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NOTE: Transmittal 547, dated April 29, 2005, is being rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 556, dated May 6, 2005.

SUBJECT: Revision to the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and Physician Scarcity Area (PSA) Payment Rules

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This revision will allow the payment of the bonus on just the professional component of services that have a professional component/technical component indicator of 1, (Diagnostic Services or Radiology Services), even when a global service code is submitted. Carriers shall continue to reject as unprocessable services that have a PC/TC of 4. This Change Request also creates a process whereby physicians can choose to not receive any PSA or HPSA bonus payments on services that would otherwise be eligible.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :

EFFECTIVE DATE : For claims received on or after October 01, 2005

IMPLEMENTATION DATE : October 03, 2005

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. 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 is not updated)

R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED – Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / SubSection / Title
R	12/90/90.4.5/Services Eligible for HPSA and Physician Scarcity Bonus Payments

III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Business Requirements

Manual Instruction

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