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COMPLIANCE ALERT 10-52

CMS Exempts Hospital Outpatient Departments from Certification for Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Services

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an email Alert to all Fee-for-Service Providers that exempted hospital outpatient departments from CMS's requirement that imaging providers obtain accreditation for advanced diagnostic imaging services. The Alert was sent on December 13, 2010.

According to the Alert, "the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) required all suppliers that are paid under the Physician Fee Schedule and furnishing the technical component of certain advanced diagnostic imaging to be accredited by January 1, 2012."

History. "CMS had issued a transmittal in July 2010 instructing Medicare Administrative Contractors to require all suppliers of advanced diagnostic imaging services—hospital and nonhospital sites alike—to obtain accreditation from an approved accrediting body by January 1, 2012 in order to continue billing for imaging services such as CTs, MRIs and PETs... CMS's recent alert exempts only hospital outpatient departments; absent further notice, nonhospital sites must obtain accreditation by the January 1, 2012 deadline consistent with Section 135(a) of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA)," King & Spalding Newsletter, 12/20/10.

Source: CMS Alert, 12/13/10. "Hospital Providers are Excluded from the Advance Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Requirement"
King & Spalding "Health Headlines," 12/20/10.