

jm home health and hospice

CREDIT BALANCE REPORTS: DUE OCTOBER 30, 2015

Credit Balance Reports (CMS 838) for the quarters ending are listed below. The last report ended September 30, 2015. Be sure to submit the report with all information required:

- + Provider Name
- + Six digit PTAN
- + Correct quarter end date (including the correct year)
- + Signature and title of a company administrator or officer dated after September 30, 2015
- + Box marked as to whether the provider is low utilization, detail pages are attached, or no Medicare credit balances to report
- + Contact name in case any questions arise

For more information on submitting your quarterly Credit Balance reports, [CLICK HERE >>](#)

PEPPER now available for HOME HEALTH AGENCIES

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has made available free provider-specific comparative data reports for home health agencies (HHAs) nationwide. The Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Report (PEPPER) summarizes HHA claims data statistics for areas that may be at risk for improper Medicare payments:

- Average Case Mix
- Average Number of Episodes
- Episodes with 5 or 6 Visits
- Non-LUPA Payments
- High Therapy Utilization Episodes
- Outlier Payments

HHAs can use the data to support internal auditing and monitoring activities. PEPPER is a free report comparing an HHA's Medicare billing practices with other HHAs in the nation, Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) jurisdiction and state. CMS has contracted with TMF® Health Quality Institute to develop and distribute the reports. [LEARN MORE >>](#)

home health star rating system NOW AVAILABLE

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services implemented a star rating system for home health agencies on the Home Health Compare web site in July 2015.

The Home Health Compare (HHC) Star Rating included nine of the 22 currently reported process and outcome quality measures. The measures included three process measures, five outcome measures, and one claims based measure.

The methodology for calculating the HHC Star Ratings was based on a combination of individual measure rankings and the statistical significance of the difference between the performance of an individual HHA on each measure (risk-adjusted, if an outcome measure) and the performance of all HHAs. A HHA's quality measure values were compared to the national agency median, and their rating was adjusted to reflect the differences relative to other agencies' quality measure values. These adjusted ratings were then combined into one overall HHC Star Rating that summarized each of the nine individual measures.

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in the SPOTLIGHT

NAME: Laura Perez

POSITION: Data Entry

YEARS WITH PMB: 1.5 years

FAVORITE HANGOUT: I am a mother of two, and my favorite hangout is at home spending quality time with my kids.

FAVORITE MOVIE: My favorite movie is *The Pursuit of Happyness*, because it teaches you to never give up no matter what.

SECRET TALENTS:

I've had a talent for writing poetry from a very young age.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU EVERY DAY?

My main motivation is my two kids. They motivate me every day to be stronger and better than who I was the day before.



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Upcoming Events

TCACC 2015 ANNUAL MEETING
October 1-3 | San Antonio, Texas
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NAHC 2015 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPOSITION
October 28-30 | Nashville, Tennessee
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BEGINNER MEDICARE HOME HEALTH BILLING SEMINAR
November 5 | Houston, Texas
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TAHCH HCSSA ADMINISTRATOR PROGRAM
November 16-18 | Houston, Texas
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