

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 3972</b>	<b>Date: February 8, 2018</b>
	<b>Change Request 10480</b>

**SUBJECT: Update to the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Prospective Payment System (PPS) for Calendar Year (CY) 2018 - Recurring File Update**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This Change Request (CR) updates the Federally Qualified Health Center Prospective Payment System (FQHC PPS) grandfathered tribal FQHC base payment rate in the FQHC Pricer.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2018**

*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 2, 2018**

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

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**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**Recurring Update Notification**

# Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2016, Indian Health Service (IHS) and tribal facilities and organizations that met the conditions of section 413.65(m) on or before April 7, 2000, and have a change in their status on or after April 7, 2000 from IHS to tribal operation, or vice versa, or the realignment of a facility from one IHS or tribal hospital to another IHS or tribal hospital such that the organization no longer meets the CoPs, may seek to become certified as grandfathered tribal FQHCs. These grandfathered tribal FQHCs would be required to meet all FQHC certification and payment requirements. The grandfathered PPS rate equals the Medicare outpatient per visit payment rate paid to them as a provider-based department, as set annually by the IHS.

**B. Policy:** Grandfathered tribal FQHCs are paid the lesser of their charges or a grandfathered tribal FQHC PPS rate for all FQHC services furnished to a beneficiary during a medically-necessary, face-to-face FQHC visit. From January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, the grandfathered tribal FQHC PPS rate is \$383. FQHC claims (TOB 77X) for grandfathered tribal FQHCs submitted with dates of service on or after January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 paid at the CY 2017 rate of \$349 must be adjusted and paid at the CY 2018 rate of \$383.

Grandfathered tribal FQHC claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, should be paid at the CY 2018 rate of \$383 until CMS provides an updated payment rate for CY 2019. The grandfathered tribal FQHC PPS rate will not be adjusted by the FQHC PPS GAFs or be eligible for the special payment adjustments under the FQHC PPS for new patients, patients receiving an IPPE or an AWW. The rate is also ineligible for exceptions to the single per diem payment that is available to FQHCs paid under the FQHC PPS. In addition, the FQHC market basket adjustment that is applied annually to the FQHC PPS base rate will not apply to the grandfathered tribal FQHC PPS rate.

Contractors shall load the FQHC Pricer effective April 1, 2018.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.*

Number	Requirement	Responsibility							
		A/B MAC		D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B		H H H	F I S S	M C S	V M S	
10480.1	Contractors shall load the FQHC Pricer, effective April 1, 2018.					X			
10480.2	Contractors shall adjust all FQHC claims (77X) for Grandfathered Tribal FQHCs submitted with dates of service on or after January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 paid at the previous rate. These adjustments shall be completed 90 days after the implementation of this CR.	X							

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility					
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I	I
		A	B	H H H			
10480.3	MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/">http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within 5 business days after receipt of the notification from CMS announcing the availability of the article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X					

### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A**

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A**

## **V. CONTACTS**

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