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AAPM&R responds to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Request for Information (RFI) on expanding the role of Non-Physician Practitioners (NPPs) in Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs).

December 2018: AAPM&R Establishes Position Statement Defining a ‘Rehabilitation Physician’
AAPM&R’s Board approves a position statement with nuanced definitions for “Rehabilitation Physician” and “Director of Rehabilitation.” The position statement is published in the January 2019 issue of the PM&R Journal.

January 17, 2020: CMS RFI
AAPM&R submits comments expressing opposition to the CMS RFI regarding the President’s Executive Order mandate to reform the Medicare program, including eliminating supervision and licensure requirements for Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses under the Medicare program that are more stringent than other applicable federal or state laws.

May-June 2020: AAPM&R Members in Action
AAPM&R engages members and other stakeholders in a coordinated response to CMS. The Academy is leading the effort to unite all physiatrists, other medical specialties, patient coalition organizations, and additional key stakeholders to oppose this proposal.

June 2, 2020: Advocacy Open Forum – IRF Proposed Rule
AAPM&R will host an Advocacy Open Forum soliciting member perspectives and feedback to help mobilize our response to the proposal.

April 16, 2020: CMS Proposes to Allow NPPs to Perform Role of a Rehabilitation Physician
CMS releases a proposal in the IRF Prospective Payment System for Fiscal Year 2021 to allow NPPs to perform duties required to be performed by a Rehabilitation Physician.

October 2019: Trump Releases Executive Order
AAPM&R responds to President Trump’s Executive Order on Protecting and Improving Medicare for Our Nation’s Seniors, that includes a proposal to revise the supervision requirements and reimbursement of non-physician professionals, including Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners.

April 2019: AAPM&R Updates Position Statement on Advanced Practice Providers (APPs)
AAPM&R updates its position statement on Optimizing the Role of the Advanced Practice Provider in Physiatry-Led, Patient-Centered, Team-Based Care.

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