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MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO.
QI-2507A (Replaces QI-2507)
FFS 25-03A (Replaces FFS 25-03)

TO: QUEST Integration Health Plans

FROM: *for* Judy Mohr Peterson, PhD 
Med-QUEST Division Administrator

SUBJECT: RESCINDED PAYMENT SUSPENSION TO PROVIDER – SAMUEL MAHELONA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The purpose of this memo is to inform Health Plans that this memo replaces QI-2507 and FFS 25-03 previously issued on April 11, 2025, and that the mandatory denial of payment to Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital for new Medicare and Medicaid admissions is rescinded.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) letter dated April 28, 2025, supersedes and replaces previous CMS Imposition of Remedy notice dated January 28, 2025, in which CMS approved a certification/finding of noncompliance and imposed remedies based thereon. The Hawaii Department of Health, Office of Health Care Assurance completed a revisit at Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital and determined that the facility had obtained substantial compliance with all cited deficiencies. Subsequently, CMS determined that Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital was in compliance with the Federal requirements for nursing homes participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

As a result of this revised decision, CMS exercised its discretion and determined that the remedy should not go into effect. Mandatory denial of payment for new Medicare and Medicaid admissions from April 17, 2025, is rescinded.

Should you have any questions, please contact Megan Hironaka at mhironaka@dhs.hawaii.gov

Attachment(s)
CMS Notice, CMS Certification Number (CCN): 125029, dated April 28, 2025