



News Flash – The publication titled The Medicare Overpayment Collection Process (revised July 2010) (previously titled What Physicians and Other Suppliers Should Know About Medicare Overpayments), which provides the definition of an overpayment and information about the collection of Medicare physician and supplier overpayments, is now available in downloadable format from the Medicare Learning Network® at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/OverpaymentBrochure508-09.pdf> on the CMS website.

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Note: This article was updated on December 10, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

2011 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payments

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and other providers who bill Medicare contractors (Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FI), 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) 7139, from which this article is taken, alerts providers that the annual HPSA bonus payment file 2011 file will be made available by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to your Medicare contractor on November 15, 2010. This file will be used for HPSA bonus payments on applicable claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011.

Background

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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 by early December of each year.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 7139 issued to your carrier, A/B MAC, and DME/MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R2054CP.pdf> on the CMS website. You will find annual HPSA files (as they become available) and other important HPSA information at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HPSAPSAPhysicianBonuses/index.html> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, A/B MAC, or DME MAC 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.

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