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### **Transitional Care Management codes - Post Hospital follow up codes**

We would like to remind everyone about the TCM guidelines. Some physicians still have question on the guidelines, attached document would help the billing process. If anyone has any questions regarding the guidelines, please contact your account manager.

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### **CMS Announces Finalized Payment Rates For 2014**

CMS issued a final rule that updates the payment policies and payment rates for services furnished under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) on or after January 1, 2014. The rule changes several of the quality reporting initiatives that are associated with PFS payments, including the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), as well as changes to the Physician Compare tool on the Medicare.gov website.

Finally, the rule includes the implementation of the Value-Based Payment Modifier (Value Modifier) that affects payment rates to certain groups of 10+ based on the quality and cost of care they furnish to beneficiaries enrolled in the traditional Medicare Fee-for-Service program.

Note - Because the release of the 2014 Medicare physician fee schedule was delayed this year, the deadline for physicians to make participation changes has been extended to Jan. 31, 2014.

For additional information, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/cms2014feeschedule>.

Source: MSD

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### **BCBS Bulletins and Updates**

Please see the attached BCBS Bulletins for claims submission tips and for the recent important updates on Prior Authorization process.

Source: BCBS Bulletins

Source: Christiana Care Health System

### About United Medical, LLC

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