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WPS Medicare
Attn: Chris Severson
Medicare Audit Advisement
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RE: Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRF) Compliance Review-New Unit (or New Hospital)

Dear Mr. Severson:

CMS Publication 100-04, Chapter 3, Section 140.1 allows new IRFs, or new beds in an existing IRF, in certain cases, to qualify for IRF classification based on the submission of a written certification that the inpatient population it intends to serve will meet the requirements specified in section 140.1.1B.

Specifically, we would like to certify based on the following:

<<Choose the applicable section>>

-Section 140.1.5 allows for an IRF hospital that has not previously participated in the Medicare program, or a hospital that has undergone a change in ownership, to provide a written certification, in lieu of providing documentation on patients served during the preceding twelve month time period.

-Section 140.1.7B allows an exception for a hospital that has not previously owned or operated an excluded IRF unit, and that has obtained approval under State licensure and Medicare certification for an increase in its licensed bed capacity. We understand that this only qualifies if more than half of the beds are new, rather than simply being converted from prior acute care service. As such, we have provided documentation for the prior and current licensure, along with detail regarding the location and room numbers for the new unit. This exception allows the unit to qualify as an IRF PPS unit by providing a written certification, in lieu of providing documentation on patients served during the preceding twelve month time period.

-Section 140.1.7E allows an exception for hospitals that choose to expand their existing IRF unit by adding beds, as long as they have obtained approval under State licensure and Medicare certification for an increase in the licensed bed capacity. We understand that this only qualifies if more than half of the beds are new, rather than simply being converted from prior acute care service. As such, we have provided documentation for the prior and current licensure, along with detail regarding the location and room

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numbers for the new unit. This exception allows the new beds to qualify for IRF PPS reimbursement upon the beginning of the next cost reporting period by providing a written certification, in lieu of providing documentation on patients served during the preceding twelve month time period.

Based on the aforementioned authority, this letter serves as our written attestation that the inpatient population that our facility intends to serve will meet these compliance requirements. This certification will be in effect for the first full 12-month cost reporting period, as well as the partial period preceding the first full 12-month period. Therefore, a compliance review submission will not be required until the hospital's second full 12-month cost report period beginning xx/xx/xxxx.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Title]