TIMELINE: Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule for FY 2021

As the health care landscape continues to evolve, we are focused on protecting the future of inpatient rehabilitation care. Here is our most recent activity and where we're heading.

June 15, 2020: – Deadline for CMS Comments

AAPM&R will submit comments to the CMS proposed rule by the June 15 deadline.

May-June 2020: AAPM&R Members in Action

AAPM&R engages members and other stakeholders in a coordinated response to CMS. The Academy is leading the effort to unite all physiatrists, other medical specialties, patient coalition organizations, and additional key stakeholders to oppose this proposal.

January 17, 2020: CMS RFI

AAPM&R submits comments expressing opposition to the CMS RFI regarding the President's Executive Order mandate to reform the Medicare program, including eliminating supervision and licensure requirements for Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses under the Medicare program that are more stringent than other applicable federal or state laws.

August 2019: AAPM&R Establishes an Inpatient Workgroup

AAPM&R convenes a multistakeholder Inpatient Rehabilitation Workgroup to reach consensus on firm guidelines to better define the qualifications of a Rehabilitation Physician, and set clear and necessary expectations and standards for inpatient rehabilitation care.

December 2018: AAPM&R Establishes Position Statement Defining a 'Rehabilitation Physician'

AAPM&R's Board approves a position statement with nuanced definitions for "Rehabilitation Physician" and "Director of Rehabilitation." The position statement is published in the January 2019 issue of the *PM&R* Journal.

- June 2020 and Beyond: Advocacy Driven By You

Academy representatives will discuss our position with CMS officials and members of Congress. The Inpatient Rehabilitation Workgroup will continue efforts to protect patients, physiatry, and inpatient rehabilitation.

June 2, 2020: Advocacy Open Forum – IRF Proposed Rule

AAPM&R will host an Advocacy Open Forum soliciting member perspectives and feedback to help mobilize our response to the proposal.

April 16, 2020: CMS Proposes to Allow NPPs to Perform Role of a Rehabilitation Physician

CMS releases a proposal in the IRF Prospective Payment System for Fiscal Year 2021 to allow NPPs to perform duties required to be performed by a Rehabilitation Physician.

October 2019: Trump Releases Executive Order

AAPM&R responds to President Trump's Executive Order on *Protecting and Improving Medicare for Our Nation's Seniors,* that includes a proposal to revise the supervision requirements and reimbursement of non-physician professionals, including Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners.

April 2019: AAPM&R Updates Position Statement on Advanced Practice Providers (APPs)

AAPM&R updates its position statement on Optimizing the Role of the Advanced Practice Provider in Physiatry-Led, Patient-Centered, Team-Based Care.

June 2018: CMS Releases RFI Regarding NPPs

AAPM&R responds to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Request for Information (RFI) on expanding the role of Non-Physician Practitioners (NPPs) in Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs).

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