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CHANGE REQUEST 3318

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Change Request (CR) 3318, full replacement of CR 3223, Implementation of the Analysis and Design Phases of the Physician Scarcity Bonus. CR 3318 rescinds CR 3223.

Section 413(a) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) requires that a new 5% bonus payment be established for physicians in designated physician scarcity areas. Due to the large number of hours that will be required for MCS to implement this CR, the action described in this CR will be completed over 2 releases for the MCS standard system and associated carriers. This CR implements the implementation and design phases of the CR for the October release. A separate CR will be released to implement the coding, testing, and implementation phases with the January release for MCS. A separate CR will also be released instructing VIPS to implement the physician scarcity bonus payment for the January release.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2005

***IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 4, 2004**

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply to the red italicized material only. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N	12/Table of Contents
N	12/90.5 /Billing and Payment in a Physician Scarcity Area (PSA)
N	12/90.5.1/Provider Education
N	12/90.5.2 /Identifying Physician Scarcity Area Locations
N	12/90.5.3/Claims Coding Requirements
N	12/90.5.4/Payment
N	12/90.5.5/ Services Eligible for the Physician Scarcity Bonus
N	12/90.5.5.1/Remittance Messages
N	12/90/5.6/Post-payment Review
N	12/90/5.7/Administrative and Judicial Review

***III. FUNDING:**

These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

X	Business Requirements
X	Manual Instruction
X	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification
	Recurring Update Notification

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