Question of the Week

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Q: Last week we had a question about the recent changes made to presumptive eligibility for Medicaid. We provided information available at the time on this topic; however, earlier this week we received additional information from federal CMS that further explains the implementation of hospital presumptive eligibility in Medicaid. That information is as follows:

A: CMS has issued an informational bulletin on the implementation of hospital presumptive eligibility (PE) in Medicaid, which includes resources intended to help states with implementing this provision of the Affordable Care Act. Click here to review the bulletin. Links to key resources highlighted in the document are listed below.

- A State Toolbox on the Medicaid.gov website that includes templates and background information on PE.

Answers to a number of frequently asked questions, including a clarification that services covered under the state plan rendered during the PE period will qualify for federal match regardless of the ultimate Medicaid eligibility decision.