

Congress Excludes Physicians from Red Flags Requirement

Tuesday, December 7, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Red Flag Program Clarification Act of 2010. The bill, which limits the definition of “creditors” who must comply with the Red Flags Rule, had already passed the Senate. The new legislation excludes those who advance funds on behalf of a person for expenses incidental to a service that is provided. Under this definition, physicians, dentists, and other professionals generally do not meet the definition of “creditor,” and are exempt from the Red Flags Rule. The legislation will now be sent to the President who is expected to sign it before the January 1, 2011, compliance deadline.

PQRI and eRx Education Call Planned

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) will host a national provider education call on the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRI) and Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program (eRx) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Monday, December 13. A question and answer session will follow the formal presentation. The presentation will cover:

- E-Prescribing payment adjustment
- 2011 PQRI system measures
- Use of 2011 measure specifications
- 2012 call for measures listening session
- Requirements for participation and self nomination deadlines.

The participant dial-in number is 800-603-1774.

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