

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Early Screening and Diagnosis of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Program Announcement 04216

In accordance with section 10(a)2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Early Screening and Diagnosis of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Program Announcement 04216.

Times and Dates: 12:30 p.m.–1:15 p.m., August 20, 2004 (open).

1:45 p.m.–4:30 p.m., August 20, 2004 (closed).

Place: Teleconference Number: USA Toll Free 888-390-0474 Passcode 04216.

Status: Portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c) (4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to: Early Screening and Diagnosis of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Program Announcement 04216.

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Dated: July 23, 2004.

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Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Fiscal Year 2005

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice updates prospective payment rates for inpatient rehabilitation facilities for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2005 as authorized under section 1886(j)(3)(C) of the Social Security Act (the Act). Section 1886(j)(5) of the Act requires the Secretary to publish in the **Federal Register** on or before August 1 before each fiscal year, the classifications and weighting factors for the inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) case-mix groups and a description of the methodology and data used in computing the prospective payment rates for that fiscal year.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The updated IRF prospective payment rates are effective for discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2004, and on or before September 30, 2005 (FY 2005).

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I. Background
A. Requirements of the Statute for Updating the Prospective Payment System (PPS) for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs)

On August 7, 2001, we published a final rule entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CMS-1069-F)” in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 41316), that established a prospective payment system (PPS) for inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs) as authorized under section 1886(j) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and codified at subpart P of part 412 of the Medicare regulations. In the August 7, 2001, final rule, we set forth the per discharge Federal rates for fiscal year (FY) 2002 that provided payment for the inpatient operating and capital costs to IRFs for the covered rehabilitation services they furnished (that is, routine, ancillary, and capital costs), but not costs of approved educational activities, bad debts, and other services or items