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On Jan. 1, 2021, the hospital price transparency rule took effect, requiring hospitals and health systems to make public all standard charges, as well as 300 shoppable services in a consumer-friendly format. See IHA's summaries ([here](#) and [here](#)) as well as an IHA webinar [recording](#) for more information.

Earlier this week, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) confirmed that it began proactive audits of hospitals websites, as well as reviews of complaints submitted through the CMS Hospital Price Transparency [website](#). Audits began with large acute care hospitals, but CMS is now auditing a random sample of all acute care hospitals. CMS sent the first set of warning letters to non-compliant hospitals the week of April 19, and intends to continue to sending warning letters on a rolling basis.

CMS will not publicize the names of hospitals that received warning letters, but it will identify hospitals that remain out of compliance and receive a civil monetary penalty on its website.

Hospitals have 90 days to become compliant on issues identified in warning letters. CMS will re-review hospitals for compliance at the end of 90 days, and will either close out the case, issue a second warning letter or request a corrective action plan. Hospitals that remain noncompliant may be issued a civil monetary penalty of up to \$300 per day.

More information can be found on the CMS Hospital Price Transparency [website](#). Questions may be sent to CMS at PriceTransparencyHospitalCharges@cms.hhs.gov. Please send additional questions and comments [to IHA](#).

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