

Proposed Regulations & Guidelines Open for Comment

Plan Management

1. November 26, 2012 - CMS-9961-N: Recognition of Entities for the Accreditation of Qualified Health Plans – Comments not applicable
 - Establishes NCQA and URAC as approved entities for accrediting qualified health plans
2. November 26, 2012 - CMS-9980-P: Standards Related to Essential Health Benefits, Actuarial Value, and Accreditation – Comments due December 26, 2012
 - Proposed Essential Health Benefits
 - Actuarial Value Calculations
 - Accreditation Standards
3. November 27, 2012 - CMS-9962-NC : Request for Information Regarding Health Care Quality for Exchanges – Comments due December 27, 2012
 - Request for information on health plan quality management

Payment Policy & Financial Management

4. December 7, 2012 - CMS-9964-P: HHS Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2014, and Medical Loss Ratio – Comments due December 31, 2012
 - Transition of enrollees from High Risk Pools
 - Reinsurance program
 - Risk corridors
 - Payment of Advance Premium Tax Credits & Cost Sharing Reductions
 - Proposed fee for the Federal Exchange

Health Market Reforms

5. November 26, 2012 - CMS-9979-P: Incentives for Wellness Programs in Group Health Plans – January 25, 2013
 - Categories of Wellness Programs
 - Requirements for Health-Contingent Wellness Programs
6. November 26, 2012 - CMS-9972-P: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Health Insurance Market Rules; Rate Review – Comments Due December 26, 2012
 - Guaranteed Availability
 - Fair Health Insurance Premiums
 - Single Risk Pool
 - Guaranteed Renewability
 - Catastrophic Plans