-for-Service Supplemental Improper Payment Data](#)
- [National Coverage Determination for Durable Medical Equipment Reference List \(280.1\) webpage](#)
- [Liberty Medical, LLC, Received Unallowable Medicare Payments for Inhalation Drugs](#) OIG Report, August 2018

Events

Organ Procurement Organization Conditions for Coverage Webinar — July 7

Wednesday, July 7 from 1- 2 pm ET

[Register for this webinar.](#)

Learn about the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Conditions for Coverage (CfC) [final rule](#) that went into effect on March 30. CMS revised the CfCs to increase:

- Donation and transplant rates by replacing outcome measures with new transparent, reliable, and objective ones
- Competition for open donation service areas

CMS experts will also address trending questions. We encourage you to send your questions as a part of the registration process.

MLN Matters® Articles

July 2021 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center [ASC] Payment System

[Learn about changes to payment policies and billing instructions.](#)

Publications

Medicare Preventive Services — Revised

[Read updated information](#) in this Medicare Learning Network educational tool:

- Coding
- Coverage
- Copayment/coinsurance and deductible
- Health disparities

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LTCH QRP: Achieving a Full APU — May 27 Webinar Materials

[Review the presentation](#) from the May 27 Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP): Achieving a Full Annual Payment Update (APU) webinar. For more information see the [LTCH QRP Training webpage](#).

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