

# Medicare Bonus Payment for Rural Providers

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- 1. Brief Outline of Designation Process**
  - A. State Office of Rural Health request for or continuation of HPSA status
  - B. HRSA Bureau of Shortage Designation action
  - C. CMS receipt of designation status
  - D. Carrier's set up and initialization of process to pay
  - E. Notification to provider regarding eligibility
  
- 2. Discussion of barriers relevant to process according to local (SW Georgia) experiences**
  - A. Educational
  - B. Communication
  - C. Complexity
  - D. Length of time
  - E. No single point of access
  
- 3. Results of informal survey of potential and current claimants of bonus payment**
  
- 4. Recommendations for improvement of process**
  
- 5. Discussion**