

any other person for items and services for which the beneficiary is entitled to have payment made under the provisions of this part (or for which the beneficiary would have been entitled if the rural health clinic had filed a request for payment in accordance with § 410.165 of this chapter), except for any deductible or coinsurance amounts for which the beneficiary is liable under § 405.2410.

(3) *Refunds to beneficiaries.* (i) The clinic agrees to refund as promptly as possible any money incorrectly collected from beneficiaries or from someone on their behalf.

(ii) As used in this section, *money incorrectly collected* means sums collected in excess of the amount for which the beneficiary was liable under § 405.2410. It includes amounts collected at a time when the beneficiary was believed not to be entitled to Medicare benefits but:

(A) The beneficiary is later determined to have been entitled to Medicare benefits; and

(B) The beneficiary's entitlement period falls within the time the rural health clinic's agreement with the Secretary is in effect.

(4) *Beneficiary treatment.* (i) The clinic agrees to accept beneficiaries for care and treatment; and

(ii) The clinic agrees not to impose any limitations on the acceptance of beneficiaries for care and treatment that it does not impose on all other persons.

(b) *Additional provisions.* The agreement may contain any additional provisions that the Secretary finds necessary or desirable for the efficient and effective administration of the Medicare program.

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**§ 405.2404 Terminations of agreements.**

(a) *Termination by rural health clinic—*  
(1) *Notice to Secretary.* If the clinic wishes to terminate its agreement it shall file with the Secretary a written notice stating the intended effective date of termination.

(2) *Action by the Secretary.* (i) The Secretary may approve the date proposed by the clinic, or set a different date no later than 6 months after the date of the clinic's notice.

(ii) The Secretary may approve a date which is less than 6 months after the date of notice if he determines that termination on that date would not:

(A) Unduly disrupt the furnishing of services to the community serviced by the clinic; or

(B) Otherwise interfere with the effective and efficient administration of the Medicare program.

(3) *Cessation of business.* If a clinic ceases to furnish services to the community, that shall be deemed to be a voluntary termination of the agreement by the clinic, effective on the last day of business.

(b) *Termination by the Secretary—*(1) *Cause for termination.* The Secretary may terminate an agreement if he determines that the rural health clinic:

(i) No longer meets the conditions for certification under part 491 of this chapter; or

(ii) Is not in substantial compliance with the provisions of the agreement, the requirements of this subpart, any other applicable regulations of this part, or any applicable provisions of title XVIII of the Act; or

(iii) Has undergone a change of ownership.

(2) *Notice of termination.* The Secretary will give notice of termination to the rural health clinic at least 15 days before the effective date stated in the notice.

(3) *Appeal by the rural health clinic.* A rural health clinic may appeal the termination of its agreement in accordance with the provisions set forth in part 498 of this chapter.

(c) *Effect of termination.* Payment will not be available for rural health clinic services furnished on or after the effective date of termination.

(d) *Notice to the public.* Prompt notice of the date and effect of termination shall be given to the public, through publication in local newspapers:

(1) By the clinic, after the Secretary has approved or set a termination date; or

(2) By the Secretary, when he has terminated the agreement.

(e) *Conditions for reinstatement after termination of agreement by the Secretary.* When an agreement with a rural health clinic is terminated by the Secretary, the rural health clinic may not

file another agreement to participate in the Medicare program unless the Secretary:

(1) Finds that the reason for the termination of the prior agreement has been removed; and

(2) Is assured that the reason for the termination will not recur.

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**§ 405.2410 Application of Part B deductible and coinsurance.**

(a) *Application of deductible.* (1) Medicare payment for rural health clinic services begins only after the beneficiary has incurred the deductible.

(2) Medicare payment for services covered under the Federally qualified health center benefit is not subject to the usual Part B deductible.

(b) *Application of coinsurance.* (1) The beneficiary is responsible for a coinsurance amount which cannot exceed 20 percent of the clinic's reasonable customary charge for the covered service; and

(2)(i) The beneficiary's deductible and coinsurance liability, with respect to any one item or service furnished by the rural health clinic, may not exceed a reasonable amount customarily charged by the clinic for that particular item or service.

(ii) For any one item or service furnished by a Federally qualified health center, the coinsurance liability may not exceed 20 percent of a reasonable amount customarily charged by the center for that particular item or service.

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**§ 405.2411 Scope of benefits.**

(a) Rural health clinic services reimbursable under this subpart are:

(1) The physicians' services specified in § 405.2412;

(2) Services and supplies furnished as an incident to a physician's professional service;

(3) The nurse practitioner or physician assistant services specified in § 405.2414;

(4) Services and supplies furnished as an incident to a nurse practitioner's or physician assistant's services; and

(5) Visiting nurse services.

(b) Rural health clinic services are reimbursable when furnished to a patient at the clinic, at a hospital or other medical facility, or at the patient's place of residence.

**§ 405.2412 Physicians' services.**

(a) Physicians' services are professional services that are performed by a physician at the clinic or are performed away from the clinic by a physician whose agreement with the clinic provides that he or she will be paid by the clinic for such services.

**§ 405.2413 Services and supplies incident to a physician's services.**

(a) Services and supplies incident to a physician's professional service are reimbursable under this subpart if the service or supply is:

(1) Of a type commonly furnished in physicians' offices;

(2) Of a type commonly rendered either without charge or included in the rural health clinic's bill;

(3) Furnished as an incidental, although integral, part of a physician's professional services;

(4) Furnished under the direct, personal supervision of a physician; and

(5) In the case of a service, furnished by a member of the clinic's health care staff who is an employee of the clinic.

(b) Only drugs and biologicals which cannot be self-administered are included within the scope of this benefit.

**§ 405.2414 Nurse practitioner and physician assistant services.**

(a) Professional services are reimbursable under this subpart if:

(1) Furnished by a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, nurse midwife, or specialized nurse practitioner who is employed by, or receives compensation from, the rural health clinic;

(2) Furnished under the medical supervision of a physician;

(3) Furnished in accordance with any medical orders for the care and treatment of a patient prepared by a physician;

(4) They are of a type which the nurse practitioner, physician assistant, nurse midwife or specialized nurse practitioner who furnished the service is legally permitted to perform by the