



AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MASSACHUSETTS IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

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These Updates, published by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) in consultation with the other state agencies involved in ACA implementation, will bring you news related to the implementation of provisions of the ACA here in Massachusetts.

Grants and Demonstrations

The ACA provides funding opportunities to transform how health care is delivered, expand access to care and support healthcare workforce training.

Grant Activity

For information about ACA grants awarded to and grant proposals submitted by the Commonwealth, visit the Grants page of the **Massachusetts National Health Care Reform website** at: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/commissions-and-initiatives/healthcare-reform/national-health-care-reform-plan/grants-and-demonstrations.html>

Guidance

8/31/16 HHS/CMS issued a correction to the final rule called "Medicare Program; Inpatient

Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2017.” The document makes technical corrections to the [final rule](#) which was published in the Federal Register on August 5, 2016. The final rule implements portions of ACA §3004, §3137, §3401, §1105 and §10319.

The final rule updates the Medicare prospective payment rates for inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs) for federal fiscal year (FY) 2017 as required by the statute. As required by section 1886(j)(5) of the Act, this rule includes the classification and weighting factors for the IRF prospective payment system's case-mix groups and a description of the methodologies and data used in computing the prospective payment rates for FY 2017. The final rule also revises and updates quality measures and reporting requirements under the IRF quality reporting program.

Read the correction at: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-31/pdf/2016-20897.pdf>

Prior guidance can be found at: www.hhs.gov/healthcare/index.html

Bookmark the **Massachusetts National Health Care Reform website** at: [National Health Care Reform](#) to read updates on ACA implementation in Massachusetts.

Remember to check the Mass.Gov website at: [Dual Eligibles](#) for information on the **"Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals"** initiative.



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