



Update to Rural Health Clinic (RHC) All Inclusive Rate (AIR) Payment Limit for Calendar Year (CY) 2018

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This MLN Matters Article is intended for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The RHC payment limit per visit for Calendar Year (CY) 2018 is \$83.45 effective January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The CY 2018 RHC payment limit reflects a 1.4 percent increase above the CY 2017 payment limit of \$82.30.

BACKGROUND

Medicare Part B payment to RHCs is 80 percent of the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR), subject to a payment limit for medically necessary medical, and qualified preventive face-to-face visits with a practitioner and a Medicare beneficiary for RHC services. As authorized by Section 1833(f) of the Social Security Act (the Act), the payment limits for a subsequent year shall be increased in accordance with the rate of increase in the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). Based on historical data through second quarter 2017, the CY 2018 MEI is 1.4 percent. The RHC payment limit per visit for CY 2018 is \$83.45 effective January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The CY 2018 RHC payment limit reflects a 1.4 percent increase above the CY 2017 payment limit of \$82.30.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR10333, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2017Downloads/R3919CP.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/>.

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