

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 12837</b>	<b>Date: September 13, 2024</b>
	<b>Change Request 13789</b>

**SUBJECT: 2025 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payments**

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**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 6, 2025**

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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.*

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

**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**

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**II. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. Background:** A new automated HPSA bonus payment file is created annually. This change request provides the name of the new file. This recurring update notification applies to Chapter 4, Section 250.2 and Chapter 12, Section 90.4.2.

**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. The 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, contractors shall make automatic HPSA bonus payments to physicians providing eligible services in a ZIP code contained on the file.

**III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE**

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.*

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DM E MA C	Shared-System Maintainers				Oth er
		A	B	HH H		FIS S	MC S	VM S	CW F	
13789.1	For 2025, the contractors shall download the new HPSA bonus payment test file with the following file name: MU00.@AAA2390.ZIP.HPSA2025.TEST  The contractors also include the VDCs.	X	X							
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13789.2	For 2025, the contractors shall download the new HPSA bonus	X	X							

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	payment final file with the following file name: MU00.@AAA2390.ZIP.HPSA2025.ALL  The contractors also include the VDCs.									
13789.2.1	CMS shall make available the final file on or about November 7, 2024.									CM S
13789.2.1.1	Contractors shall use this file for the automated bonus payment for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.	X	X							
13789.3	Contractors shall continue to accept the AQ modifier for partially designated HPSA claims.	X	X							
13789.4	Contractors shall continue to review samples of paid claims submitted with the AQ modifier.		X							

**IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE**

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	CEDI
		A	B	HHH		
13789.5	Medicare Learning Network® (MLN): CMS will develop and release national provider education content and market it through the MLN Connects® newsletter shortly after we issue the CR. MACs shall link to relevant information on your website and follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1 for distributing the newsletter to providers. When you follow this manual section, you don't need to separately track and report MLN content releases. You may supplement with your local educational content after we release the newsletter.	X	X			

**V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

<b>X-Ref Requirement Number</b>	<b>Recommendations or other supporting information:</b>
	N/A

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

## **VI. CONTACTS**

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

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