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Announcement of Medicare Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Payment Rate Increases

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Providers submitting claims to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2007.
- The implementation date is January 2, 2007.
- MLN Matters article MM5435 is based on Change Request (CR) 5435 which provides instructions for the calendar year (CY) 2007 Payment Rate Increases for RHC and FQHC services.

CY2007 Payment Rate Increases for RHC Services

- The RHC upper payment limit per visit is **increased** from \$72.76 to \$74.29, effective January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007 (i.e., CY 2007).
- The 2007 rate reflects a **2.1 percent increase** over the 2006 payment limit in accordance with the rate of increase in the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) as authorized by the Social Security Act (§1833(f); http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1833.htm).

CY2007 Payment Rate Increases for FQHC Services

- The FQHC upper payment limit per visit for **urban FQHCs is increased** from \$112.96 to \$115.33, effective January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007 (i.e., CY 2007).
- The maximum Medicare payment limit per visit for **rural FQHCs is increased** from \$97.13 to \$99.17, effective January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007 (i.e. CY 2007).
- The 2007 FQHC rates reflect a **2.1 percent increase** over the 2006 rates in accordance with the rate of increase in the MEI.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5435.pdf> on the CMS web site.

The official instruction (CR5435) issued regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1126Cp.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If providers/suppliers have questions, they may contact their Medicare FI or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS web site.