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News Flash – A new publication titled “Medicare Enrollment Guidelines for Ordering/Referring Providers” is now available in downloadable format from the Medicare Learning Network® at http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MedEnroll_OrderReferProv_FactSheet_ICN906223.pdf on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website. This fact sheet is designed to provide education on the Medicare enrollment requirements for eligible ordering/referring providers, and includes information on the three basic requirements for ordering and referring and who may order and refer for Medicare Part A Home Health Agency, Part B, and DMEPOS beneficiary services.

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2012 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payments

Provider Types Affected

This article is for physicians and other providers who bill Medicare contractors (carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), or Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

What You Need to Know

Change Request (CR) 7517, from which this article is taken, alerts providers that the annual HPSA bonus payment file for 2012 will be made available by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to your Medicare contractor and will be used for HPSA bonus payments on applicable claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. These files will be posted to the internet on or about December 1, 2011. Physician and other providers should review <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hpsapsaphysicianbonuses> each year to determine whether they need to add the AQ modifier to their claim in order to receive the bonus payment, or

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to see if the ZIP code area in which they rendered services will automatically receive the HPSA bonus payment.

Background

The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (Section 413(b)) mandated that the automated HPSA bonus payment files be updated annually. CMS creates a new automated HPSA bonus payment file and provides it to your Medicare contractors each year.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7517 issued to your carrier, A/B MAC, and FI regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2274CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

You will find annual HPSA files (as they become available) and other important HPSA information at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hpsapsaphysicianbonuses> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, A/B MAC, or FI at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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