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Transmittal 2800, dated October 25, 2013, is being rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 2834 to insert the final 2014 MEI update and payment rates. All other information remains the same.

SUBJECT: Announcement of Medicare Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) Payment Rate Increases

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This Recurring Update Notification provides instructions for the calendar year (CY) 2014 Payment Rate Increases for Rural Health Clinics (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) services that can be found in Chapter 9, section 20 of the IOM.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 6, 2014

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

For Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and/or Carriers:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractors activities are to be carried out with their operating budgets

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC statement of Work. The contractor is not obliged to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Number	Requirement	Responsibility											
		A/B MAC			D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H					F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	rural (111.67) areas.												
8469.3	Contractors shall not retroactively adjust individual RHC/FQHC bills paid at previous upper payment limits	X				X							

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility							
		A/B MAC			D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Other
		A	B	H H H					
8469.4	MLN Article : A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X							

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

	None.
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Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information:

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Corinne Axelrod, 410-786-5620 or corinne.axelrod@cms.hhs.gov

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) or Contractor Manager, as applicable.

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