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CMS Proposes MPFS Payment Policies for 2022

The effects of COVID-19 are still being felt in the states and influencing the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) decisions for policy changes, as evident in the 2022 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) proposed rule. Released mid-July, the proposed rule focuses on righting various shortcomings in healthcare that were highlighted during the ordeal.

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2022 ICD-10-CM Guidelines Released

Released earlier than usual, the fiscal year (FY) 2022 ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting became available online Monday, July 12, and include instructions for assigning novel code U09.9 Post COVID-19 condition (found under Section I.C.1.g.1). Familiarize yourself with the following new and revised guidance, effective October 1.

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Ever since the release of the new 2021 evaluation and management (E/M) guidelines for office and other outpatient services, AAPC has been conducting numerous trainings through webinars, virtual workshops, conference sessions, online courses, and multiple articles in Healthcare Business Monthly and the Knowledge Center blog.

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Take 5: Medicare News Flash - July 2021

If your physicians bill for transitional care management (TCM) services, it's time for an internal audit of those claims. According to an Office of Inspector (OIG) report, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) did not have controls in place to prevent and detect improper payments for TCM services and allowed a potential \$1.7 million in overpayments in 2015 and 2016.

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