

Health Information Compliance Alert

Industry News: Feds Go Mainstream With New Podcast

If you prefer to listen to the news via podcast, then you are in for a treat. CMS recently jumped on the podcast bandwagon with a new policy-update launch.

After hearing from stakeholders on improving communication, the agency decided to introduce the podcast, which is more "modern" and "user-friendly," indicated CMS Administrator **Seema Verma** in a release about the new podcast. "The new Beyond the Policy podcast demonstrates our commitment to transparency and outreach by presenting CMS-related policies, updates, and innovations on as many platforms as possible."

The podcast, titled "CMS: Beyond the Policy," aired for the first time on Feb. 19 and focused on E/M changes addressed in the CY 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) that aim to reduce administrative burdens.

CMS did not relay any future topics or dates, but offered that "new episodes of the podcast will be released periodically and will welcome a range of subject-matter experts, stakeholders, and Administrator Verma herself," according to the agency.

The current podcast is available for download on iTunes and Google Play.

Read about "CMS: Beyond the Policy" at www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-launches-podcast-reach-stakeholders-modern-platform.