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CHANGE REQUEST 3736

SUBJECT: Clarification to the Health Professional Shortage Area Language in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This CR clarifies language in the manual that contractors may have been interpreting in a way that would limit payment of the mental health HPSA bonus to a specific group of services. The manual is being revised to indicate that the bonus is payable for all professional services provided by a psychiatrist in a mental health HPSA that he is licensed to provide. Contractors shall review any over payment actions taken on mental health HPSAs and take action to cancel the overpayment recoupment action or return any overpayments already collected as necessary.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE*: May 16, 2005

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 16, 2005

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: (N/A if manual not updated.)
(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED) – (Only One Per Row.)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
R	12/90.4.5/ Services Eligible for HPSA and Physician Scarcity Bonus Payments

III. FUNDING: Medicare contractors shall implement these instructions within their current operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

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

***Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.**