the estimated amount in the aggregate that would be payable for services furnished by professionals and hospitals under Parts B and A, respectively, under title XVIII of the Act.

(b) Payments to the MA organization. Subject to §§412.105(g), 413.86(d), and 495.204 of this chapter and §§422.109, 422.316, and 422.320, CMS’ payments under a contract with an MA organization (described in §422.304) with respect to an individual electing an MA plan offered by the organization are instead of the amounts which (in the absence of the contract) would otherwise be payable under original Medicare for items and services furnished to the individual.

(c) Only the MA organization entitled to payment. Subject to §§422.314, 422.316, 422.318, 422.320, and 422.520 and sections 1886(d)(11) and 1886(h)(3)(D) of the Act, only the MA organization is entitled to receive payment from CMS under title XVIII of the Act for items and services furnished to the individual.


§ 422.324 Payments to MA organizations for graduate medical education costs.

(a) MA organizations may receive direct graduate medical education payments for the time that residents spend in non-hospital provider settings such as freestanding clinics, nursing homes, and physicians’ offices in connection with approved programs.

(b) MA organizations may receive direct graduate medical education payments if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The resident spends his or her time assigned to patient care activities.

2. The MA organization incurs “all or substantially all” of the costs for the training program in the non-hospital setting as defined in §413.86(b) of this chapter.

3. There is a written agreement between the MA organization and the non-hospital site that indicates the MA organization will incur the costs of the resident’s salary and fringe benefits and provide reasonable compensation to the non-hospital site for teaching activities.

(c) An MA organization’s allowable direct graduate medical education costs, subject to the redistribution and community support principles specified in §413.85(c) of this chapter, consist of—

1. Residents’ salaries and fringe benefits (including travel and lodging where applicable); and

2. Reasonable compensation to the non-hospital site for teaching activities related to the training of medical residents.

(d) The direct graduate medical education payment is equal to the product of—

1. The lower of—

   i. The MA organization’s allowable costs per resident as defined in paragraph (c) of this section; or

   ii. The national average per resident amount; and

2. Medicare’s share, which is equal to the ratio of the number of Medicare beneficiaries enrolled to the total number of individuals enrolled in the MA organization.

(e) Direct graduate medical education payments made to MA organizations under this section are made from the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund.

§ 422.326 Reporting and returning of overpayments.

(a) Terminology. For purposes of this section—

Applicable reconciliation occurs on the date of the annual final deadline for risk adjustment data submission described at §422.310(g), which is announced by CMS each year.

Funds means any payment that an MA organization has received that is based on data submitted by the MA organization to CMS for payment purposes, including §422.306(f) and §422.310.

Overpayment means any funds that an MA organization has received or retained under title XVIII of the Act to which the MA organization, after applicable reconciliation, is not entitled under such title.

(b) General rule. If an MA organization has identified that it has received an overpayment, the MA organization...