



## 2010 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payments - JA6581

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**Contractors Affected**

- Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)
- Medicare Carriers
- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

**Provider Types Affected** Physicians and other providers who bill Medicare Carriers, FIs, or A/B MACs for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries in HPSAs

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Change Request (CR) 6581 alerts providers that the 2010 file will be posted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

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**Provider Needs to Know...**

- CMS will create a new automated HPSA bonus payment file for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010 and post it to the website in early December of 2009.
  - Providers will find the annual HPSA bonus payment file and other important HPSA information at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hpsapsaphysicianbonuses/> on the CMS website.
  - Providers should also review the CMS website to determine whether a HPSA bonus will automatically be paid for services provided in their ZIP code area or whether a modifier must be submitted.
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- Providers can determine if they are eligible for the automated payment by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HPSAPSAPhysicianBonuses/Downloads/instructions.pdf> on the CMS website and following the instructions on the page.
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**Background**

The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (Section 413(b)) mandated that the automated HPSA bonus payment files be updated annually.

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**Operational  
Impact**

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**Reference  
Materials**

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6581.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6581) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1789CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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