

AHA COMMENTS TO MEDICARE 2015 INPATIENT RULE

Yesterday, the American Hospital Association ("AHA") submitted comments to CMS regarding the proposed FY 2015 inpatient prospective payment system ("PPS") rule. Topics addressed by AHA include:

- Hospital-Acquired Condition ("HAC") reduction program proposals;
- Inpatient Quality Reporting ("IQR") program proposals;
- Proposed changes to the cost report requirements related to the jurisdiction of the Provider Reimbursement Review Board ("PRRB"); and
- Design of an alternate payment methodology for short inpatient hospital stays (supplement to the existing "two-midnight" policy).

The AHA letter can be found [here](#).

In addition, comments to the proposed rule may be submitted until 5:00 P.M. EDT on June 30, 2014. Instructions for submission of comments can be found in the May 15, 2014 proposed rule [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding this blog post, the proposed rule or comment submission, please contact Regan E. Tankersley at rtankersley@hallrender.com or your regular Hall Render attorney.