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## New From The Medicare Learning Network

The April 2010 Edition of the Medicare Learning Network (MLN) Catalog of Products is now available and may be accessed at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNproducts> on the CMS website. The MLN Products Catalog is an interactive downloadable document that lists all Medicare Learning Network products by media format. The catalog has been revised to provide new customer-friendly links that are embedded within the document. All product titles and the word "download" when selected, will link you to the online version of the product. The word "hard copy" when selected, will automatically link you to the MLN Product Ordering page. To access the catalog, click on the link called MLN Product Catalog.

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The revised Rehabilitation Therapy Information Resource for Medicare Fact Sheet (April 2010) is now available in downloadable format from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Medicare Learning Network at [http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Rehab\\_Therapy\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Rehab_Therapy_Fact_Sheet.pdf) on the CMS website. This fact sheet provides guidance and resources related to rehabilitation therapy services, coverage requirements, and payment systems.

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The revised "Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule Fact Sheet" (January 2010), which provides general information about the Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule, coverage of clinical laboratory services, and how payment rates are set, is now available in print format from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Medicare Learning Network. To place your order, visit <http://www.cms.gov/MLNGenInfo> <<http://www.cms.gov/MLNGenInfo/>>, scroll down to "Related Links Inside CMS" and select "MLN Product Ordering Page."

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## Update to Guidance on Standardized Medigap Policy (Plan N)

CMS recently issued guidance on a new standardized Medigap policy (Plan N) that will become effective June 1, 2010. Based on inquiries received from the provider community since the guidance was released, we have made several clarifying changes which have resulted in the original guidance

being replaced with the attached.

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## Pricer Updates

### Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (PPS) Personal Computer (PC) Pricer Updated

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Inpatient PPS PC Pricer has been updated on the web for FY 2010 claims with corrected provider data from April 2010. Go to the Inpatient PPS PC Pricer page at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PCPricer/03\\_inpatient.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PCPricer/03_inpatient.asp), under the Downloads section, and download the latest version of the PC Pricer.

### Skilled Nursing Facilities Prospective Payment System (SNF PPS) Personal Computer (PC) Pricer Files Updated for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

Due to receiving corrected quarterly provider data for April 2010, the FY 2010 SNF PPS PC Pricer has been updated on the page: [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PCPricer/04\\_SNF.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PCPricer/04_SNF.asp), under the “Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF PPS) PC Pricer.” Please go to the page above and download the latest version of the PC Pricer with the revised Provider data.

### Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Personal Computer (PC) Pricer Updates

The FY 2010 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) PC Pricer has been updated with April provider data and calculation logic for the Health Care Reform Act. The PC Pricer is ready for download from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) web page at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PCPricer/06\\_IRF.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PCPricer/06_IRF.asp). If you use the IRF PPS PC Pricer, please go to the page above and download the latest version of the 2010 Pricer, posted 4/28/10, in the Downloads section.

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### Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) Public Meeting Agendas for Supply and Other and Orthotics and Prosthetics

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is pleased to announce the scheduled release of the May 25, 26, 27, 2010 HCPCS Public Meeting Agendas for Supply and Other and Orthotics and Prosthetics. These documents and the links for the corresponding public meeting registrations are located on the HCPCS website at [http://www.cms.gov/MedHCPCSGenInfo/08\\_HCPCSPublicMeetings.asp](http://www.cms.gov/MedHCPCSGenInfo/08_HCPCSPublicMeetings.asp)

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### Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System Payment - Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2010 (RY 2011)

CMS-1424-N published at the Office of the Federal Register on April 30, 2010. This notice updates the payment rates for the Medicare prospective payment system (PPS) for inpatient psychiatric hospital services provided by inpatient psychiatric facilities (IPFs). These changes are applicable to IPF discharges occurring during the rate year beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. We are also responding to comments on the IPF PPS teaching adjustment and the market basket, which we received

in response to our May 2009 IPF PPS notice with request for comments. To view this notice, go to <http://www.cms.gov/InpatientPsychFacilPPS/IPFPPSRN/itemdetail.asp?itemID=CMS1235018><<http://www.cms.gov/InpatientPsychFacilPPS/IPFPPSRN/itemdetail.asp?itemID=CMS1235018>>).

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#### Four States (MO, NM, OR, WA) and Puerto Rico to Receive Federal Matching Funds for Electronic Health Record Incentives Program

In another key step to further states' role in developing a robust U.S. health information technology (HIT) infrastructure, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today additional federal matching funds for certain state planning activities necessary to implement the electronic health record (EHR) incentive program established by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act).

EHRs will improve the quality of health care for the citizens of the recipient states and Puerto Rico and make their care more efficient. The records make it easier for the many providers who may be treating a Medicaid patient to coordinate care. Additionally, EHRs make it easier for patients to access the information they need to make decisions about their health care.

This batch is part of a rolling announcement we began in November 2009. To date, including these latest matching funds, we will have awarded a total of \$58.38 million to 35 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Missouri:	\$1.53 million
New Mexico:	\$405,000
Oregon:	\$3.53 million
Puerto Rico:	\$1.80 million
Washington:	\$967,000

Subtotal: \$8.23 million

Total awards to date: \$58.38 million

Additional information on implementation of the Medicaid-related provisions of the Recovery Act's EHR incentive payment program may be found at:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Recovery/11\\_HealthIT.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Recovery/11_HealthIT.asp#TopOfPage)

The press releases issued today (4/26) are available at:

[https://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press\\_releases.asp](https://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press_releases.asp).

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Just a reminder that you can find an archive of all of my past messages on our Provider Partner Website at <http://www.cms.gov/FFSProvPartProg/> . Once there, click on “Provider Partnership Email Archive” on the left side of the page.

I hope you have a great weekend ~ Valerie

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