

## 42 C.F.R. § 409.100

## To whom payment is made.

- (a) Basic rule. Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section—
- (1) Medicare pays hospital insurance benefits only to a participating provider.
- (2) For home health services (including medical supplies described in section 1861(m)(5) of the Act, but excluding durable medical equipment to the extent provided for in such section) furnished to an individual who at the time the item or service is furnished is under a plan of care of an HHA, payment is made to the HHA (without regard to whether the item or service is furnished by the HHA directly, under arrangement with the HHA, or under any other contracting or consulting arrangement).

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