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Dear Hospital Administrators and CFOs,

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) is proposing the following policy changes to hospital OPPS payment methodology. These updates are subject to CMS approval through the State Plan Amendment process and will take effect July 1, 2019. DOM estimates the overall impact of these changes will be a savings of \$2,214,139 in state and federal funds.

- The OPPS fees calculated using 100% of the APC relative weight or payment rate will use the Medicare Addendum B effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year as published by the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- The multiple discounting policy will be applied to dental procedures billed on the hospital outpatient claim, where the highest allowed dental procedure is priced at 100% of the allowed amount or published fee and all subsequent dental procedures are priced at 25% of the allowed amount or published fee.

DOM is offering two OPPS update informational webinars. The sessions will show results from the previous year of the APC payment method, outline the changes for July 1, 2019, and provide billing and documentation tips. DOM strongly encourages each hospital to participate in one of these sessions.

Follow the links below to register for one of the two webinar training sessions. (Please limit webinar attendance to one line per hospital.)

- **Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**  
[Register](#)
- **Thursday, June 13, 2019, 1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**  
[Register](#)

For additional information, please visit DOM's website at <https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/reimbursement/>. The supplemental documents listed below will be available for download by Tuesday, June 11, 2019:

- Updated OPPS Billing Quick Tips.
- June 2019 provider training presentation.

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The Frequently Asked Questions document will be updated to the DOM webpage upon completion of the two training Webinars to include questions submitted by providers during the training sessions.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Drew Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Drew L. Snyder  
Executive Director