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## *Bonus Payments for Services in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)*

### Provider Types Affected

Critical Access Hospitals and Psychiatrists

### Provider Action Needed

This instruction clarifies MM3108 by adding Critical Access Hospital (CAHs) as eligible for the mental health HPSA bonus payment. This bonus is designed for psychiatric services rendered in an eligible CAH. To be eligible, the CAH must receive payment under the Optional Method (Method II) payment rules and is located in a mental health area.

### Background

If a CAH, which has elected the Optional Method (Method II), is located within a mental health HPSA, psychiatrists providing (outpatient) professional services in the CAH are eligible for the Mental Health HPSA bonus payments. When billing for this service, the CAH must bill using Revenue Code 961 plus the applicable HCPCS.

This Mental Health HPSA bonus will be paid to the CAH on a quarterly basis by their Medicare Fiscal Intermediary (FI). Also, the CAH should note that if their area is designated as both a mental health HPSA and a primary medical care HPSA, only one 10% bonus payment will be paid for the service.

### Additional Information

This change will be implemented by your FI on July 6, 2004 and will apply to services rendered on or after July 1, 2004. To view the actual instruction issued to your FI, go to:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm\\_trans/R203CP.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R203CP.pdf)

Also, please see the related article, MM3108, at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters/mmarticles/2004/MM3108.pdf>

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