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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Community Services Members

**FROM:** Patrick Cucinelli, Senior Financial Policy Analyst

**DATE:** August 4, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Home Health Medicare PPS Pricer Program

**ROUTE TO:** Administrator, CFO

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ABSTRACT: CMS issues July update to the Medicare home health reimbursement “pricer.”

### Introduction

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issues quarterly updates to the home health prospective payment system (HH PPS) personal computer (PC) Pricer. The most recent update has been posted on the CMS Web site at:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PCPricer/01\\_overview.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PCPricer/01_overview.asp#TopOfPage).

### The HH PPS Pricer

This free, downloadable software and related information on the CMS Web site allow providers to:

- Predict payment for services they plan to provide;
- Calculate the payment they will receive for a particular claim (in order to accurately post accounts receivable); and
- Validate that they have received correct payment for a claim upon receipt of their Medicare remittance advice.

Each new quarterly release of the software replaces all prior versions. The Pricer applies to all home health services billed on type of bill 32x or 33x. With the Pricer, providers can make all reimbursement calculations applicable under HH PPS, including percentage payments on

requests for anticipated payments, claim payments for full episodes of care, and all payment adjustments, including low utilization payment adjustments, partial episode payment adjustments, significant change in condition adjustments and outlier payments. The Web site also includes a link to the software users manual.

Providers who are not already doing so should check the PC Pricer Web site quarterly for the periodic updates.

Please contact me with any questions at [pcucinelli@nyahsa.org](mailto:pcucinelli@nyahsa.org) or call 518-449-2707 ext. 145.

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