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The Medicare Crosswalk Hospital Code Development Act of 2015

Section-by-Section

Section 1. Short Title

Section 2. Development of Medicare HCPCS Version of MS-DRG Codes for Similar Hospital Services

Section 2 of the bill adds a new subclause to section 1886 of the Social Security Act. Subclause (t) requires the Secretary to create a new version of the Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Groups (MS-DRGs) that are used to reimburse hospitals under the inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS). This new version of MS-DRGs would no longer be solely reliant on the International Classification of Disease (ICD) codes. An alternative set of codes, the Healthcare Common Procedure Classification System (HCPCS), would also be able to derive MS-DRGs. This HCPCS version of MS-DRGs is required to be completed no later than January 1, 2018.

The Secretary is required to publish both a definitions manual and the software necessary to produce a HCPCS version of MS-DRGs for a minimum of 10 surgical MS-DRGs. In developing the crosswalk, the Secretary is required to consult with the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.