

## Part 199.14

### Provider Reimbursement Methods

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**(a) Hospitals.**

- (1) CHAMPUS Diagnosis Related Group (DRG)-based payment system.
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    - (E) Adjustments to the DRG-based payments amounts.
    - (F) Updating the adjusted standardized amounts.
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- (2) CHAMPUS mental health per diem payment system.
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    - (B) Services covered.
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- (v) Higher volume hospitals.
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  - (C) Special retrospective payment provision for new hospitals.
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- (vii) Leave days.
- (viii) Exemptions from the CHAMPUS mental health per diem payment system.
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  - (B) DRG 424.
  - (C) Non-mental health services.
  - (D) Sole community hospitals (SCHs).
  - (E) Hospitals outside the U.S.
- (ix) Payment for psychiatric and substance use disorder rehabilitation partial hospitalization services, intensive outpatient psychiatric and substance use disorder services and opioid treatment services--
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  - (B) Services which may be billed separately.
- (3) Reimbursement for inpatient services provided by a CAH.
- (4) Billed charges and set rates.
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- (6) Hospital outpatient services.
  - (i) Outpatient Services Not Subject to Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).
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    - (B) Rehabilitation therapy services.
    - (C) Venipuncture.
    - (D) Radiology services.
    - (E) Diagnostic services.
    - (F) Ambulance services.
    - (G) Durable medical equipment (DME) and supplies.
    - (H) Oxygen and related supplies.
    - (I) **Drugs administered other than by oral method.**
    - (J) Professional provider services.
    - (K) Facility charges.
    - (L) Ambulatory surgery services.
  - (ii) **Outpatient services subject to OPSS--**
    - (A) **General.**
    - (E) **Temporary transitional payment adjustments (TTPAs).**
  - (iii) Outpatient Services Subject to CAH Reasonable Cost Method.
  - (iv) CAH Ambulance Services.
- (7) Reimbursement for inpatient services provided by an SCH.
- (8) General temporary military contingency payment adjustment for SCHs and CAHs.
- (9) Reimbursement for inpatient services provided by a Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH).
  - (iii) Exemption.
- (10) Reimbursement for inpatient services provided by Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRF).
  - (iv) Exemption.

- (b) Skilled nursing facilities (SNFs).**
  - (1) Use of Medicare prospective payment system and rates.
  - (2) Payment in full.
  - (3) Education costs.
  - (4) Resident assessment data.
  
- (c) Reimbursement for Other Than Hospitals and SNFs.**
  
- (d) Payment of institutional facility costs for ambulatory surgery.**
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  - (3) Calculation of standard payment rates.
    - (i) Step 1: Calculate a median standardized cost for each procedure.
    - (ii) Step 2: Grouping procedures.
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  - (4) Multiple procedures.
  - (5) Annual updates.
  - (6) Recalculation of rates.
  
- (e) Reimbursement of Birthing Centers.**
  
- (f) Reimbursement of Residential Treatment Centers.**
  
- (g) Reimbursement of hospice programs.**
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    - (i) Routine home care.
    - (ii) Continuous home care.
    - (iii) Inpatient respite care.
    - (iv) General inpatient care.
    - (v) Date of discharge.
  - (2) Use of Medicare rates.
  - (3) Physician reimbursement.
    - (i) Physicians employed by, or contracted with, the hospice.
    - (ii) Independent attending physician.
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  - (4) Unrelated medical treatment.
  - (5) Cap amount.
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  - (7) Hospice reporting responsibilities.
  - (8) Reconsideration of cap amount and inpatient limit.
  - (9) Beneficiary cost-sharing.
  
- (h) Reimbursement of Home Health Agencies (HHAs).**
  - (1) Split percentage payments.
  - (2) Low-utilization payment.
  - (3) Partial episode payment (PEP).
  - (4) Significant change in condition (SCIC).
  - (5) Outlier payment.

- (6) Services paid outside the HHA prospective payment system.
  - (i) Durable medical equipment (DME).
  - (ii) Osteoporosis drugs.
- (7) Accelerated payments.
  - (i) Approval of payment.
  - (ii) Amount of payment.
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- (8) Assessment data.
- (9) Administrative review.

**(i) Changes in Federal Law affecting Medicare.**

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  - (i) Introduction--
    - (A) In general.
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    - (C) Limits on balance billing by nonparticipating providers.
    - (D) Special rule for TRICARE Prime Enrollees.
    - (E) Special rule for certain TRICARE Standard Beneficiaries.
  - (ii) Prevailing charge level.
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    - (A) Step 1: Procedures classified.
    - (B) Step 2: Calculating appropriate charge levels.
    - (C) Special rule for cases in which the CHAMPUS appropriate charge was prematurely reduced.
    - (D) Special rule for cases in which the national CMAC is less than the Medicare rate.
  - (iv) Calculating CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charge levels for localities.
    - (A) In general.
    - (B) Special locality-based phase-in provision.
    - (C) Special locality-based waivers of reductions to assure adequate access to care.
    - (D) Special locality-based exception to applicable CMACs to assure adequate beneficiary access to care.
    - (E) Special locality-based exception to applicable CMACs to ensure an adequate TRICARE Prime preferred network.
  - (v) Special rules for 1991.
  - (vi) Special transition rule for 1992.
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- (3) All-inclusive rate.
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**(k) Reimbursement of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS).**

- (l) Reimbursement Under the Military-Civilian Health Services Partnership Program.**
  - (1) Reimbursement of institutional health care providers.
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- (m) Accommodation of Discounts Under Provider Reimbursement Methods.**
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