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To: General Hospitals Licensed according to N.J.A.C. 8:43G

From: Michael J. Kennedy, J.D. ^{MSK}
Executive Director, Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing

Date: March 13, 2024

Re: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Changes to Hospital Price Transparency Regulations

On November 2, 2023, CMS finalized changes to its hospital price transparency regulations. The policies in the hospital price transparency regulations are intended to increase price transparency and enforce compliance and apply to each hospital operating in the United States. The effective date of the rule is January 1, 2024, but hospitals will have until July 1, 2024, to implement many of the updates and until January 1, 2025, to implement others.

Hospitals are encouraged to immediately begin the process to come into compliance with the updated CMS regulations. Information about these changes can be downloaded from the Federal Register at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-24293/medicare-program-hospital-outpatient-prospective-payment-and-ambulatory-surgical-center-payment>.

As you are aware, as part of the licensure application process, N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.2, each general acute care, special, and psychiatric hospital must certify on the CN-7 license application that the facility continues to comply with applicable State licensing laws, including statutes and rules and Federal Medicare and/or Medicaid certification laws, including statutes and regulations. The purpose of this memo is to alert licensed hospitals that upon the effective date of the CMS rule, the CN-7 certification should account for compliance with the rule. In addition, providing any willfully false or misleading information in these applications may be subject to civil and/or criminal penalties under applicable laws and/or other licensure enforcement activity, including, but not limited to facility loss of license in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:43E.