

### CMS Regulations update 10/2/08

Name	CMS File Code	Date posted in FR	Docket ID	Document ID:	Comments Due Date	Actions:
<p><b>Proposed Rule:</b> Medicare Program; Changes in Conditions of Participation Requirements and Payment Provisions for Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers  <a href="#">PDF</a> <a href="#">CMS fact-sheet</a> <a href="#">CMS press release</a></p>	CMS-1910-P2				08/26/2008	Due to the short response time, NIHB on behalf of it's Board submitted comments on 08/26/2008. See attached.
<p><b>Proposed Rule:</b> Health Insurance Reform; Modifications to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Electronic Transaction Standards  <a href="#">HHS press release</a> <a href="#">CMS Fact Sheet</a> <a href="#">PDF</a></p>	CMS-0009-P	9/10/08	CMS-2008-0101	CMS-2008-0101-0001	10/21/08	Would adopt updated standards for electronic transactions under HIPAA which would replace the current standards to promote efficiencies needed in electronic transactions. This is also needed to accommodate the ICD-10 code sets.
<p><b>Proposed Rule:</b> HIPAA Administrative Simplification: Modification to Medical Data Code Set Standards To Adopt ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS <a href="#">HHS press release</a> <a href="#">CMS Fact Sheet</a> <a href="#">PDF</a></p>	CMS-0013-P	9/9/08	CMS-2008-0096	CMS-2008-0096-0001	10/21/08	Would replace the current ICD-9 and accommodate new procedures and diagnoses. Because of the increased amount of codes that will be available under the new ICD-10. 10/2/08: Spoke with Elmer Brewster and Pat Gowan at IHS regarding the impact of this proposed change. Largest impact will be training and productivity losses during change over.
<p><b>Final Rule Release:</b> Medicaid Program; Self-Directed Personal Assistance Services Program State Plan Option. <a href="#">PDF</a>            Note: The proposed rule was released in the Federal Register Vol. 73 No. 13 January 18, 2008</p>	CMS-2229-F	10/3/08			Rule will take effect 11/3/08	The final rule will allow more Medicaid beneficiaries to be in charge of their own personal assistance services, including personal care services, instead of having those services directed by an agency. If a state adopts a self-directed personal assistance services state plan option, beneficiaries could receive a cash allowance to hire their own workers to help with such activities as bathing, preparing meals, household chores and other related services that help a person to live independently.