



The Compliance Checklist for Revenue Cycle Teams

Before your next leadership meeting, run through these items.

Each one represents a real audit point under the 2026 framework.

File Existence and Format

- Is the machine-readable file currently live on your public website?
 - Yes
 - No
- Does it use the CMS-required naming convention (e.g., <EIN>_<hospital-name>_standardcharges.json)?
 - Yes
 - No
- Is it accessible without login, registration, or CAPTCHA?
 - Yes
 - No
- Does it follow the current CMS schema – not last year's template?
 - Yes
 - No

Data Accuracy

- Are the negotiated rates in the file current with your active payer contracts?
 - Yes
 - No
- Has your team reconciled the file against your charge description master in the last 90 days?
 - Yes
 - No
- Are all payers and plan types represented – including self-pay and cash rates?
 - Yes
 - No
- Are the rates in your patient-facing cost estimator consistent with the machine-readable file?
 - Yes
 - No

Shoppable Services Display

- Does your consumer-facing display include at least 300 shoppable services?
 - Yes
 - No
- Does it produce a real estimate, not a disclaimer or range?
 - Yes
 - No
- Is the display directly linked from your hospital homepage?
 - Yes
 - No

Payment Infrastructure Alignment

- Can your payment system reflect the rates published in your transparency file at the point of collection?
 - Yes
 - No
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If you have unchecked boxes above, you have compliance exposure – not theoretical risk, but active daily fine risk.

Every mismatch between your published rates and collected payments creates risk—denials, rework, or fines.

CERTIFY Health closes that gap by aligning transparency data with real-time billing and payments.

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