

January 2024 Quarterly Noridian Association Email

Dear Association Member,

Noridian's Medicare Part A and B Provider Outreach and Education Department is providing you with our latest news and updates. Noridian and CMS look to Associations to help by forwarding the information to your members.

1. New Physician Fee Schedule Changes

CMS has implemented a new place of service (POS) code - POS code 27 - Outreach Site or Street. Per [CR13314](#), this change will be implemented on January 2, 2024, with an effective date of October 1, 2023.

For Part A providers, CMS finalized an intermediate level of behavioral health care (Intensive Outpatient Program - IOP) for beneficiaries that don't need hospitalization but need more than traditional outpatient therapy. Review [CR13496](#), and [CR13264](#) for more information.

CMS finalized changes to value and pay for crisis services outside of the office setting. Psychotherapy for crisis services provided in applicable settings have two new HCPCS codes, G0017 and G0018. The new codes pay at 150 percent of the fee schedule amount for 90839 and 90840. CMS will also increase the payment for certain timed behavioral health services and increase the payment rate for substance use disorder treatment furnished in the office setting. Additional information is available within the CMS [CY 2024 Physician Final Rule Fact Sheet](#).

2. New Provider Specialties Effective January 1, 2024

CMS is now enrolling new mental health provider types in Medicare. November 2, 2023, was the first date to enroll for Mental Health Counselors, Family and Marriage Therapists (including addiction counselors and drug counselors who meet all requirements). Sign up for the January Noridian [webinar](#) for more information on these new provider types.

3. 2024 Medicare Parts A & B Premiums and Deductibles

Please be aware of the new [Premiums and Deductibles](#) for beneficiary cost sharing amounts starting January 1, 2024.

4. Provider Audit Hosting Educational Webinars in 2024

Noridian's Provider Audit and Reimbursement Department (PARD) will be providing educational events for Part A providers. Beginning January 2024, topics will include DSH/Utilization Review, Bad Debt, Worksheet S-10, MCRvF vs. Discs, and Cost Report Basics.

- [Noridian JE Part A Schedule of Events](#)
- [Noridian JF Part A Schedule of Events](#)

5. Noridian Provider Outreach and Education (POE) Speaker Requests

Please let us know if you have upcoming events at which Noridian's Education team can provide training to your members. Associations may request Noridian to present on topics of interest via webinars, in-person visits, or as a guest speaker on a teleconference. Complete the [Association Education Speaker Request Form](#), and email it to mac@noridian.com.

Thank you.



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