



Section 1011 Reimbursement Opportunity: Leave No Cash Behind!

Is your Hospital taking advantage of every revenue recovery opportunity?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has extended scheduled program payments for the MMA Section 1011 program through May 2011. Enrolled Section 1011 providers in states that have allocated funds remaining will be allowed to submit claims for all four quarters of federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010.

Although the program expired at the end of FFY 2008 (September 30, 2008), more than \$300 million in allocated federal funds remains unclaimed in 36 states. Trailblazer Health Enterprises, the Medicare contractor responsible for administering the program, has published the following dates as deadlines for provider enrollment and submission of payment requests through the end of FFY 2010:

| Quarter | Date Range | Provider Enrollment Deadline | Payment Request Due Date |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3Q FFY 2009 | 4/1 – 6/30/09 | November 27, 2009 | December 27, 2009 |
| 4Q FFY 2009 | 7/1 – 9/30/09 | February 27, 2010 | March 29, 2010 |
| 1Q FFY 2010 | 10/1 – 12/31/09 | May 30, 2010 | June 29, 2010 |
| 2Q FFY 2010 | 1/1 – 3/31/10 | August 28, 2010 | September 27, 2010 |
| 3Q FFY 2010 | 4/1 – 6/30/10 | November 27, 2010 | December 27, 2010 |
| 4Q FFY 2010 | 7/1 – 9/30/10 | February 27, 2011 | February 27, 2011 |

Section 1011 is a Federal program that reimburses hospitals, physicians and ambulance providers for emergency care of undocumented aliens, certain paroled aliens and certain Mexican citizens permitted to enter the United States. Of the \$1 Billion authorized for the program, two-thirds of the funds were divided among the 50 states based on their relative percentages of undocumented aliens compiled through the 2000 census. One-third was divided among the six states with the highest number of undocumented alien apprehensions.

While actual recovery payments fluctuate for these emergency services, hospitals can contact us regarding their specific opportunity. Providers **must** act now to take tap into the available funds. How often do you get the chance to take the cash the government has left on the table?



BESLER Consulting has assisted more than 35 hospitals in 8 states both to enroll as MMA Section 1011 providers and to identify eligible patients, document their eligibility and submit claims on the provider's behalf. The BESLER retrospective data mining process identifies E/R treat and release claims that other processes miss. Clients throughout the country have employed our process to successfully claim their share of available funds. Since these services are furnished on a contingent fee basis, the provider incurs no risk in retaining BESLER to assist in claiming available funds.

To ensure that your organization takes full advantage of the Section 1011 recovery opportunity, please consider allowing BESLER Consulting the opportunity to perform a "No Cost" review of your data.

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