

Crosswalk Document for Changes to CMS-R-193 Important Message from Medicare

Summary of Changes to CMS-R-193

Hospitals have used the Important Message from Medicare (IM) to inform original Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and other Medicare plan beneficiaries who are hospital inpatients about their hospital rights and discharge rights. In particular, the IM provides information about when a beneficiary will and will not be liable for charges for a continued stay in a hospital and offers a detailed description of the Quality Improvement organization (QIO) review process. The IM was last approved under PRA in 2013 and is an existing collection, currently in use.

This submission incorporates one minimal, non-substantive change to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), which requires Federal Agencies to be non-discriminatory and provide this publication in an alternative format if needed. No substantive changes have been made to the existing form. There are no changes that will affect existing IM users.

The following non-substantive changes have been made to the form:

- The form has been revised to include language informing beneficiaries of CMS's nondiscrimination practices and to request this publication in an alternative format if needed.

There are no changes to the form instructions.

The IM is an existing collection and is in use. It is our expectation that the non-substantive changes to the form will have little effect on burden for all users. The Section 504 requirement was in effect with the prior notice, and including standard CMS language to advise beneficiaries of its nondiscrimination policies and the availability of alternate forms of this notice is not expected to change burden associated with the IM.