

ALIGNING PAYMENT WITH QUALITY: HEALTHCARE-ACQUIRED CONDITIONS

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- Effective July 1, 2011, prohibits Medicaid payments to providers for healthcare-acquired conditions, as defined by DHHS.

MEDICARE

- Beginning October 1, 2014, a 1% payment penalty will be applied to all MS-DRGs for hospitals in top quartile for certain high-cost and common hospital-acquired conditions.
- DHHS will confidentially report to hospitals performing in the top quartile.
- DHHS will report to Congress on establishing healthcare-acquired conditions policy for other Medicare providers, such as ASCs.
- Hospital-specific HAC rates will be publicly reported on Hospital Compare website.
- DHHS will also publicly report hospital-acquired infection rates.