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News Flash – The 2013 ICD-10-PCS files have been posted on the [2013 ICD-10 PCS and GEMs](#) web page. This includes the 2013 Index and Tabular files, guidelines, code titles, addendum to reference manual, and slides. The 2013 ICD-10-PCS files contain information on the new procedure coding system, ICD-10-PCS, that is being developed as a replacement for ICD-9-CM, Volume 3. The 2013 General Equivalent Mappings (GEMs), Reimbursement Mappings, and Reference Manual will be posted at a later date.

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The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Ratios for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 through FY 2009 for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs)

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Special Edition Article is intended for Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs) submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the SSI Ratios for FYs 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 to the CMS website. These SSI ratios include Medicare Advantage (MA) patient days and are calculated in the manner prescribed by CMS-1498-R. Providers who are interested in obtaining the data used to calculate their FY 2006 – FY 2009 SSI ratios are encouraged to submit a letter of request along with a Disproportionate Share (DSH) Data Use Agreement. See the Background and Additional Information sections of this special edition article for further details.

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Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the SSI Ratios for FYs 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 to the CMS website.

- The IPPS SSI ratios are located at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/dsh.html>;
- The IRF SSI ratios are located at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/InpatientRehabFacPPS/SSIData.html>; and
- The LTCH SSI ratios are located at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/LongTermCareHospitalPPS/download.html> on the CMS website.

These SSI ratios include Medicare Advantage (MA) patient days and are calculated in the manner prescribed by CMS-1498-R, available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Rulings/Downloads/CMS1498R.pdf> on the CMS website.

Obtaining Data

Providers who are interested in obtaining the data used to calculate their FY 2006 – FY 2009 SSI ratios are encouraged to submit a Letter of Request along with a DSH Data Use Agreement. These data will display MA patient days separately. If you submitted a request when CMS was not accepting requests because these data were not available, you must submit a new request. In order to obtain this data, you should follow the data request process outlined at https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Computer-Data-and-Systems/Privacy/-_DSH_Privacy.html on the CMS website.

SSI Ratios

The SSI ratios are used for settlement purposes for IPPS and IRFs eligible for a Medicare DSH payment or low income payment adjustment, respectively.

- The FY 2006 SSI ratios will be used to settle cost reports with cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2005, and before October 1, 2006;
- The FY 2007 SSI ratios will be used to settle cost reports with cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2006, and before October 1, 2007;
- The FY 2008 SSI ratios will be used to settle cost reports with cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2007, and before October 1, 2008; and
- The FY 2009 SSI ratios will be used to settle cost reports with cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2009.

Under the LTCH PPS, the payment adjustment for short-stay outlier (SSO) cases at 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 412.529 requires the calculation of an amount comparable to the

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amount that would otherwise be paid under the IPPS (i.e., the “IPPS comparable amount.”). This calculation includes the Medicare DSH adjustment where applicable, using the best available SSI ratios at the time of claim payment (See 42 CFR Section 412.529(d)(4), available at http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2008/octqtr/pdf/42cfr412.529.pdf on the Internet.)

The latest published SSI ratios will be included in the Provider Specific File and will be used to calculate interim Medicare DSH payments and low income patient (LIP) payments.

Realignment and Requests

Previous requests for realignment:

42 CFR Section 412.106(b)(3) allows you to request to have your SSI Ratio recomputed/realigned based on your cost reporting period for IPPS payment. You may have requested that your cost reports for cost years 2006 - 2009 be settled using SSI ratios based on your cost reporting periods rather than the federal fiscal year (i.e., that your SSI Ratios be realigned for 2006 - 2009) prior to the release of the revised SSI Ratios on March 16, 2012. Since CMS has published revised SSI Ratios, the previous requests for these cost report years are no longer valid. (See 42 CFR Section 106(b)(3), available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2003-title42-vol2/pdf/CFR-2003-title42-vol2-sec412-106.pdf> on the Internet.)

Current settlement actions and requests for realignment:

- All cost reports for cost years 2006 - 2009 will be settled using revised SSI ratios that are based on the federal fiscal year.
- Providers receiving the revised federal fiscal year SSI ratios may then exercise their one-time ability to request realignment to the SSI ratios based on their cost reporting period using the revised SSI ratios, but any previous requests will not be implemented since the SSI ratios have changed.

Open or reopened cost reports:

If you have a realignment request for an open cost report, or a cost report that was previously final settled and was properly reopened to use the revised SSI Ratio, you will receive a notice from your Medicare contractor that the realignment request no longer applies, since you will receive a revised SSI Ratio. You may request realignment, based on the revised SSI Ratio, within the normal timeframes.

FYs 2006 – 2009 Cost Report Final Settlement

Medicare contractors will be working to final settle the backlog of cost reports that have been held, awaiting revised SSI ratios. CMS anticipates that most of the 2006 – 2009 cost reports will be final settled (issuance of the Notice of Program Reimbursement - NPR) over the next year. In addition, contractors will issue revised NPRs for any 2006 or 2007 cost reports that were previously final settled, and properly reopened for the SSI ratio issue. You should address any specific questions with your Medicare contractor.

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Additional Information

If you have any questions, please contact your FI or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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