**Physician Information Sheet**

**New Medicare Bundle Payment Program – Starts October 1, 2018**

**What is this new program**

CMS has begun a new 90-day advanced bundle program for Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) patients with the goal of improving patient care. Patients will be receiving information about this program and you may get questions. This is to provide you with background information and a resource for patients to call.

Cooper University Health Care is participating in this new CMS program and will receive bundled payments for treatment of Medicare FFS patients for the below medical conditions. The goal of the program is to have Cooper actively manage the patient’s episode of care and coordinate with all providers during and after the patient’s hospital stay to improve clinical outcomes, decrease cost, and enhance patient and provider satisfaction.

**Medical Conditions & Episodes of Care Included**

All traditional Medicare FFS patients with the below conditions will be included in the bundle program.

1. *Acute myocardial infarction (AMI*
2. *Coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)*
3. *Cardiac arrhythmia*
4. *Pacemaker*
5. *Percutaneous coronary intervention (Inpatient)*
6. *Percutaneous coronary intervention (Outpatient)*
7. *Sepsis*

**Why Are Nurses Receiving This Notice**

Beginning on October 1, 2018, Cooper Medicare FFS patients, who are receiving care for any of the above conditions, will receive a notification from CMS while in the hospital. It will explain that they have been identified as a patient who is receiving care under this new program. Your patients may be confused by this notice and may ask you questions about the program and what it means to them.

**What Should You Do If You Receive Questions From Patients:**

You can tell the patient that the program is a new way Medicare pays Cooper to provide more coordinated care with other health care providers during and after their hospital stay to promote better clinical outcomes.

You can also direct patients to contact **Elizabeth Nice at 856.382.6874** for any additional questions.