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FAH CONTINUES OPPOSITION TO "2 MIDNIGHT" INPATIENT ADMISSION STANDARD

The following statement was released today by Chip Kahn, President of the Federation of American Hospitals:

The Federation of American Hospitals continues to oppose CMS's "2 midnight" inpatient admission standard. Hospitals hoped that CMS would at least mitigate concerns with the implementation of the regulation. Instead, we are disappointed that CMS has failed to delay the implementation or modify it sufficiently.

Additionally, despite repeated requests from hospitals, CMS continues to ignore that it used flawed and arbitrary assumptions to justify its $200 million payment cut to hospitals, purportedly to achieve budget neutrality for the 2 midnight rule.

CMS should delay this rule, go back to the drawing board, and work with hospitals and other stakeholders to develop workable solutions.

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