

MLN Matters Number: MM5698 **Revised**

Related Change Request (CR) #: 5698

Related CR Release Date: December 28, 2007

Effective Date: January 1, 2008

Related CR Transmittal #: R1404CP

Implementation Date: January 7, 2008

2008 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payment

Note: This article was revised on December 31, 2007, to reflect that CR5698 was revised. The CR release date, transmittal number and Web address for accessing CR5698 were changed. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and providers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), carriers, and fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for services provided in HPSAs.

Impact on Providers

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5698, which alerts affected physicians, carriers, A/B MACs and FIs that the new HPSA bonus payment information for 2008 will be available soon. This article is informational only for physicians that the 2008 automated bonus payments applies to claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Background

The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (Section 413(b)) mandated an annual update to the automated HPSA bonus payment files, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) creates these new automated HPSA bonus payment files annually. The 2008 HPSA bonus payment file will be used for the automated bonus payment for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008. Physicians and providers should review the CMS website to determine whether a HPSA bonus will

Disclaimer

This article was prepared as a service to the public and is not intended to grant rights or impose obligations. This article may contain references or links to statutes, regulations, or other policy materials. The information provided is only intended to be a general summary. It is not intended to take the place of either the written law or regulations. We encourage readers to review the specific statutes, regulations and other interpretive materials for a full and accurate statement of their contents.

automatically be paid for services provided in their ZIP code area or whether a modifier must be submitted.

In addition, physicians will find annual HPSA bonus payment files, as they become available, and other important HPSA information at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hpsapsaphysicianbonuses/> on the CMS website.

Additional Information

The official instruction (CR5698) issued to your Medicare A/B MAC, carrier, or FI is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1404CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

For the CMS information about HPSA/PSA (Physician Bonuses), you may visit: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HPSAPSAPhysicianBonuses/> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare A/B MAC, carrier, or FI at their toll-free number which may be found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

Disclaimer

This article was prepared as a service to the public and is not intended to grant rights or impose obligations. This article may contain references or links to statutes, regulations, or other policy materials. The information provided is only intended to be a general summary. It is not intended to take the place of either the written law or regulations. We encourage readers to review the specific statutes, regulations and other interpretive materials for a full and accurate statement of their contents.