§ 414.67 Incentive payments for Health Professional Shortage Areas.

(a) Physicians’ services furnished to a beneficiary in a geographic-based Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) are eligible for a 10 percent incentive payment above the amount paid for their professional services under the physician fee schedule. (The only physicians eligible to receive the 10 percent incentive payment in mental health HPSAs that do not overlap with primary care HPSAs are psychiatrists.)

(b) Physicians furnishing services in a geographic-based primary medical care HPSA are entitled to a 10 percent incentive payment above the amount paid for their professional services under the physician fee schedule.

(c) Psychiatrists furnishing services in a mental health HPSA are entitled to a 10 percent incentive payment above the amount paid for their professional services under the physician fee schedule. (The only physicians eligible to receive the 10 percent incentive payment in mental health HPSAs that do not overlap with primary care HPSAs are psychiatrists.)

(d) HPSA bonuses are payable for services furnished by physicians in areas designated as geographic HPSAs as of December 31 of the prior year. Physicians furnishing services in areas that are designated as geographic HPSAs prior to the beginning of the