

# Issue Brief

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## CMS Finalizes Delay for CoPs for Home Health Agencies

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has issued a final rule that delays the effective date for the final rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies,” published in the *Federal Register* on January 13, 2017. The published effective date for the final rule was July 13, 2017, and this rule delays the effective date for an additional six months until January 13, 2018. This final rule also includes two conforming changes to dates that are included in the regulations text.

The 17-page rule will be published in the July 10th *Federal Register*.

CMS is adopting as final the provisions set forth in the January 2017 HHA CoPs final rule with the following modifications:

- Delaying the effective date for the January 2017 HHA CoPs final rule, which is currently set to take effect on July 13, 2017, until January 13, 2018.
- Revising the phase-in date for the requirements at §484.65(d) by replacing the January 13, 2018, date with a July 13, 2018 date.
- Replacing the July 13, 2017, effective date at §484.115(a)(1) and (2) with the effective date of January 13, 2018.

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