SUBJECT: Update to Nursing and Allied Health (N&AH) Education Medicare Advantage (MA) Payment Rates - Calendar Year (CY) 2019

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This CR provides the MACs with the rates for computing the Calendar Year 2019 nursing and allied health Medicare Advantage add-on payments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 19, 2021
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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: November 19, 2021

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)
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III. FUNDING:
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IV. ATTACHMENTS:
One Time Notification
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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Change Request (CR) 11642, transmittal 10315, issued August 21, 2020, titled "Updates to Nursing and Allied Health Education Medicare Advantage Payment Policies," provided the MACs with instructions on how to compute and/or reconcile nursing and allied health Medicare Advantage add-on payments for CY 2002 through 2018. This CR provides the MACs with the rates for computing the CY 2019 nursing and allied health Medicare Advantage add-on payments.

B. Policy: All policy in this CR remains the same as in CR 11642; MACs shall refer to CR 11642 for instructions on how to implement the CY 2019 nursing and allied health Medicare Advantage add-on payments. Following is a table containing the rates for the CY 2019 nursing and allied health Medicare Advantage add-on payments.

CY 2019

MA N&AH POOL: $60,000,000

Fee-for-Service (FFS) N&AH Payments: $262,043.840

FFS INPATIENT DAYS: 62,649,285

MA INPATIENT DAYS: 8,481,459

(FFS N&AH/FFS INPATIENT DAYS) X MA INPATIENT DAYS: 35,475,490

PERCENT REDUCTION TO MA DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION DGME PAYMENTS: 4.07%

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.
### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

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### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Section A:** Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

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**Section B:** All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

### V. CONTACTS

**Pre-Implementation Contact(s):** Miechal Kriger, miechal.kriger@cms.hhs.gov

**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

### VI. FUNDING

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