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Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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	Change Request 6150

SUBJECT: 2009 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payments

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: HPSA bonuses are payable for services furnished by physicians in areas designated as HPSAs. The CMS automated ZIP code file shall be populated using the latest designations made as close as possible to November 1 of each year. This yearly update Change Request will provide the name of the test file and the name of the final file for the HPSA bonus payments for 2009. The attached Recurring Update Notification applies to Chapter 4, §250.2.2, and Chapter 12, §90.4.5.

New / Revised Material

Effective Date: January 1, 2009

Implementation Date: January 5, 2009

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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:

SECTION A: For Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

SECTION B: 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 obligated 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.*

Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: A new automated HPSA bonus payment file is created annually. This Change Request provides the name of the new file.

B. Policy: Section 413(b) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 mandated an annual update to the automated HPSA bonus payment file. CMS automated HPSA ZIP code file shall be populated using the latest designations as close as possible to November 1 of each year. The HPSA ZIP code file shall be made available to contractors in early December of each year. Contractors shall implement the HPSA ZIP code file and for claims with dates of service January 1 to December 31 of the following year, shall make automatic HPSA bonus payments to physicians providing eligible services in a ZIP code contained on the file.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Use "Shall" to denote a mandatory requirement

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)										
		A / B M A C	D M M A C	F I I E R	C A R R I E R	D M R C	R H H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
								F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
6150.1	For 2009, the contractors shall download the new HPSA bonus payment test file with the following file name: MUOO.@AAA2390.ZIP.HPSA2009.TEST	X		X	X			X	X			
6150.1.1	The test file will be available on November 10, 2008.	X		X	X			X	X			
6150.2	For 2009, the contractors shall download the new HPSA bonus payment file with the following file name: MUOO.@AAA2390.ZIP.HPSA2009.ALL	X		X	X			X	X			
6150.2.1	The file will be available on November 14, 2008.	X		X	X			X	X			
6150.2.1.1	Contractors shall use this file for the automated bonus payment for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2009,	X		X	X			X	X			

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		A / B M A C	D M E M A C	F I	C A R R I E R	D M E R C	R H H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
								F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	through December 31, 2009.											
6150.3	Contractors shall continue to accept the AQ modifier for partially designated HPSA claims.	X		X	X			X	X			
6150.4	Contractors shall continue to review samples of paid claims submitted using the AQ modifier.	X			X			X				

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)										
		A / B M A C	D M E M A C	F I	C A R R I E R	D M E R C	R H H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
								F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
6150.5	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/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 site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your 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		X	X							

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below:

Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

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All	CR 6106 Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payment Policy Changes

B. For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate CMS Regional Office

VI. FUNDING

Section A: For *Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Carriers, and Regional Home Health Carriers (RHHIs)* use only one of the following statements:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

Section B: For *Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)*, use the following statement:

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