



## **Inpatient Hospital (IPPS and LTCH PPS) Claims Hold Alert**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently revised their rates for the Fiscal Year 2019 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH PPS). Due to the rate updates, CMS is holding claims for all IPPS and LTCH PPS services with discharge dates on or after Oct. 1, 2018, through Oct. 22, 2018, which is the date CMS anticipates their system will be updated with the revised rates.

### **Here's What You Need to Know**

- Given this unusual situation and the impact the CMS rate updates may have on a significant number of facilities UnitedHealthcare has decided to also put claims on hold from facilities whose claims are priced using the IPPS or LTCH PPS methodologies
- This claims hold will be in place until UnitedHealthcare has updated the claims systems with the revised CMS rates.
- If UnitedHealthcare processed claims at previously published rates, we will reprocess them using the updated IPPS or LTCH PPS rates.
- UnitedHealthcare will process claims on hold once the claims systems are updated with the revised CMS rates.
- Facilities don't need to take any action.

### **We're Here to Help**

If you have questions, please contact your local Network Management representative. Thank you.