

inpatient and outpatient medical care provided by IHS facilities for Calendar Year 2003 for Medicare and Medicaid Beneficiaries and Beneficiaries of other Federal Agencies. The Medicare Part A inpatient rates are excluded from the table below as they are paid based on the prospective payment system. Since the inpatient rates set forth below do not include all physician services and practitioner services, additional payment may be available to the extent that those services meet applicable requirements. Physician services being paid by Medicare was generated through legislation, effective July 1, 2001, that allows IHS facilities to file claims with the carrier for physician payment.

	Calendar Year 2003
Inpatient Hospital Per Diem Rate (Excludes Physician Services)	
Lower 48 States	\$1,526
Alaska	2,049
Outpatient Per Visit Rate (Excluding Medicare)	
Lower 48 States	206
Alaska	360
Outpatient Per Visit Rate (Medicare)	
Lower 48 States	175
Alaska	332
Medicare Part B Inpatient Ancillary Per Diem Rate	
Lower 48 States	298
Alaska	589
Outpatient Surgery Rate (Medicare) Established Medicare rates for freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Centers.	

Effective Date for Calendar Year 2003 Rates

Consistent with previous annual rate revisions, the Calendar Year 2003 rates will be effective for services provided

on/or after January 1, 2003, to the extent consistent with payment authorities including the applicable Medicaid State plan.

Regulatory Impact

We have examined the impacts of this rule as required by Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (Pub. L. 96-354). Executive Order 12866 directs agencies to assess all cost and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). A Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) must be prepared for major rules with economically significant effects (\$110 million or more annually). This notice is not a major rule because we have determined that the economic impact will be negligible.

Section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 also requires that agencies assess anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule that may result in an expenditure in any one year by State, local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$110 million. This rule will not have a significant economic effect on these governments or the private sector.

The Department has determined that this notice does not have a substantial effect on States or local governments under Executive Order 13132 and will not interfere with the roles, rights and responsibilities of States or local governments.

We are not preparing an analysis for the RFA because we have determined, and we certify, that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12866, this notice was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated: September 10, 2003.

Michel E. Lincoln,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Inspector General

Program Exclusions: July 2003

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of program exclusions.

During the month of July 2003, the HHS Office of Inspector General imposed exclusions in the cases set forth below. When an exclusions is imposed, no program payment is made to anyone for any items or services (other than an emergency item or service not provided in a hospital emergency room) furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded party under the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal Health Care programs. In addition, no program payment is made to any business or facility, e.g., a hospital, that submits bills for payment for items or services provided by an excluded party. Program beneficiaries remain free to decide for themselves whether they will continue to use the services of an excluded party even though no program payments will be made for items and services provided by that excluded party. The exclusions have national effect and also apply to all Executive Branch procurement and non-procurement programs and activities.

Office of Investigation Office of Inspector General—DHHS Case Investigation Management System For Press Release From 07/01/2003-07/31/2003

Subject name	Address	Effective date
Program-Related Convictions:		
Loccisano, Gina Maria	Cranston, RI	8/20/2003
McGovern, Dana E.	Port Charlotte, FL	8/20/2003
McGovern's Ambulance Service, Inc.	Port Charlotte, FL	8/20/2003
Okoye, Patrick C.	Montgomery, AL	8/20/2003
Okoye, Godwin S.	Montgomery, AL	8/20/2003
Capobianco, Leo J.	Las Vegas, NV	8/20/2003
Khalatov, Leonid	Woodmere, NY	8/20/2003
Dooley, Michael F.	Carthage, NY	8/20/2003
Grim Thirty-Three, Inc.	Smithtown, NY	8/20/2003
Grimaldi, John	Lake George, NY	8/20/2003
JDS Ambulance Corp.	Woodmere, NY	8/20/2003
Murphy Jr., James E.	Niverville, NY	8/20/2003
Abrams, Barry	Flushing, NY	8/20/2003
Sabot, Theodore J.	Pittsfield, MA	8/20/2003
Houchins, EdnaLee	S. Charleston, WV	8/20/2003