

CMS Response to Public Comments Received for CMS-R-10

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received public comments related to CMS-R-10. This is the reconciliation of the comments.

Comment:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received a comment from a member of the general public expressing concern that privatizing Medicare and Medicaid will allow middlemen to profit on healthcare delivery claims by “*syphoning money off the general public and making billions*” The commenter recommended that the current healthcare delivery system remain the same.

Response:

CMS appreciates the concern expressed by this commenter; however, it is outside the scope of this regulation. CMS shall take under advisement the concern and recommendation put forth from this commenter.

Comment:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received a comment from a member of the general public expressing concern that CMS-R-10 needs to be completed through a website as there is “*significant cost using a paper gathering survey.*”

Response:

Currently budget and resource allocations required to develop and implement an electronic version of this information collection package are being reviewed with the intention to develop such an application.

Comment:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received a comment from a member of the general public support the efforts of CMS-R-10 stating that “*this seems a splendid opportunity for the federal government to demonstrate a commitment to making data-driven decisions about health care at a time when conversations about the topic are unhelpfully polarized. I not only support this work but urge that its results--and decisions made that are firmly based on those results--be disseminated thoughtfully and precisely to the general public.*”

Response:

CMS thanks the commenter for supporting CMS-R-10. In addition, CMS agrees that results and decisions made based on results of CMS-R-10, be disseminated thoughtfully and precisely to the general public.

Comment:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received a comment from a member of the general public asking CMS to protect “*our Social Security and Medicare benefits*” by not allowing the “*deregulation and gutting of our safety nets.*”

Response:

CMS appreciates the concern expressed by this commenter, and aims to protect the benefits afforded to the American public; however, this concern is outside the scope of CMS-R-10.