

## **\$1,000,000 Revenue Tip of the Month and IRM News**

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### **Focus**

Inpatient Admission Followed by Discharge or Death Prior to Room Assignment – Effective July 1, 2006.

### **Departmental Areas of Focus**

Emergency Department

### **Financial Impact**

\$68,301

### **The RMD Discovery Process**

With a written physician order for admission, if a patient is discharged or dies prior to a room assignment/occupation an appropriate room and board charge may be entered on the claim.

### **Corrective Action Taken**

Enter appropriate charge for room and board on the claim. You are not required to enter a charge and contractors cannot reject the claim if the charge is not submitted.

Source : CMS - <http://new.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R843CP.pdf>

### **Awareness and Process Impact**

Ensure room charges are applied regardless of death or discharge.

### **Application to Other Facilities**

Ensure staff is aware of recent legislative changes.

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