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	Change Request 8463

SUBJECT: 2014 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payments

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This change request provides files for the automated payments of HPSA bonuses for dates of service January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. This Recurring Update Notification applies to Chapter 4, Section 250.2 and Chapter 12, Section 90.4.2.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014
IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 6, 2014

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)
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R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	

III. FUNDING:
For Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and/or Carriers:
No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractors activities are to be carried out with their operating budgets

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):
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IV. ATTACHMENTS:
Recurring Update Notification
**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: A new automated HPSA bonus payment file is created annually. This change request provides the name of the new file. This Recurring Update Notification applies to Chapter 4, Section 250.2 and Chapter 12, Section 90.4.2.

B. Policy: Section 413(b) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 mandated an annual update to the automated HPSA bonus payment file. CMS automated HPSA ZIP code file shall be populated using the latest designations as close as possible to November 1 of each year. The HPSA ZIP code file shall be made available to contractors in early December of each year. Contractors shall implement the HPSA ZIP code file and for claims with dates of service January 1 to December 31 of the following year, shall make automatic HPSA bonus payments to physicians providing eligible services in a ZIP code contained on the file.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility											
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	FI	CARRIER	RHHI	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH					FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
8463.1	For 2014, the contractors shall download the new HPSA bonus payment test file with the following file name: MU00.@AAA2390.ZIP.HPSA2014.TEST	X	X			X	X						EDCs
8463.1.1	The test file will be available on November 1, 2013.	X	X			X	X						EDCs
8463.2	For 2014, the contractors shall download the new HPSA bonus payment file with the following file name: MU00.@AAA2390.ZIP.HPSA2014.ALL	X	X			X	X						EDCs
8463.2.1	The file will be available on November 1, 2013.	X	X			X	X						EDCs
8463.2.1.1	Contractors shall use this file for the automated bonus payment for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014.	X	X			X	X						EDCs

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8463.3	Contractors shall continue to accept the AQ modifier for partially designated HPSA claims.	X	X			X	X						EDCs
8463.4	Contractors shall continue to review samples of paid claims submitted the AQ modifier.	X	X			X	X						EDCs

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility							
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	FI	CARRIER	RHHI	Other
		A	B	HHH					
8463.5	MLN Article : A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X	X			X	X		

IV. 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:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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