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## **CMS issues Transmittal 17 to the Provider Cost Reporting Forms and Instructions, Chapter 11 Form CMS-339**

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The HHA, 1728-94 was updated to Transmittal 17 by CMS, on October 7, 2016. Transmittal 17 is effective for cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2015. HFS was approved for Transmittal 17 on January 30, 2017 and anticipates the release of updated software February 10, 2017 ([approval letter](#)). On March 1, 2017 at 11:00 Pacific Time, HFS will be hosting a webinar addressing these new HHA changes that will be presented by industry expert, Tom Boyd, Simone Healthcare Consultants, and our very own Eric Swanson.

[Click here to register for the HFS 1728-94 Webinar with Thomas Boyd](#)

**This release updates the HFS 1728-94 to the HFS .mcrx file format and updated platform. This is backwards compatible. Users will receive notification when opening their existing .mcr files that the files will be converted to the new platform. No data will be lost and the user functionality will be the same. Of course, if you have any problems please contact us right away.**

Transmittal 17 was issued to implement the statutory requirement for hospice payment reform in §3132 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and to incorporate data previously reported on the Provider Cost Report Reimbursement Questionnaire, Form CMS-339.

Changes include:

- Addition of Worksheet S-2-1, to include questions previously required in Form CMS-339
- Removed obsolete Worksheets S-6 and J-1 through J-4.
- Removed obsolete Worksheets RH-1 through RH-2.
- Removed obsolete Worksheets FQ-1 through FQ-2.
- Addition of Worksheets S-5 Parts III & IV and Worksheets O through O-8 for any HHA based hospice with a cost reporting period beginning on or after October 1, 2015 AND ENDING on or after September 30, 2016.
- Effective for cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2014, HHA-based FQHCs will be required to complete a separate Form CMS-224-14.

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This information can be found on our Transmittal page [here](#).

The transmittal is available at the CMS website [here](#).

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