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§401, §401(d)(2)	Equalizing Urban and Rural Standardized Payment Amounts Under Medicare IPPS	- MM3158 (April 5, 2004)	- Implementation of Sections 401, 402, 504 and 508(a) of the MMA
§402	Enhanced Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Treatment for Rural and Urban Hospitals with Fewer than 100 Beds	- MM3158 (April 5, 2004)	- Implementation of Sections 401, 402, 504 and 508(a) of the MMA
§403(b)	Adjustment to the Medicare Inpatient Hospital PPS Wage Index to Revise the Labor-Related Share		
§404	More Frequent Updates in Weights Used in Hospital Market Basket		
§405(a) – §405(h)	Improvements to the Critical Access Hospital Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MM3561 (§ 405(d)) (January 26, 2005) - MM3521 (See §630 below) (January 19, 2005) - MM3399 (§405(g)) (August 23, 2004) - MM3228 (§ 405(b)) (September 2, 2004) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MMA – Change to the Common Working File Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Edits for CAHs that Elect Method II Payment Option and Bill Physician Services to their Fiscal Intermediaries - MMA – Payment of Ambulance Services to Indian Health Service (HIS)/Tribal Hospitals. [article mentions CAHs] - MMA – Further Information Related to CR3175, Distinct Part Units of CAHs - MMA – Addition of Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and Clinical Nurse Specialists as Emergency On-Call Providers for CAHs

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§405(a) – §405(h) (Continued)	Improvements to the Critical Access Hospital Program (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>MM3175</u> (§ 405(g)) (April 30, 2004) - <u>MM3114</u> (§ 405(d)) (February 26, 2004) - <u>MM3064</u> (See §943 below.) (March 5, 2004) - <u>MM3052</u> (§405(a), (e) and (h)) (February 6, 2004) - <u>MM3051</u> Revised December 2004 (§ 405(d)) (December 6, 2004) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Critical Access Hospital Distinct Part Units - MMA - Changes to Rules for Receiving Optional Payment Method for Outpatient Services - MMA - Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Policy for Hospital Reference Lab Services and Independent Reference Lab Services. - MMA – Additional Rules for CAHs Established by the MMA - MMA – Special Rules for Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Outpatient Billing
§406	Medicare Inpatient Hospital Payment Adjustment for Low-Volume Hospitals		
§407	Treatment of Missing Cost Report Periods for Sole Community Hospitals		
§408 §409 §512	Recognition of Attending Nurse Practitioners as Attending MDs to Serve Hospice Patients Rural Hospice Demonstration Program Coverage of Hospice Consultation Services	- <u>MMA3585</u> (§512) (December 8, 2004)	- MMA- Hospice Pre-Election Evaluation and Counseling Services
§410	Exclusion of Certain Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Services from the PPS for SNFs	- <u>MM3575</u> (December 17, 2004)	- MMA – Announcement of Medicare Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Payment Rate Increase – Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing (CB) As It Applies to Services Provided by RHCs and FQHCs

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§410(A)	Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program		
§411	2-Year Extension of Hold Harmless Provisions for Small Rural Hospitals and Sole Community Hospitals Under Outpatient PPS	- MM3214 (May 6, 2004) - MM3015 (Revised August 2004) (August 31, 2004)	- MMA – Changes in Determining Rural Status of Hospitals for Transitional Outpatient Payments for 2004 - MMA – Changes in Transitional Outpatient Payment (TOP) for 2004.
§412	Establishment of Floor on Work Geographic Adjustment		
§413	Medicare Incentive Payment Program Improvements for Physician Scarcity	- SE0453 (October 4, 2004) - SE0449 (September 21, 2004)	- MMA – Proposed Implementation of the Physician Scarcity Bonus and Revision to the Health Professional Shortage Area - MMA – Physician Education for the Revisions to the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Bonus Payment and Implementation of the Physician Scarcity Area (PSA) Bonus Payments
§414	Payment for Rural and Urban Ambulance Services	- MM3099 (July 14, 2004)	- MMA-Implementation of Section 414 of the MMA
§415	Providing Appropriate Coverage of Rural Air Ambulance Services	- MM3571 (Revised February 2005) (February 3, 2005)	- Medical Review (MR) of Rural Air Ambulance Services

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§416	Treatment of Certain Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Furnished to Hospital Outpatients in Certain Rural Areas	- <u>MM3130</u> (March 31, 2004)	- Outpatient Clinical Laboratory Tests Furnished by Hospitals with Fewer than 50 Beds in Qualified Rural Areas
§417	Extension of Telemedicine Demonstration Project		
§418	Report on Demonstration Project Permitting SNFs to be Originating Telehealth Sites		
§421 §701(a) – (b)	1-Year Increase for Home Health Services Furnished in a Rural Area Update in Home Health Services	- <u>MM3556</u> (November 19, 2004) - <u>MM3085</u> (March 16, 2004)	- MMA - Medicare Program: Update to the PPS for Home Health Agencies for CY 2005 - 1) Temporary 5 Percent Payment Increase for Home Health Services Furnished in a Rural Area for 1 Year Under HHPPPS 2) Change of the HH PPS Annual Update from a FY to a CY Update 3) Adjustment of the HH Annual Update to the Home Health Market Basket Percentage Increase Minus 0.8 Percent
§422	Redistribution of Unused Resident Positions		
§432	Expanded Responsibilities of Office of Rural Health Policy		
§433	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission Study on Rural Hospital Payment Adjustments		

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§434(a)	Frontier Extended Stay Clinic Demonstration Project		
§502	Revision of the Indirect Medical Education (IME) Adjustment Percentage		
§504	Increase in Federal Rate for Hospitals in Puerto Rico	- MM3158 (April 5, 2004)	- Implementation of Sections 401, 402, 504 and 508(a) of the MMA
§505	Wage Index Adjustment Reclassification Reform		
§507	Clarification to Certain Exceptions to Medicare Limits on Physician Referrals	- MM3036 (April 7, 2004)	- Clarifications to Certain Exceptions to Medicare Limits on Physician Referrals
§508(a)	1-Time Appeals Process for Hospital Wage Index Classification	- SE0419 (May 1, 2004) - MM3158 (April 5, 2004)	- MMA – CMS to Increase Payments to Hospitals Reclassified Under Medicare Reform Law - Implementation of Sections 401, 402, 504 and 508(a) of the MMA
§621	Hospital Outpatient Department Payment Reform	- MM3632 (January 12, 2005)	- MMA – January 2005 Update of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Summary of Payment Policy Changes
§628	Payment for Clinical Diagnostic Lab Tests	- MM3526 (November 16, 2004)	- 2005 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment
§630	5-Year Authorization of Reimbursement for All Medicare Part B Services Furnished by Certain Indian Hospitals and Clinics	- MM3521 (Revised January 2005) (January 19, 2005)	- MMA – Payment of Ambulance Services to Indian Health Service (HIS)/Tribal Hospitals [mentions CAHs in article]

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§711 – §713	Graduate Medical Education		
§943	Treatment of Hospitals for Certain Services Under Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>MM3267</u> (Revised July 2004) (July 28, 2004) - <u>MM3064</u> (March 5, 2004) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MMA – Clarification for CR3064 – Medicare Secondary Payer (MS)) Policy for Hospital Reference Lab services and Independent Reference Lab Services - MMA - Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Policy for Hospital Reference Lab Services and Independent Reference Lab Services.