



News Flash – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has launched its website for agency-wide information and education on Versions 5010, D.0 and 3.0. As you may already know, Version 5010 is the new version of the X12 standards for HIPAA transactions; version D.0 is the new version of the National Council for Prescription Drug Program (NCPDP) standards for pharmacy and supplier transactions; and version 3.0 is a new NCPDP standard for Medicaid pharmacy subrogation. Visit the new website at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/HIPAA-Administrative-Simplification/Versions5010andD0/index.html> to view background information on the new standards, regulatory information, the latest outreach messages from CMS, educational resources, resources specific to D.0 and 3.0, as well as implementation information for the Medicare Fee-For-Service systems. CMS plans to add additional information as it becomes available so bookmark the site today!

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

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and other providers who bill Medicare Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FI), or Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries in HPSAs.

What You Need to Know

Change Request (CR) 6581, from which this article is taken, alerts providers that the 2010 file will be posted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

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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 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.

You will find the annual HPSA bonus payment file and other important HPSA information at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HPSAPSAPhysicianBonuses/index.html> on the CMS website. You should also review the CMS website to determine whether a HPSA bonus will automatically be paid for services provided in your ZIP code area or whether a modifier must be submitted. You can determine if you are eligible for the automated payment by going to <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HPSAPSAPhysicianBonuses/downloads/instructions.pdf> on the CMS website and following the instructions on the page.

Additional Information

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare MAC, carrier, or FI at their toll-free number which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6581) issued to your MAC, carrier, and/or FI may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1789CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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