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## Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Proposes Medicare Advantage Rate Cuts for 2015

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Today the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)** announced a proposed 3.55% cut to Medicare Advantage rates for 2015. The proposal was announced in CMS's <u>Advance Notice and draft Call Letter</u>.

CMS explained that the projection is based on a decline in per capita expenditures in fee-for-service Medicare. CMS also proposed a 5% quality bonus payment for Medicare Advantage organizations with four stars or above based on the CMS five-star quality rating system.

CMS will release the final rule outlining calendar year 2015 Medicare Advantage and Part D rates on April 7, 2014.

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