

(b) *Non-rural areas.* For services furnished beginning January 1, 1992 and ending December 31, 1997, allowed amounts for the services of a nurse practitioner or a clinical nurse specialist in a nursing facility may not exceed 85 percent of the physician fee schedule amount for the service.

(c) *Beginning January 1, 1998.* For services (other than assistant-at-surgery services) furnished beginning January 1, 1998, allowed amounts for the services of a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist may not exceed 85 percent of the physician fee schedule amount for the service. For assistant-at-surgery services, allowed amounts for the services of a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist may not exceed 85 percent of the physician fee schedule amount that would be allowed under the physician fee schedule if the assistant-at-surgery service were furnished by a physician.

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§ 414.58 Payment of charges for physician services to patients in providers.

(a) *Payment under the physician fee schedule.* In addition to the special conditions for payment in §§ 415.100 through 415.130, and § 415.190 of this chapter, HCFA establishes payment for physician services to patients in providers under the physician fee schedule in accordance with §§ 414.1 through 414.48.

(b) *Teaching hospitals.* Services furnished by physicians in teaching hospitals may be made on a reasonable cost basis set forth in § 415.162 of this chapter if the hospital exercises the election described in § 415.160 of this chapter.

[56 FR 59624, Nov. 25, 1991, as amended at 57 FR 42492, Sept. 15, 1992; 60 FR 63189, Dec. 8, 1995]

§ 414.60 Payment for the services of CRNAs.

(a) *Basis for payment.* The allowance for the anesthesia service furnished by a CRNA, medically directed or not medically directed, is based on allowable base and time units as defined in § 414.46(a). Beginning with CY 1994—

(1) The allowance for an anesthesia service furnished by a medically di-

rected CRNA is based on a fixed percentage of the allowance recognized for the anesthesia service personally performed by the physician alone, as specified in § 414.46(d)(3); and

(2) The CF for an anesthesia service furnished by a CRNA not directed by a physician may not exceed the CF for a service personally performed by a physician.

(b) *To whom payment may be made.* Payment for an anesthesia service furnished by a CRNA may be made to the CRNA or to any individual or entity (such as a hospital, critical access hospital, physician, group practice, or ambulatory surgical center) with which the CRNA has an employment or contract relationship that provides for payment to be made to the individual or entity.

(c) *Condition for payment.* Payment for the services of a CRNA may be made only on an assignment related basis, and any assignment accepted by a CRNA is binding on any other person presenting a claim or request for payment for the service.

[60 FR 63178, Dec. 8, 1995, as amended at 62 FR 46037, Aug. 29, 1997; 64 FR 59441, Nov. 2, 1999]

§ 414.62 Fee schedule for clinical psychologist services.

The fee schedule for clinical psychologist services is set at 100 percent of the amount determined for corresponding services under the physician fee schedule.

[62 FR 59102, Oct. 31, 1997]

§ 414.65 Payment for consultations via interactive telecommunications systems.

(a) *Limitations on payment.* Medicare payment for a professional consultation conducted via interactive telecommunications systems is subject to the following limitations:

(1) The payment may not exceed the current fee schedule amount applicable to the consulting practitioner for the health care service provided.

(2) The payment may not include reimbursement for any telephone line charges or any facility fees.

(3) The payment is subject to the co-insurance and deductible requirements of sections 1833(a)(1) and (b) of the Act.