

**CMS Medlearn Articles and Transmittal Notices for MMA Provisions Affecting Rural Hospitals and CAHs  
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Medlearn Article	Article Release Date	Title/Transmittal Number	Change Request Number	Release Date	Effective Date	Implementation Date
<b>PPS Services</b>						
		MMA-Changes in TOPs for 2004/ <a href="#">Transmittal 72</a> (supercedes <a href="#">Transmittal 30</a> )	3214	4/16/2004	1/1/04 and 10/4/2004	6/1/2004 and 10/4/04
<a href="#">MM3036</a>	4/7/2004	MMA-Clarifications to Certain Exceptions to Medicare Limits on Physician Referrals/ <a href="#">Transmittal 62</a>	3036	3/19/2004	12/8/2003	4/2/2004
<a href="#">MM3158</a>	4/5/2004	MMA-- Implementation of Sections 401, 402, 504 and 508(a) Of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA)/ <a href="#">Transmittal 64</a>	3158	3/26/2004	4/1/2004	4/5/2004
<a href="#">MM3130</a>	3/31/2004	MMA - Outpatient Clinical Laboratory Tests Furnished by Hospitals with Fewer Than 50 Beds in Qualified Rural Areas/ <a href="#">Transmittal 100</a>	3130	2/13/2004	7/1/2004	7/6/2004
<a href="#">MM3085</a>	3/16/2004	MMA – 1) Temporary 5 Percent Payment Increase for Home Health Services Furnished in a Rural Area for One Year Under the Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) 2) Change of HH PPS Annual Update from a Fiscal Year Update to a Calendar Year Update 3) Adjustment of HH PPS Annual Update to the Home Health Market Basket Percentage Increase Minus 0.8 Percent/ <a href="#">Transmittal 59</a>	3085	2/20/2004	4/1/2004	4/1/2004
<a href="#">MM2934</a>	3/1/2004	Expansion of Transfer Policy Under Inpatient PPS/ <a href="#">Transmittal 87</a>	2934	2/6/2004	7/1/2004	7/6/2004
<a href="#">MM3099</a>	2/27/2004	MMA-Implementation of Section 414 (ambulance) of the MMA/ <a href="#">Transmittal 88</a>	3099	2/6/2004	7/1/2004	7/5/2004
<a href="#">MM3015</a>	2/3/2004	MMA-Changes in Transitional Outpatient Payment (TOP) for 2004/ <a href="#">Transmittal 30</a>	3015	12/19/2003	1/1/2004	1/5/2004
<b>CAHs</b>						
		Distinct Part Units for CAHs/ <a href="#">Transmittal 144</a>	3175	4/23/2004	10/1/2004	10/4/2004
<a href="#">MM3114</a>	2/26/2004	MMA-Changes to Rules for Receiving Optional Payment Method for Outpatient Services/ <a href="#">Transmittal 103</a>	3114	2/20/2004	7/1/2004	7/6/2004
<a href="#">MM3052</a>	2/6/2004	Additional Rules for CAHs Established by the MMA/ <a href="#">Transmittal 68</a>	3052	1/16/2004	1/1/2004	4/5/2004
<a href="#">MM3051</a>	2/4/2004	MMA-Special Rules for CAH Outpatient Billing/ <a href="#">Transmittal 63</a>	3051	1/16/2004	1/1/2004	4/1/2004

This table contains references to the CMS transmittals most pertinent to small or rural PPS services or critical access hospitals. Links are provided to access this information. Alternatively, you may visit the CMS Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters/#table>. It includes the links to PDF versions of the Medlearn articles and the transmittals by change request number. While helpful the Medlearn articles only summarize the major policy and omit important details that can only be found by reading the transmittal in its entirety.