

# Final 2018 Rate Announcement & Call Letter

## *Key Elements*

### **CMS percent change in payment estimate**

- *+0.45%, includes Growth Rate, Coding Intensity Adjustment, Normalization Factor*

### **Call for “Transformation Ideas”**

- *Request for proposals submitted by April 24*

### **Encounter Data as a diagnosis source**

- *15% Encounter Data, down from 25% in 2017*

### **Employer Group Waiver Plans**

- *Payment frozen at 2017 methodology*

### **Star Ratings System**

- *No major changes*

### **Benchmark Caps and FFS Part A & B Data Only**

- *No change in policy*