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STATEMENT ON TWO-MIDNIGHT POLICY

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Today, CMS tried but failed to provide the hospital field with much needed information on the two-midnight policy. Unfortunately, the agency's guidance only raises new questions and lacks clarity. Hospitals do not support the implementation of this regulation under these circumstances – too many aspects are fundamentally flawed. We believe that the only workable approach is to suspend this rule and immediately start dialog on a new policy direction that includes consideration of a payment option.

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