

the applicable calendar quarter list for the date of the beneficiary's admission to the SNF.

(c) *Financial liability for uncovered SNF services.* CMS will determine the financial liability for uncovered SNF services if, subsequent to an EPM hospital applying the SNF 3-day rule waiver under this section, an EPM hospital incorrectly applies the SNF 3-day rule waiver.

(1) If the EPM hospital discharges a beneficiary to a SNF that is not a qualified SNF under paragraph (b) of this section and provides the beneficiary with a discharge planning notice, as described at § 512.450(b)(3), to the beneficiary at the time of discharge to a SNF then the SNF coverage requirements apply and the beneficiary may be financially liable for uncovered SNF services.

(2) The EPM hospital will be financially liable for the SNF stay and the SNF must not bill the beneficiary for the costs of the uncovered SNF services furnished during the SNF stay if, subsequent to an EPM hospital applying the SNF 3-day rule waiver under this section, CMS determines the EPM hospital discharges a beneficiary—

(i) To a SNF that is not a qualified SNF under paragraph (b) of this section and the EPM hospital does not provide the beneficiary with a discharge planning notice, as described at § 512.450(b)(3)

(ii) That is in an EPM where the SNF 3-day rule waiver is not applicable under paragraph (a) of this section; or

(iii) Prior to October 4, 2018, where the SNF 3-day rule waiver is not applicable under paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) *Other requirements.* All other Medicare rules for coverage and payment of Part A-covered SNF services continue to apply.

**§ 512.615 Waiver of certain post-operative billing restrictions.**

(a) *Waiver to permit certain services to be billed separately during the 90-day post-operative global surgical period.* CMS waives the billing requirements for global surgeries to allow the separate billing of certain post-discharge home visits described under § 512.600, including those related to recovery

from the surgery, as described in paragraph (b) of this section, for episodes being tested in an EPM.

(b) *Services to which the waiver applies.* Up to the maximum post-discharge home visits for a specific EPM episode, as described in § 512.600(b)(5), including those related to recovery from the surgery, per EPM episode may be billed separately under Medicare Part B by the physician or non-physician practitioner, or by the participant hospital to which the physician or non-physician practitioner has reassigned his or her billing rights.

(c) *Other requirements.* All other Medicare rules for global surgery billing during the 90-day post-operative period continue to apply.

**§ 512.620 Waiver of deductible and co-insurance that otherwise apply to reconciliation payments or repayments.**

(a) *Waiver of deductible and coinsurance.* CMS waives the requirements of sections 1813 and 1833(a) of the Act for Medicare Part A and Part B payment systems only to the extent necessary to make reconciliation payments or receive repayments based on the NPRA that reflect the episode payment methodology under the final payment model for EPM participant hospitals.

(b) *Reconciliation payments or repayments.* Reconciliation payments or repayments do not affect the beneficiary cost-sharing amounts for the Medicare Part A and Part B services provided under an EPM.

**§ 512.630 Waiver of physician definition for furnishing cardiac rehabilitation and intensive cardiac rehabilitation services to an EPM beneficiary.**

(a) *General.* Section 410.49 of this chapter requires cardiac rehabilitation (CR) and intensive cardiac rehabilitation (ICR) services to be furnished under the direction of a physician as defined in § 410.49(a) of this chapter.

(b) *Waiver of the physician definition.* For a provider or supplier of CR and ICR services to an EPM beneficiary during an AMI and CABG episode, as defined in § 512.2, CMS waives the physician definition to allow the functions of supervising physician, prescribing exercise, and establishing, reviewing,