



## CMS Issues Proposed Rule on Radiation Oncology Model *Model Delayed Until Future Rulemaking*

On April 6, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule on the Radiation Oncology (RO) Model that proposes to delay the current start date of the RO Model from January 1, 2023 to a date to be determined through future rulemaking.

In the proposed rule, CMS states that it continues to believe that the RO Model would address longstanding concerns related to radiation therapy delivery and payment, including the lack of site neutrality for payments, incentives that encourage volume of services over the value of services, and coding and payment challenges.

In its proposal to delay the start date, CMS cites the two legislative delays, stakeholder comments indicating they would not support the RO Model unless specific changes were made, and the cost of continuing to fund preparation for implementation of the RO Model that is taking resources away from the development of other alternative payment models.

The deadline to submit public comment on the proposed delay of the RO Model is June 7, 2022.

To read the full text of the proposed rule, [CLICK HERE](#).