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Governing in an Era of Value-Based Payment

Is your governing board ready for an increasing share of revenues coming from value-based payment? Are board members taking a passive role, or are they “intentional” in their focus on what changes will be required? Are they involved with physicians as well as the hospital part of the organization? Are they demanding financial projections and “what if” scenarios for planning? [Read More](#)

Special Update: Congress passes one-year SGR fix as part of fiscal cliff legislation

Today Congress passed The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, to avert the “fiscal cliff.” President Obama is expected to sign the legislation shortly. [Read More](#)

Hospital Uncompensated Care Rises \$1.8 Billion

U.S. hospitals’ uncompensated care rose \$1.8 billion in 2011 compared with 2010, according to new data from the Annual Survey of Hospitals by the American Hospital Association (AHA). [Read More](#)

Hospitals pressured to curb elective surgeries

As the industry aims to curb excessive care and control medical costs, some private insurers are deterring hospitals and providers from performing certain elective surgeries, *Kaiser Health News* and *The Washington Post* reported. [Read More](#)

Compliance Corner-RAC Look-Back Period Remains Same Despite ATRA Expansions

Although Section 638 of the American Taxpayers Relief Act expands Medicare’s overpayment recovery “look-back” period from three to five years, this expansion does not currently apply to Medicare recovery audit contractors (RACs), HFMA recently learned from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) representatives. Based on their statement of work, RACs are locked into a three-year window, which cannot be changed until new contracts are awarded in 2014.

Currently there are no plans to expand that window in 2014.

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