

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Policy Alert

Two FINAL Payment Rules

- **CY 2022 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update... Hospice Survey Reform and Enforcement Remedies FINAL RULE (CMS-1747-F)**
- **CY 2022 Physician Fee Schedule FINAL RULE (CMS-1751-F)**

To: NHPCO Provider and State Members

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NOTE:

1. The CY 2022 Home Health Final Rule contains the implementing regulations for hospice program integrity/survey reform/enforcement remedies following the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 in December 2020.
2. The CY 2022 Physician Fee Schedule contains the implementing regulations for the Rural Access to Hospice Act, allowing physicians and NPPs in Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers to serve as a hospice attending physician, telehealth provisions, changes in physician assistant billing and e-prescribing.

Moments ago, the Federal Register posted two final payment rules, the CY 2022 Home Health final rule and the CY 2022 Physician Fee Schedule final rule.

CY 2022 Home Health FINAL RULE with Hospice Survey Reform and Enforcement Remedies

Download the [CY 2022 HH rule \(CMS-1747-F\)](#). The final rule contains the implementing regulations for the HOSPICE ACT provisions in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 in Section 407. This section establishes hospice program survey and enforcement procedures under the Medicare program and makes changes to the Medicare hospice survey and certification process to improve consistency and oversight.

CY 2022 Physician Fee Schedule FINAL RULE with RHC/FQHC regulations for hospice attending physicians, new regulations for physician assistants, and other issues

Download the [CY 2022 Physician Fee Schedule \(CMS-1751-F\)](#). The final rule contains implementing regulations for the RURAL ACCESS TO HOSPICE Act, which allows physicians and some NPPs to serve as a hospice patient's attending physician, implements e-prescribing, addresses additional telehealth provisions, and allows physician assistants to bill Medicare directly.

The NHPCO Regulatory Team is doing a thorough review of both final rules and will release comprehensive Regulatory Alerts to members as soon as the analysis is complete.