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In other news

The 27 percent Medicare rate cut for physicians isn't the only thing that got put off until March 1 in the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011.

Congress extended the exceptions process for therapy cap exemptions to March 1 as well in the law, notes CMS in an overview of the legislation. "Outpatient therapy service providers may continue to submit claims with the KX modifier, when an exception is appropriate, for services furnished on or after January 1, 2012, through February 29, 2012," CMS reminds providers.

New cap years began Jan. 1 for all beneficiaries. The cap amount is now \$1,880, CMS notes.

The OIG is expected to soon make compliance plans required for high-risk providers.

Brush up on your compliance plan basics with the OIG's new training podcast, "Implementing an Effective Compliance Program. The video and audio podcast describes six steps to implement and operate an effective compliance program in a health care entity. The podcast is at <http://go.usa.gov/5no%20>.