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April 11, 2012 , CMS Update: New Health Care Law Provisions Cut Red Tape, Save up to \$4.6 Billion ICD-10 Compliance Delayed Until Oct 1, 2014

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced a proposed rule that would establish a unique health plan identifier under the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)*. The proposed rule would implement several administrative simplification provisions of the *Affordable Care Act*.

The proposed changes would save health care providers and health plans up to \$4.6 billion over the next ten years, according to estimates released by the HHS today. The estimates were included in a proposed rule that cuts red tape and simplifies administrative processes for doctors, hospitals, and health insurance plans.

The rule simplifies the administrative process for providers by proposing that health plans have a unique identifier of a standard length and format to facilitate routine use in computer systems. This will allow provider offices to automate and simplify their processes, particularly when processing bills and other transactions.

The proposed rule also delays required compliance by one



Corporate Compliance Review

Be Proactive...

With ever increasing regulatory transparency and the recent OIG activities for facility audits, now more than ever it is important to have an effective compliance program. Did you know that an effective compliance program can reduce fines under federal sentencing guidelines?

Be Sure...

SunSolutions offers peace of mind by assisting your facility in development and oversight of a Corporate Compliance program. SunSolutions Corporate Compliance products are customized and designed to address areas of high risk.

On-site in depth risk

year—from Oct 1, 2013 to Oct 1, 2014—for new codes used to classify diseases and health problems. These codes, known as the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition (ICD-10) diagnosis and procedure codes will include new procedures and diagnoses and improve the quality of information available for quality improvement and payment purposes.

The proposed rule announced today is the third in a series of administrative simplification rules in the new health care law. HHS released the first in July of 2011 and the second in January of 2012, and plans to announce more in the coming months.

More information on the proposed rule is available on fact sheets at http://www.CMS.gov/apps/media/fact_sheets.asp.

The proposed rule may be viewed at www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx. Comments are due 30 days after publication in the *Federal Register*.

The full text of this excerpted CMS press release (issued Mon Apr 9) can be found at <http://www.CMS.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=4329>.

assessment to:

- Billing Practices
- Policies and Procedures
- Personnel and Contractor Records
- Admission/Discharge Data

Be Ready...

When you contact SunSolutions we can provide support and work with your teams in the following areas:

- PPS Analysis
- Medicare Program Training
- MDS/RUG Review and Training
- Final Rule Mitigation Audit and Training
- RAC/ADR Preparation & Analysis
- Operations Assessment
- Case Mix analysis/Training Medicare Institute
- Medicare Compliance and MDS Accuracy Review

Quick Questions to Ask Yourself:

- Are you confident you're not at risk for billing default days?
- Does your MDS Nurse understand the new policies for COT and EOT OMRA Assessments?
- Are you doing everything possible to secure your Medicare Rate?

If you answered no to any of the above questions, you can't afford not to contact SunSolutions Consulting.

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