



2022 Annual Update for the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payments

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physician and other providers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services for Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

This Article tells you that CMS will provide your MAC with files for the automated payments of HPSA bonuses for dates of service from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. Make sure your billing staff knows about this update.

Background

We make a new automated HPSA bonus payment file annually. [Section 413\(b\) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003](#) mandates this annual update. We update the CMS-automated HPSA ZIP code file using the latest designations as close as possible to November 1 each year. MACs will implement the HPSA ZIP code file. For claims with dates of service from January 1 to December 31, 2022, MACs will make automatic HPSA bonus payments to physicians providing eligible services in a ZIP code on the file.

MACs will continue to accept the AQ modifier for partially designated HPSA claims.

More Information

We issued [CR 12367](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

An [Overview of sections 413 \(a\) and \(b\) of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act \(MMA\) of 2003](#) is available.

For more information, contact your [MAC](#).

Document History

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September 9, 2021	Initial article released.

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