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Attention Physicians and Providers!



Medicare will delay claims payments during the last 9 days of fiscal year 2006 (September 22 through September 30).

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Related Change Request (CR) #: 5237

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Effective Date: January 1, 2007

Related CR Transmittal #: R1021CP

Implementation Date: January 2, 2007

2007 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payments

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and providers submitting claims to Medicare carriers and fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for services provided in HPSAs

Impact on Providers

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5237, which alerts affected physicians, providers, carriers, and FIs that the new HPSA bonus payment information for 2007 will soon be available.

Background

The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (Section 413(b)) mandated an annual update to the automated HPSA bonus payment files, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) creates these new automated HPSA bonus payment files annually.

CR5237 instructs carriers and FIs to use the new HPSA bonus payment file for the automated bonus payment for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007.

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In addition, CMS is notifying affected physicians/providers that it will post the new HPSA information to the CMS website on or about October 1, 2006.

Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your carrier or FI regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1021CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier/FI at their toll-free number, which may be found on the CMS website 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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