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	Change Request 14334

SUBJECT: January 2026 Annual Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) Monthly Facility Payment Amount

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to furnish the annual REH monthly facility payment amount for Calendar Year (CY) 2026.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 5, 2026

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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	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to furnish the annual REH monthly facility payment amount for Calendar Year (CY) 2026.

B. Policy: Section 1834(x)(2) of the Act requires an additional facility payment be paid monthly to an REH. In the CY 2023 Outpatient Prospective Payment System/Ambulatory Surgical Center (OPPS/ASC) final rule, CMS finalized the annual additional facility payment amount for CY 2023, consistent with the requirements for this payment provided in section 125 of the Consolidation Appropriations Act, 2021, and codified in our regulation text at 42 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 419.92(b)(1).

Pursuant to section 1834(x)(2)(B)(ii) and CMS's implementing regulations at 42 CFR 419.92(b)(2), for CY 2024 and each subsequent calendar year, the amount of the additional annual facility payment is the amount of the preceding year's additional annual facility payment, increased by the hospital market basket percentage increase as described under section 1886(b)(3)(B)(iii) of the Act. Pursuant to CMS's implementing regulations at 42 CFR 419.92(b), the REH monthly facility payment for CY 2024 and subsequent calendar years is equal to 1/12 of the applicable annual facility payment amount.

The CY 2026 REH monthly facility payment amount before sequestration is removed is: \$301,073.

The CY 2026 REH monthly facility payment amount after sequestration is removed is: \$295,051.54. This is the facility payment amount that is to be applied monthly for all REH providers.

III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
14334.1	Contractors shall apply the calendar year 2026 REH monthly facility payment amount, after sequestration is removed, to all REH providers, each month on the remit for the last day of the month, effective January 1, 2026.					X					

IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION

None

Impacted Contractors: None

V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
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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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