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Many Qualifying Alternative Payment Model (APM) Participants (QPs) got 2020 5% APM incentive payments last month. Some clinicians need to update their Medicare billing information by November 13 to get paid.

Do You Need to Verify Your Medicare Billing Information?

- If you didn't get paid, find your name on the [spreadsheet](#) to find out which form(s) to send us. Log in to the [QPP](#) website using [your HARP credentials](#) to update your billing information; see [detailed instructions](#).
- If you got paid, you don't need to do anything.

For More Information:

- [QPP](#) website
- [Public Notice](#)
- [2020 APM Incentive Payment](#) fact sheet
- Contact QPP@cms.hhs.gov or 866-288-8292; if you have trouble hearing, dial 711 for a TRS communications assistant

Compliance

Hospice Aide Services: Enhancing RN Supervision

An Office of Inspector General (OIG) [report](#) found that Registered Nurses (RNs) didn't always:

- Visit hospice patients' homes at least once every 14 days to assess the quality of care and services provided by hospice aides
- Document these visits as required

The [Enhancing RN Supervision of Hospice Aide Services](#) fact sheet educates hospices on the RN supervisory role. Additional resources:

- [Hospice Conditions of Participation Final Rule](#)
- [Medicare Fee-for-Service Response to the Public Health Emergency on COVID-19](#) MLN Matters Article
- [State Operations Manual Appendix M – Guidance to Surveyors: Hospice](#)

MLN Matters® Articles

Change to the Payment of Allogeneic Stem Cell Acquisition Services — Revised

CMS revised MLN Matters Article MM11729 on [Change to the Payment of Allogeneic Stem Cell Acquisition Services](#) to update the release date, transmittal number, and web address.

Publications

Medicare Quarterly Provider Compliance Newsletter

CMS issued a new Medicare Learning Network educational tool, [Medicare Quarterly Provider Compliance Newsletter \[Volume 11, Issue 1\]](#). Learn about:

- Critical care billed on the same day as emergency room services
- Pneumatic compression device: medical necessity and documentation

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