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“Changes to the Application and Re-Application Procedures for National Accrediting Organizations (AOs)

“In the proposed rule, CMS proposed to revise the application and re-application process for Accrediting Organizations (AOs), specifically related to transparency by requiring AOs to post provider/supplier survey reports and plans of corrections from CMS-approved accreditation programs on their public-facing websites. AOs currently do not make their survey reports and acceptable PoCs from their CMS-approved accreditation programs publicly available.

“After consideration of the public comments received, CMS decided that it would be best if the proposal was not finalized and instead, the proposal was withdrawn. CMS is committed to ensuring that patients have the ability to review the findings used to determine that a facility meets the health and safety standards required for Medicare participation. However, we believe further review, consideration, and refinement of this proposal is necessary to ensure that CMS establishes requirements, consistent with our statutory authority, that will inform patients and continue to support high quality care.”