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▪ Inform providers about new developments in the Medicare program;
▪ Assist providers in understanding CMS programs and complying with Medicare regulations and instructions;
▪ Ensure that providers have time to react and prepare for new requirements;

▪ Announce new or changing Medicare requirements on a predictable schedule; and

▪ Communicate the specific days that CMS business will be published in the Federal

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