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Change Request 4265

SUBJECT: Update to Payment Rates for Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institution Services Furnished in the Home, Calendar Year 2006

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This instruction provides the home health visit rates for each of the Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions enrolled in the Medicare program.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :

EFFECTIVE DATE : January 1, 2006

IMPLEMENTATION DATE : February 13, 2006

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
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III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Section 706 of Medicare Modernization Act extended coverage to Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institution (RNHCI) items and services that are provided in a beneficiary’s home. This benefit is available on a time-limited basis, covering services provided in calendar years 2005 and 2006. The implementing instructions for the RNHCI home services benefit were published November 5, 2004 in Change Request (CR) 3529, Transmittal 357 of Medicare Claims Processing Manual and Transmittal 25 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual. Those transmittals also included payment rates for RNHCI home visits for calendar year 2005.

B. Policy: CMS is updating the payment rates for RNHCI home visits for calendar year 2006. The per-visit payment rates for the wage-index areas contained RNHCI facilities are included in the attachment below. All other provisions of the RNHCI home services benefit, as defined in CR 3529, are unchanged.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

“Shall” denotes a mandatory requirement
“Should” denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F	R	C	D	Shared System Maintainers				Other
		I	H	A	M	F	M	V	C	
		I	H	R	E	S	S	S	W	
		I	I	I	C	S	S	F	F	
4265.1	The RNHCI specialty intermediary shall update each RNHCI’s home service per-visit payment rate for calendar year 2006, using the rates in the attachment.									RNHCI Specialty Intermediary

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)						
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		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
4265.2	The RNHCI specialty intermediary shall post this entire instruction, or a direct link to this instruction, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the release of this instruction. In addition, the entire instruction must be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin and incorporated into any educational events on this topic.									

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Other Instructions: N/A**
- B. Design Considerations: N/A**
- C. Interfaces: N/A**
- D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A**
- E. Dependencies: N/A**
- F. Testing Considerations: N/A**

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p>Effective Date*: January 1, 2006</p> <p>Implementation Date: February 13, 2006</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Wil Gehne (claims processing), 410-786-6148 or Jean-Marie Moore (policy), 410-786-3508</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Regional Offices</p>	<p>No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.</p>
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Attachment

Attachment – Facility Specific Per-Visit Rates for RNHCI Nursing Services for Services Provided in Calendar Year 2006.

Facility CBSA Area	2006 Wage Index Value	Facility Wage-Adjusted Labor Portion	Facility Non-Labor Portion	Total Facility Per-Visit Rate
14484	1.1368	32.13	8.55	40.68
50196	1.0606	29.97	8.55	38.52
17460	0.9198	25.99	8.55	34.54
50204	0.9867	27.88	8.55	36.43
50207	1.0217	28.87	8.55	37.42
50211	1.0723	30.30	8.55	38.85
33460	1.1075	31.30	8.55	39.85
31084	1.1783	33.30	8.55	41.85
33340	1.0146	28.67	8.55	37.22
50287	1.3326	37.66	8.55	46.21
36740	0.9464	26.75	8.55	35.30
41740	1.1413	32.25	8.55	40.80
41884	1.4994	42.37	8.55	50.92
42644	1.1572	32.70	8.55	41.25
47894	1.0951	30.95	8.55	39.50
45300	0.9233	26.09	8.55	34.64
41180	0.8958	25.32	8.55	33.87
50244	0.9893	36.42	8.55	44.97

Notes:

- National base RNHCI nursing rate is \$36.81.
- Labor portions are calculated as follows: $\$36.81 \times .76775 \times \text{facility's wage index value}$.
- Non-labor portions are calculated as follows: $\$36.81 \times .23225 = \8.55 .
- Facility per-visits rates are the sum of the labor and non-labor portions.
- CBSA areas refer to a Core-Based Statistical Area code or a special wage index code. These wage area designations for individual counties are used in accordance with the calendar year 2006 home health prospective payment system update regulation.