

TO: General Hospitals

RE: Delay of Outpatient Surgery Initiative

The purpose of this Policy Transmittal is to notify hospitals that the Department is delaying the changes to its outpatient surgery policy announced in PB 2013-44 until further notice. After public comments raised concerns about implementation and the fiscal impact of the initiative, the Commissioner has decided to delay implementation of the project while undertaking further analysis.

Please note that the changes to billing and payment for the laboratory RCCs 310-319 are going forward as announced effective November 1, 2013.

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