

## ESRD PAYMENT CHANGES FOR CY 2010

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently published transmittal 113, dated October 30, 2009 documenting changes to the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) payment for calendar year (CY) 2010. These changes are effective on January 1, 2010.

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008 requires a one percent increase to the ESRD composite payment rate for services furnished on or after January 1, 2010. This increase results in a base rate of \$135.15 for both hospital-based and independent renal dialysis facilities.

The one percent increase in the composite payment rate creates a reduction in the drug add-on adjustment to 15.0 percent. The wage indices used will be the current wage data. The budget neutrality factor has been revised to 1.057735 and the wage index floor is reduced from 0.700 to 0.6500.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding Medicare pricing changes for CY 2010, please contact our Client Services department at 1-800-999-DRGS (3747).

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