

**Important Note to Readers of the
Hospital Value-based Purchasing Final Rule**
As of 4/29/2011

Please note that in the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program Final Rule displayed at the Federal Register on April 29, 2011, Section II. A. and B. listed on the Table of Contents appear together under the heading of Section II. A. Section II. B. should be titled “Performance Period” and the subsequent section headings should be re-lettered through L.

CMS plans to make formal corrections to this effect.

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