

# In the News

## **Reminder of CMS Imposed Sequestration Payment Reductions That Began April 1, 2023**

As a reminder, beginning April 1, 2013, CMS imposed sequestration payment reductions of two percent to payments under the Medicare program, including to Medicare Advantage plans. Such sequestration reductions were suspended for dates of service May 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022. Sequestration payment reductions were phased back in with a one percent reduction for dates of service April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. For dates of service on and after July 1, 2022, CMS sequestration payment reductions have returned to two percent. Unless noted otherwise in your provider agreement, Medical Mutual applies a sequestration reduction to payments to providers in the same manner as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), as described in the provisions concerning sequestration in the Reimbursement sub-section of the Medicare Advantage section of the Provider Manual.