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**2020 Dates**

Nashville 11/5  
 Somerset, KY 11/12  
 Alabama, 11/18

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**RHC Update Seminar – Clanton, Alabama**  
 Agenda and Topics Outline  
 January 16, 2020

11:00 AM to 11:30 AM: **Check-In**

11:30 AM to 12:00 PM: **Registration**

12:00 PM to 12:30 PM: **Lunch**

12:30 PM to 1:00 PM: **Introduction**

1:00 PM to 1:30 PM: **Medicare and Medicaid**

1:30 PM to 2:00 PM: **Quality Improvement**

2:00 PM to 2:30 PM: **Financial Management**

2:30 PM to 3:00 PM: **Marketing and Outreach**

3:00 PM to 3:30 PM: **Legal and Compliance**

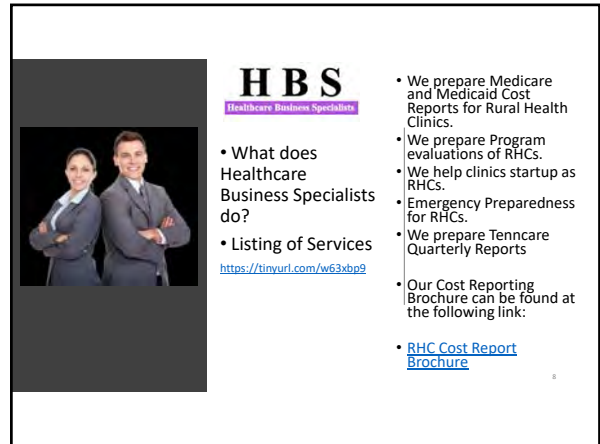
3:30 PM to 4:00 PM: **Case Studies**

4:00 PM to 4:30 PM: **Networking**

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM: **Registration**

5:00 PM to 5:30 PM: **Check-Out**

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- We prepare Medicare and Medicaid Cost Reports for Rural Health Clinics.
- We prepare Program evaluations of RHCs.
- We help clinics startup as RHCs.
- Emergency Preparedness for RHCs.
- We prepare TennCare Quarterly Reports
- Our Cost Reporting Brochure can be found at the following link:
- [RHC Cost Report Brochure](https://tinyclinic.com/w63xpb9)

• What does Healthcare Business Specialists do?  
 • Listing of Services  
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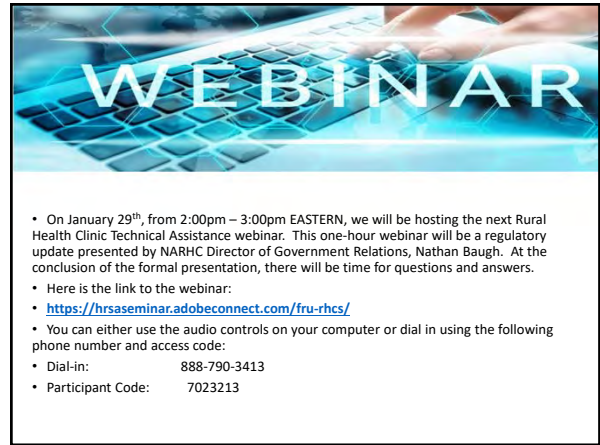


**RHC Information Exchange Group on Facebook**

Join this group to post or ask questions regarding RHCs. Anyone is welcome to post about meetings, seminars, or things of interest to RHCs

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1503414633296362/>

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**WEBINAR**

- On January 29<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00pm – 3:00pm EASTERN, we will be hosting the next Rural Health Clinic Technical Assistance webinar. This one-hour webinar will be a regulatory update presented by NARHC Director of Government Relations, Nathan Baugh. At the conclusion of the formal presentation, there will be time for questions and answers.
- Here is the link to the webinar:  
<https://hrsseminar.adobeconnect.com/fru-rhcs/>
- You can either use the audio controls on your computer or dial in using the following phone number and access code:
- Dial-in: 888-790-3413
- Participant Code: 7023213

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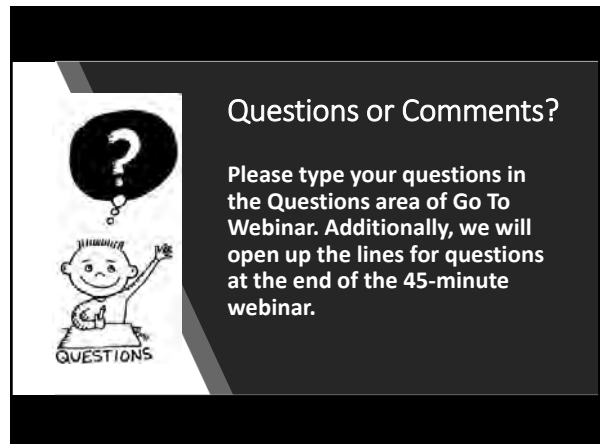
Please register for Cost Reporting for Rural Health Clinics - What is needed to file an accurate and timely cost report on Jan 30, 2020 3:00 PM EST at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7460659588778612236>

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**Questions or Comments?**

Please type your questions in the Questions area of Go To Webinar. Additionally, we will open up the lines for questions at the end of the 45-minute webinar.

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- Information is current as of 1/20/2020.
- We will supply general information. All situations are specific so refer to specific guidance as necessary.
- This session is being recorded.

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**Visits - The RHC Qualifying Visit List (QVL)**

THEY'RE MORE WHAT YOU'D CALL

**GUIDELINES**

The RHC Qualifying Visit List for a list of HCPCS codes that are defined as qualifying visits, which corresponds with the following guidance on service level information. CMS will no longer update this list. It is more of a guideline as to what is payable as a visit.

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**Goodbye QVL – We hardly knew you.**

On October 1, 2016 – CMS replaced the QVL listing with the CG Modifier.

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19. A patient has an E & M, IPPE, and a mental health visit on the same day. How many visits qualify to be paid at the AIR?

QUESTIONS

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3

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**Multiple Visits on One Day**

- In general, encounters with more than one RHC practitioner on the same day, or multiple encounters with the same RHC practitioner on the same day count as a single RHC visit and will only receive one AIR payment.
- “This applies regardless of the length or complexity of the visit, the number or type of practitioners seen, whether the second visit is a scheduled or unscheduled appointment, or whether the first visit is related or unrelated to the subsequent visit.”
  - Resource: CMS IOM 100-02, Chapter 13, Section 40.3
- However, there are a few *specific* exceptions...

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**Multiple Visits on the Same Day – Exceptions**

- Exceptions are for the following circumstances *only*:
  - The patient, subsequent to the first visit, suffers an illness or injury that requires additional diagnosis or treatment on the same day (for example, a patient sees their practitioner in the morning for a medical condition and later in the day has a fall and returns to the RHC). In this situation only, the RHC would use modifier 59 or 25 to attest that the conditions being treated qualify as 2 billable visits.
  - The patient has a qualified medical visit and a qualified mental health visit on the same day (2 billable visits).
  - The patient has an initial preventive physical exam (IPPE) and a separate medical and/or mental health visit on the same day (2 or 3 billable visits).

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**RHC CG Modifier – 10/1/2016**



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**MLN 9269 – What You Need to Know**

Effective April 1, 2016, All RHCs are required to report the appropriate HCPCS code for each service line along with the revenue code, and other required billing codes.

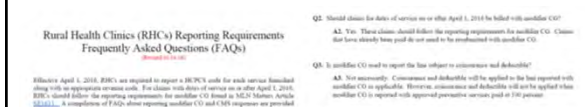
Payment for RHC services will continue to be made under the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) system when all of the program requirements are met.

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Description	Links
Last Version of SE1611 on Billing using QVL and CG Modifier Effective 10/1/2016	<a href="https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1611.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1611.pdf</a>
FAQs for the CG Modifier	<a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Payment/FQHCPPS/Downloads/RHC-Reporting-FAQs.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Payment/FQHCPPS/Downloads/RHC-Reporting-FAQs.pdf</a>

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Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) Reporting Requirements Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Effective April 1, 2016, RHCs are required to report a HCPCS code for each service furnished along with an appropriate revenue code. For claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2016, RHCs should follow the reporting requirements for modifier CG found in MLN Matters Article SE1611. A complete list of FAQs about reporting modifier CG and AIR requirements are provided below.

**Section:**

- Reporting Modifier CG
- Reporting Modifier CG with Preventive Services
- Reporting Modifier CG with Medicare
- Other Questions

Click a section title to jump ahead

Reporting Modifier CG

Q1. When should modifier CG be reported?

A1. RHCs should report modifier CG on not face visits as medical and/or mental health HCPCS code that represents the primary reason for the medically necessary face-to-face visit. This line should have the bundled charges for all services that are subject to coinsurance and/or deductible (i.e. charges for all services furnished during the encounter for preventive services for which the coinsurance and/or deductible are waived).

If only preventive services are furnished during the visit, the RHC should report modifier CG with the preventive HCPCS code that represents the primary reason for the medically necessary face-to-face visit and the bundled charges.

Q2. Should claims for dates of service on or after April 1, 2016 be billed with modifier CG?

A2. Yes. These claims should follow the reporting requirements for modifier CG. Claims that have already been paid do not need to be resubmitted with modifier CG.

Q3. Is modifier CG used to report the line subject to coinsurance and deductible?

A3. Not necessarily. Coinsurance and deductible will be applied to the line reported with modifier CG as applicable. However, coinsurance and deductible will not be applied when modifier CG is reported with approved preventive services paid at 100 percent.

Q4. Should modifier CG be reported if there is only one service furnished as part of the billable visit?

A4. Yes. Modifier CG should be reported only for medical and/or mental health HCPCS code that represents the primary reason for the medically necessary face-to-face visit.

Reporting Modifier CG with Preventive Services

Q5. Should modifier CG be reported if only preventive services are furnished during the visit?

A5. Yes. If only preventive services for which the coinsurance and/or deductible are waived are furnished during the visit, the RHC should report modifier CG with the preventive HCPCS code that represents the primary reason for the visit and the bundled charges.


Q6. If a medical service and a preventive service are furnished on the same day, should modifier CG be reported with both services?

A6. No. Modifier CG should be reported only with the medical service HCPCS code that represents the primary reason for the medically necessary face-to-face visit when medical and preventive services are furnished on the same day.

Q7. Is modifier CG reported with the initial preventive physical examination (IPPE) when it is billed alone or with other billable services on a claim?

A7. No. Modifier CG does not need to be reported with the IPPE HCPCS code when it is billed alone or with other billable services on a claim. When IPPE is furnished with another medically necessary face-to-face service, modifier CG is reported with the HCPCS code for the other billable service.


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**CG Modifier FAQ Summary**

FAQ #	Question	CG Modifier
Q1	Use when bundling charges, the primary reason for the face-to-face encounter	Yes
Q2	Use for dates of service on or after April 1, 2016	Yes
Q3	Use to report the line subject to coinsurance and deductible	Not Necessarily
Q4	Use when only one service is provided	Yes
Q5	Use when preventive service only	Yes
Q6	Use when a medical service and preventive service is furnished on the same day	No <sup>23</sup>


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**CG Modifier FAQ Summary (2)**


FAQ #	Question	CG Modifier
Q7	Use for IPPE	No
Q8	How often should CG modifier be used?	1 - 052X 1 - 0900
Q9	Use when medical service and mental health service are furnished	Yes, 2 CGs (see Q8)
Q10	Use for Chronic Care Management services	No
Q11	Use for medically-necessary visits in Skilled Nursing Facility	Yes <sup>24</sup>

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FAQ #	Question	CG Modifier
Q12	Is there still a QVL?	Yes, sorta – it is a guide
Q13	Is CG used for two E and Ms on the same day for different diagnosis?	No – use 59 on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit.
Q14	Do you put the CG and the 59 (or 25) on the same line. IE 99213CG59	NO, just 59 (see Q13)
Q15	Do you use modifier 59 or 25 for bundled services with the subsequent visit?	No
Q16	Should RHCs continue to bundle services using the April 1, 2016 guidelines	Yes

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FAQ #	Question	CG Modifier
Q17	Should RHCs report the CG Modifier with incident to services	No
Q18	Can RHCs continue to bill incident to (the 30 day rule)?	Yes
Q19	What Revenue Codes are valid?	All are valid except a list provided.
Q20	Does the order of claim lines matter?	No
Q21	Do MSP claims use the CG Modifier?	Yes

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FAQ #	Question	CG Modifier
Q22	Will secondary payers accept the CG modifier?	Hopefully
Q23	Should RHCs use more than one UB-04?	No
Q24	Does Medicare use total charges to compute co-pays?	No.
Q25	Does this affect Part B – technical comps.	No
Q26	Does the affect flu and pneu?	No

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FAQ #	Question	CG Modifier
Q27	Does CG affect lab billing?	No.
Q28	How will the EOB appear to the patient?	Some may look like the claim was inflated.
Q29	How to get additional information?	<a href="https://www.cms.gov/center/provider-type/rural-health-clinics-center.html">https://www.cms.gov/center/provider-type/rural-health-clinics-center.html</a>


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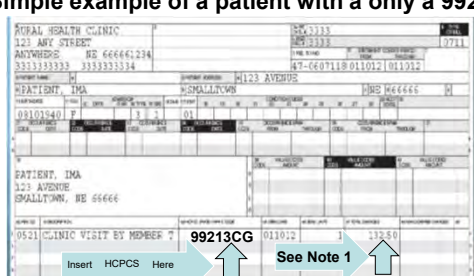
**HCPCS Codes for All Inclusive Rate (AIR) Reimbursement General Guidelines for RHCs**

Number	Description or Guideline
1	A payable encounter (visit) should (not must) be included on the QVL. <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/EQHCPPS/Downloads/RHC-Qualifying-Visit-List.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/EQHCPPS/Downloads/RHC-Qualifying-Visit-List.pdf</a>
2	Report appropriate HCPCS code for each service line.
3	Include the appropriate revenue code for all HCPCS code
4	HCPCS Code 36415 Venipuncture is included in the AIR.
5	Include CG Modifier as required.
6	Claim Adjustment Codes can be found at Washington Publishing Company: <a href="http://www.x12.org/codes/claim-adjustment-reason-codes">http://www.x12.org/codes/claim-adjustment-reason-codes</a>

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**Simple example of a patient with a only a 99213**



**Note 1: Total charges for all services provided during the encounter, minus any charges for the approved preventive service"**

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**Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP): Condition, Occurrence, Value, and Patient Relationship, and Remarks Field Codes**

<https://www.cgsmedicare.com/parta/pubs/news/2013/0213/cope21194.html#A>

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**RHC Encounter – E/M Office Visit Only**

FL42 Rev Code	FL43 Description	FL44 HCPCS Code	FL45 DOS	FL46 Units	FL47 Total Charge
0521	Office Visit – Established Pt III	99213 CG	10/25/2018	1	\$100.00
0001	Total Charge				\$100.00

- Coinsurance = 20% of \$100.00
- Coinsurance is \$20.00

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**Incident To Services (within 30 days of E & M) (Allergy Shots, B-12s, Venipuncture)**

*Medical Services and Incident to Services*

Services and supplies furnished incident to a RHC visit are considered RHC services. They are included in the payment of a qualifying visit and are not separately billable. The qualifying visit line must include the total charges for all the services provided during the encounter/visit. RHCs can report incident to services using all valid revenue codes except 002x-024x, 029x, 045x, 054x, 056x, 060x, 065x, 067x-072x, 080x-088x, 093x, or 096x-310x. Payment for these service lines is included in the AIR and the service lines will receive CARC 97 for the covered lines not receiving the AIR payment on RHC claims.

*Example 6:*

Revenue Code	HCPCS	Service Date	Service Units	Total Charges	Payment	Coinsurance/Deductible Applied
052X	99213 <sup>1</sup>	04/01/2016 <sup>2</sup>	1	\$XX.XX <sup>3</sup>	AIR	Yes
0300	36415	04/01/2016 <sup>2</sup>	1	\$XX.XX <sup>3</sup>	Included in the AIR	No

<sup>1</sup>HCPCS code from the RHC Qualifying Visit List  
<sup>2</sup>Any date of service on or after 04/01/2016  
<sup>3</sup>Enter charge amount

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**Incident To Services Example (99213 charge is \$100)**

42 Rev Code	44 HCPCS/RATES	45 SERV DATE	46 SERV UNITS	47 Total Charges	Payment	Coinsurance/Deductible Applied
0521	99213CG	04/01/2018	1	\$120.00	All-inclusive rate (AIR)	Yes
0300	36415	04/01/2018	1	\$20.00	Included in AIR	No

Description	Amount
An independent RHC at the cost cap would receive from Medicare	\$69.05
A co-pay on the E & M visit could be collected of:	\$24.00
<b>Total Collections would be:</b>	<b>\$93.05</b>

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**RHC Encounter – E/M Office Visit and Injection**

- Scenario: RHC Provider completed a level-4 E/M office visit and a gave the patient a Rocephin injection. Charge for the E/M visit is \$150.00, for the administration is \$12.00 and for the drug is \$45.00.

FL42 Rev Code	FL43 Description	FL44 HCPCS Code	FL45 DOS	FL46 Units	FL47 Total Charge
0521	Office Visit – Established Pt IV	99214 CG	10/25/2018	1	\$207.00
0521	Inj Admin	96372	10/25/2018	1	\$12.00
0636	Rocephin, 250 mg	J0696	10/25/2018	1	\$45.00
0001	Total Charge				\$264.00


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**Bundling Under April 1, 2016 HCPCS Coding Guidelines**

The visit is coded as a 99214. Patient receives ancillary services which could occur on the same day of the visit or within 30 days of the visit. (incident to).

CPT Code	Service	Charge RHC	Reported RHC
CPT 99214CG	Established Visit – (1) Copays computed on this line	150	210
CPT 96372	Injection Code	40	40
CPT 36415	Venipuncture	10	10
CPT J3301	Triaminolone acet..	10	10
<b>Totals</b>		<b>210</b>	<b>270</b>

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### Bundling using .01 for the Ancillary Services

The clinic may elect to only show .01 as the charge for the ancillary services if it chooses. Depending on the billing and software that you use. Either way is approved by CMS.

CPT Code	Service	Charge RHC	Reported RHC
CPT 99214CG	Established Visit – (1) Copays computed on this line	150	210
CPT 96372	Injection Code	40	0.01
CPT 36415	Venipuncture	10	0.01
CPT J3301	Triaminolone acetonide	10	0.01
Totals		210	210.03

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### RHC Encounter – E/M Office Visit and EKG

Scenario: RHC Provider completed a level-3 E/M office visit. While in the office, the provider also did an EKG. Charge for the E/M visit is \$100.00, and for the professional fee for the EKG is \$25.00.

FL42 Rev Code	FL43 Description	FL44 HCPCS Code	FL45 DOS	FL46 Units	FL47 Total Charge
0521	Office Visit – Established Pt III	99213 CG	10/25/2018	1	\$125.00
0521	EKG, Interpretation and report	93010	10/25/2018	1	\$25.00
0001	Total Charge				\$150.00

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### Why is this so hard

Medicare is trying to patch The software by using most Of the old programming which Bundled everything in Line 1 Of the UB-04.



CMS Programming the changes

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### Non-RHC Services



Ancillary Care Services

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<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/RuralChart.pdf>



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## RHC Billing Summary

RURAL HEALTH CLINIC (RHC)			
Type of Service	Billing Information	Beneficiary Cost Sharing Information	Manual Reference
Physician, Physician Assistant (PA), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM), Clinical Psychologist (CPL), and Clinical Social Worker (CSW) Furnished Office Visits	Bill RHC practitioner medically necessary, date-of-care (non-emergent), medical, mental health, and qualified preventive health visits to your A/R MAC (A) when they take place in any of these locations: • The RHC • The patient's residence (including an assisted living facility) • A Medicare-covered Part A Skilled Nursing Facility • The scene of an accident Your MAC pays an administrative code (ARI) for professional services to your MAC. Encounters with more than one RHC practitioner on the same day, regardless of the length or complexity of the visit, or multiple encounters with the same RHC practitioner, count as a single visit, billed when the patient last.	Except certain preventive services, deductibles and copayment/concessions apply.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11
Services and Supplies furnished by a Non-Covered Provider (NCP) Furnished in a Physician, PA, NP, CNM, or CFP Services	Encounters with more than one RHC practitioner on the same day, regardless of the length or complexity of the visit, or multiple encounters with the same RHC practitioner, count as a single visit, billed when the patient last.	Encounters with more than one RHC practitioner on the same day, regardless of the length or complexity of the visit, or multiple encounters with the same RHC practitioner, count as a single visit, billed when the patient last.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11
Visiting Nurse Services	All visits in which helping additional diagnosis or treatment after the first encounter.	All visits in which helping additional diagnosis or treatment after the first encounter.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11
Preventive Primary Health Services	All qualified medical and mental health visit on the same day.	All qualified medical and mental health visit on the same day.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11
Transitional Care Management Services	All Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) visit a separate medical and/or mental health visit on the same day.	All Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) visit a separate medical and/or mental health visit on the same day.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11

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## RHC Services

RURAL HEALTH CLINIC (RHC)			
Type of Service	Billing Information	Beneficiary Cost Sharing Information	Manual Reference
Imaging and Diagnostic	Practitioner and facilities furnishing services separately bill the technical service components to their A/R MAC (A) (preventive based RHC) or A/R MAC (B) (nonpreventive RHC) using practitioner or facility (F) number and non-RHC POS codes. The A/R includes the professional component and is not separately billable.	Deductible and equipment/concessions apply.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 6, 11 and 12
Telehealth Services	Bill the originating site facility fee to your MAC when the originating site is located in: • A county outside a Metropolitan Statistical Area • A rural health professional shortage area in a rural (rural) tract Practitioner and facilities furnishing services separately bill the technical service components to their A/R MAC (A) (preventive based RHC) or A/R MAC (B) (nonpreventive RHC) using practitioner or facility (F) number and non-RHC POS codes. ARI codes include telemedicine, so it is not separately billable.	Deductible and equipment/concessions apply.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 17 Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11
Clinical Laboratory Tests	Practitioner and facilities furnishing services separately bill the technical service components to their A/R MAC (A) (preventive based RHC) or A/R MAC (B) (nonpreventive RHC) using practitioner or facility (F) number and non-RHC POS codes. ARI codes include telemedicine, so it is not separately billable.	Deductible and equipment/concessions apply.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11
Supplies and Drugs	Bill authorized durable medical equipment, prosthetics, and orthotics according to DMEPOS requirements, but not supplies, your A/R payment covers the costs of supplies, drugs, and biologicals.	Deductible and equipment/concessions apply.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11

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## CCM & Preventive Services

RURAL HEALTH CLINIC (RHC)			
Type of Service	Billing Information	Beneficiary Cost Sharing Information	Manual Reference
Clinical Care Management (CCM), General Behavioral Health Integration (GBHI), Services, and Payment Collaborative Care Model (CCM) Services	Bill your A/R MAC (A) using HCPCS code G9911 for CCM or general BHI services or G9912 for psychiatric CCM services, some or with other qualified RHC services on your date.	Equipment/concessions apply.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11
Preventive Services	IPPE You may bill an IPPE furnished service visit. If an IPPE is furnished on the same day as another billable medical visit, two visits should be billed. Practitioner and facilities furnishing an IPPE technical service component can separately bill the A/R MAC (A) (preventive based RHC) or A/R MAC (B) (nonpreventive RHC) using practitioner or facility (F) number and non-RHC POS codes. ARI payment covers the A/R payment service. If an A/R is furnished on the same day as another billable medical visit, you can only bill one visit.	Deductible and equipment/concessions waived.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11

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## Additional RHC Services

RURAL HEALTH CLINIC (RHC)			
Type of Service	Billing Information	Beneficiary Cost Sharing Information	Manual Reference
Chaperone Bill, Management Training	ARI payment covers three stand-alone chaperone visits, and you may not separately bill them.	Deductible and equipment/concessions waived.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11
Medical Nutrition Therapy Services	Your next reports include the results of analyses and their administration, and payment is based on cost.	Deductible and equipment/concessions waived.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11
Influence and Psychoeducational Services	The A/R payment excludes the costs of vaccines, and you get no additional payment. Bill vaccine and their administration as separate line items to your MAC.	Deductible and equipment/concessions waived.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11

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## Virtual & Preventive RHC Services

RURAL HEALTH CLINIC (RHC)			
Type of Service	Billing Information	Beneficiary Cost Sharing Information	Manual Reference
Medicare-Covered Preventive Services	Bill Medicare-covered preventive services to your MAC. Bill only one Medicare-covered preventive service when furnished on same day as another billable medical visit, except an IPPE. Practitioner and facilities furnishing the preventive service technical component separately bill their services to A/R MAC (A) (preventive based RHC) or A/R MAC (B) (nonpreventive RHC) using practitioner or facility (F) number and non-RHC POS codes.	Certain preventive services, deductibles and equipment/concessions waived.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11 Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 11
Virtual Communication Services	Bill HCPCS code G9912 (communications-based telehealth services) and HCPCS code G9913 (remote evaluation services) when the virtual communication is HCPCS code G9911, as an RHC claim, either alone or with other billable services. Billing requirements include (1) Publishing at least 5 minutes of three services by an RHC practitioner to a patient that has a billable visit at the RHC in the previous year, and (2) The virtual diagnosis is to a condition identified by an EKG service provided on the previous 7 days and does not require an RHC service within the last 24 hours of issuer.	Communicator and deductibles applies to RHC claims.	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 11

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## NON-COVERED RHC ANCILLARY CHARGES

- Lab/Radiology and the technical component of the EKG are not allowable charges in the RHC:**
  - Need to be separately billed to Medicare Part B for reimbursement
  - Venipuncture is RHC service (36415)
- Free Standing RHC:**
  - Billed on the CMS-1500 with the RHC NPI
- Provider Based RHC:**
  - Billed by the hospital on the UB-04 with the Hospital NPI
- EKG billing:**
  - Is not billed globally under 93000
  - Technical component 93005 billed to Medicare Part B
  - Professional component 93010 billed by RHC if provider interprets and documents report on same day on face-to-face visit

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### Non-RHC Services

- MCR excluded services, i.e. dental, hearing & eye tests = Patient responsibility
- DME - Must have DME provider number to bill items
- Emergency Room, Hospital Rounds, Admits- Part B Services
- Labs- Part B Services
- Noncovered services do not require an Advanced Beneficiary Notice, however one is encouraged.
- If all charges are noncovered, send 710 TOB with all charges as noncovered and condition code 21.
- Part D Drugs- [www.mytransactrx.com](http://www.mytransactrx.com)

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20. The six required lab tests to be certified as a rural health clinic are included in the AIR and can not be billed separately to Medicare Part B.



a. True  
b. False

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### Laboratory services are not covered under the RHC benefit

All Laboratory services are **not** included under the RHC benefit including the six required laboratory tests.



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### What are the six laboratory tests required for Rural Health Clinic certification?

1. Chemical examinations of urine by stick or tablet method or both
2. Hemoglobin or hematocrit
3. Blood sugar
4. Examination of stool specimens for occult blood
5. Pregnancy tests
6. Primary culturing for transmittal to a certified laboratory (No CPT code available)

Reference: [CMS Publication 100-04, Chapter 9, Section 130](#)

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### Venipuncture – Lab Draw (36415)

Effective 1/1/2014, Venipuncture is covered by Part A and is included in the billing to Part A on the UB-04 Form. You can continue to charge for the service. It will increase the co-pay from the patient. MLM 8504.



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### Laboratory Services

[CMS IOM, Publication 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 9, Section 60.1](#)

- Venipuncture is included in AIR and is not separately billable
- Laboratory services are not an RHC benefit and not included in AIR
  - Provider-based RHCs bill under parent provider to on UB-04 or 837I equivalent
  - Independent RHCs submit claim on CMS-1500 Claim Form or 837P equivalent

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**Independent RHC – Laboratory services**

SERVICES	BILL TYPE	CLAIM FORM	PAYMENT
Laboratory Except 36415	NA	1500	Fee for Service

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**Provider-based RHC Laboratory services are paid as follows in a PPS Hospital**

SERVICES	BILL TYPE	CLAIM FORM	PAYMENT
Laboratory Use the Hospital Outpatient Provider Number	131/141	UB-04	Fee-for-Service

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**Provider-based RHC Laboratory services are paid as follows in a CAH**

SERVICES	BILL TYPE	CLAIM FORM	PAYMENT
Laboratory Use the Hospital Outpatient Provider Number	851	UB-04	Cost

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**Diagnostic Tests are not covered under the RHC Benefit**

**Technical components were excluded under Public Law 95-10 establishing RHCs.**



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**RHC Independent - Diagnostic Tests - Technical Component Only**

SERVICES	BILL TYPE	CLAIM FORM	PAYMENT
Radiology, EKG	NA	1500	Fee for service

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**RHC Provider-based - Diagnostic Tests - Technical Component Only – PPS**

SERVICES	BILL TYPE	CLAIM FORM	PAYMENT
Radiology, EKG	131	UB-04	Fee for service

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**RHC Provider-based - Diagnostic Tests - Technical Component Only – CAH**

SERVICES	BILL TYPE	CLAIM FORM	PAYMENT
Radiology, EKG	851	UB-04	Cost

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**Diagnostic Tests – Professional Components**

Professional components are covered under the RHC benefit and are included on the UB-04 and billed to the RHC MAC. (they must be billed with a face to face encounter)



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**RHCs (Ind/Prov) -What happens to the professional component of Radiology?**

SERVICES	BILL TYPE	CLAIM FORM	PAYMENT
Radiology, EKG	711	UB-04	Incident to. No visit

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**How to Bill EKGs**

Modifier	Description	How to bill
93000	Global interpretation and technical component	Do not bill this way in a RHC.
93005	Technical Component	Bill to Part B – Paid on 1500 for Independent and use UB-04 and hospital outpatient provider number
93010	Interpretation	Bill on UB-04 (incident to – No visit)

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**Hospital Services are not covered under the RHC Benefit**

Hospital services for independent and provider-based RHCs are billed on the 1500 form and paid fee for service.




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21. A patient presents to the RHC and is admitted to the hospital the same day. Can you bill for both the RHC visit and hospital admission on the same day?

a. Yes  
b. No



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**Can we bill a Hospital Admission and an Office Visit on the same day?**

We asked CMS this question and their response was to bill it to the MAC and let them decide if it is payable or not. Most are paid; however, some do get rejected if the patient becomes observation instead of a hospital admission.

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**Flu and Pnu shots are paid very well in the RHC setting . Use a log on the cost report. Do NOT Bill!!!!**

**Average payment was \$300 for pneumococcal. (Cost is \$170)**

**Average payment was \$50 for Influenza In 2018. (Cost is 15)**

**Place Patient Name, MBI Number, and Date of Injection on a Log.**



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**Ancillary Services and Incident to Billing**



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**The Basics**

Description	Type	Payment
E and M – Face to Face	RHC – Face to Face	AIR
Shots, Allergy shots, 99211s	RHC – Incident to or Ancillary services	Part of AIR. No extra payment from Medicare
Flu and Pnu	RHC – Do not bill	Paid extra money on cost report
Lab	Non-RHC	FFS
Diagnostic Tests	Non-RHC	FFS
Hospital Services	Non-RHC	FFS

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**Incident to**



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**22. Incident to services must be provided with at least this type of supervision?**




- a. General
- b. Direct
- c. Personal

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## Types of Supervision

- **General supervision** means the service is furnished under the physician's overall direction and control, but the physician's presence is not required during the performance of the procedure. Under general supervision, the training of the non-physician personnel who actually perform the diagnostic procedure and maintain the necessary equipment and supplies, is the physician's continuing responsibility.




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## Types of Supervision

**Direct supervision** in the *office* setting means the physician must be present in the office suite and **immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the service; however, the physician does not need to be in the room when the service is performed.** Direct supervision is defined from the perspective of the *office* setting; therefore, you must determine whether the service in question is provided in an office setting (non-facility) or a facility setting. Direct supervision in an outpatient hospital setting is defined differently.

**Personal supervision** means a physician must be in attendance in the room during the performance of the procedure.

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## Incident to Per TA Session

- Direct supervision by provider required
  - Must be in clinic, not in same room
  - being in the hosp when attached to clinic is NOT "incident to"
  - Exception is the Chronic Care Management services
- Part of provider's services previously ordered
  - integral, though incidental
  - covered as part of an otherwise billable encounter
  - i.e. dressing change, injection, suture removal, blood pressure monitoring

Medicare (Medicaid if State requires) services should be billed under the provider that performed the service unless it is an "incident to" service

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## Sometimes the words don't really mean what they say



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## 120 - Services and Supplies Furnished "Incident to" Physician's Services

"Incident to" refers to services and supplies that are an integral, though incidental, part of the physician's professional service and are:

- Commonly **rendered without charge** and included in the RHC payment;
- Commonly furnished in an outpatient clinic setting;
- Furnished **under the physician's direct supervision**; except for authorized care management services which may be furnished under general supervision; and
- Furnished by RHC auxiliary personnel.


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## 120.3 - Payment for Incident to Services

120.3 - Payment for Incident to Services and Supplies (Rev. 239, Issued: 01-09-18, Effective: 1-22-18, Implementation: 1-22-18) Services that are covered by Medicare but do not meet the requirements for a medically necessary or qualified preventive health visit with an RHC practitioner (e.g., **blood pressure checks, allergy injections, prescriptions, nursing services, etc.**) are considered incident to services. The cost of providing these services may be included on the cost report, **but the provision of these services does not generate a billable visit. Incident to services provided on a different day as the billable visit may be included in the charges for the visit if furnished in a medically appropriate timeframe.**

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**120.3 - Payment for Incident to Services**

Incidental services or supplies must represent an expense incurred by the RHC or FQHC. For example, if a patient purchases a drug and the physician administers it, the cost of the drug is not covered and cannot be included on the cost report. If a Medicare-covered Part B drug is furnished by an RHC or FQHC practitioner to a Medicare patient as part of a billable visit, the cost of the drug and its administration is included in the RHC's AIR or the FQHC's PPS payment.


**RHCs and FQHCs cannot bill separately for Part B drugs or other incident to services or supplies.**

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**23. In RHCs NPs, PAs, and CNMs can always be the person providing direct supervision for incident to services.**

**a. True**  
**b. False**



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**140 - Services and Supplies Furnished Incident to NP, PA, and CNM Services**

NOTE: The direct supervision requirement is met in the case of an NP, PA, or CNM who supervises the furnishing of the service **only if such a person is permitted to exercise such supervision under the written policies governing the RHC.** Services and supplies covered under this provision are generally the same as described in section 120 as incident to a physician's services and include services and supplies incident to the services of an NP, PA, or CNM.

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**Incident to Billing in RHCs The Options**

#	Description
1	Include the charges with a face to face visit within 30 days by: A. Holding claims B. Adjusting claims
2	Writing the service off and not bill.
3	Set up non-rhc hours and perform during that time. A. Must treat everyone the same (Non-Medicare) B. Must exclude cost and visits from cost report. C. Avoid commingling issues

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**The 30-Day Rule – Incident to**

- Incident to services can be combined with claims with visits within 30 days. List only the date of the visit.

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**Change of Charges For Incident to billing**

- Use Bill Type 0717
- Use Condition Code D1 in FL 18-28
- Place DCN in FL64 (Document Control Number)
- In Remarks indicate "Change of Charges"

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**Non-RHC Hours – What you have heard?**

1. Your going to jail.
2. Its complicated
3. Cost Report Nightmare
4. AIR will go down.



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**Non-RHC Hours - Reality**



1. No one is going to jail
2. Not that hard
3. Cost Report is designed for it.
4. AIR will not go down if done correctly

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**Keys to making it work**

1. Treat everyone the same
2. Keep up with Non-RHC visits
3. Place a sign on the door indicating times
4. Notify your Cost Report Person.



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**What services can be done during Non-RHC Hours**

99214	Trigger Point Injections
99215	Procedures
36415	Allergy Shots
AWE	Nurse Only Visits
IPPE	TCM

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**100 – Commingling**


Commingling refers to the sharing of RHC space, staff (employed or contracted), supplies, equipment, and/or other resources with an onsite Medicare Part B or Medicaid fee-for-service practice operated by the same RHC physician(s) and/or non-physician(s) practitioners. Commingling is prohibited in order to prevent:

- Duplicate Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement (including situations where the RHC is unable to distinguish its actual costs from those that are reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis), or
- **Selectively choosing a higher or lower reimbursement rate for the services.**

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**24. An RHC can set aside a separate treatment room to perform procedures and bill Medicare Part B Fee for service during RHC hours.**



a. True  
b. False

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**No Magic Part B Room – Treatment Room**

RHC practitioners may not furnish or separately bill for RHC covered professional services as a Part B provider in the RHC, or in an area outside of the certified RHC space such as a treatment room adjacent to the RHC, during RHC hours of operation. If an RHC practitioner furnishes an RHC service at the RHC during RHC hours, the service must be billed as an RHC service. **The service cannot be carved out of the cost report and billed to Part B.**

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**Costs must be properly allocated**

If an RHC is located in the same building with another entity such as an unaffiliated medical practice, x-ray and lab facility, dental clinic, emergency room, etc., the RHC space must be clearly defined. If the RHC leases space to another entity, all costs associated with the leased space must be carved out of the cost report.

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**Sharing Services - Commingling**

RHCs that share resources (e.g., waiting room, telephones, receptionist, etc.) with another entity must maintain accurate records to assure that all costs claimed for Medicare reimbursement are only for the RHC staff, space, or other resources. Any shared staff, space, or other resources must be allocated appropriately between RHC and non-RHC usage to avoid duplicate reimbursement.

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