

MEMORANDUM

To: Memo to ASTS; Attn Kim Gifford
From: Diane Millman, Rebecca Burke
Date: August 3, 2017
Subject: Final IPPS Rule for 2018

CMS issued its final IPPS rule for 2018 earlier this week. We wanted to briefly address the issues on which ASTS provided comments.

- ASTS commented that CMS had not provided any transplant specific modifications to the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP). For admissions occurring after 2018, the law gives CMS authority to not include transplant readmissions as readmissions for purposes of the HRRP. However, CMS has declined, at this time, to address this issue or seek input from stakeholders as to how to implement this provision.
- ASTS urged CMS to exclude transplantation from any new informed consent quality measures that may apply to hospitals procedures because informed consent for transplant recipients and organ donors is already regulated by Medicare and the OPTN. CMS stated in the final rule that the informed consent measure excludes highly specialized procedures such as organ transplants that typically use unique informed consent processes.
- ASTS asked CMS to clarify that provider termination notice requirements did not apply to Transplant Centers and that Transplant Centers would be governed exclusively by OPTN and Medicare Conditions of Participation requirements. CMS did not address this issue in the final rule.

MS-DRG	MS-DRG Title	2017 Weights	2018 Proposed Weights	Percent change
001	HEART TRANSPLANT OR IMPLANT OF HEART ASSIST SYSTEM W MCC	27.1011	25.4241	-6%
002	HEART TRANSPLANT OR IMPLANT OF HEART ASSIST SYSTEM W/O MCC	16.1549	15.2462	-6%
003	ECMO OR TRACH W MV >96 HRS OR PDX EXC FACE, MOUTH & NECK W MAJ O.R	17.9495	17.6331	-2%
004	TRACH W MV >96 HRS OR PDX EXC FACE, MOUTH & NECK W/O MAJ O.R.	10.9257	11.0663	1%
005	LIVER TRANSPLANT W MCC OR INTESTINAL TRANSPLANT	10.2721	10.4265	2%
006	LIVER TRANSPLANT W/O MCC	4.8095	4.4988	-6%
007	LUNG TRANSPLANT	9.6933	9.787	1%
008	SIMULTANEOUS PANCREAS/KIDNEY TRANSPLANT	5.4864	5.0587	-8%
010	PANCREAS TRANSPLANT	3.8403	4.3618	14%
652	KIDNEY TRANSPLANT	3.2964	3.3187	1%