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**CMS Issues Rule to Update the Transition Budget-Neutrality Adjustment
Under the ESRD PPS**

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an interim final rule with comment (IFC) that will revise the end-stage renal disease (ESRD) transition budget-neutrality adjustment finalized in the CY 2011 ESRD Prospective Payment System (PPS) final rule.

To ensure that Medicare is paying accurately and consistent with the statute, CMS is revising the transition budget-neutrality adjustment to reflect the actual election decision of ESRD facilities to receive 100 percent payment under the ESRD PPS for renal dialysis services furnished on or after January 1, 2011. This revision will be applied prospectively and results in an increase in payments of 3.1 percent by applying a zero percent adjustment for renal dialysis services furnished April 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

The rule will be published in the *Federal Register* on April 6, 2011. The rule can be found under Special Filings using the following link:

http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2011-08181_PI.pdf

Or <http://www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>.

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