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health care services and high performing health care providers may be rewarded with improved reputations through public reporting, enhanced payments through differential reimbursements, and increased market share through purchaser, payer, and/or consumer selection.

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§ 484.310 Applicability of the Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) Model.

(a) *General rule.* The HHVBP Model applies to all Medicare-certified home health agencies (HHAs) in selected states.

(b) *Selected states.* Nine states have been selected in accordance with CMS's selection methodology. All Medicare-certified HHAs that provide services in Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, Florida, Washington, Arizona, Iowa, Nebraska, and Tennessee will be required to compete in this model.

§ 484.315 Data reporting for measures and evaluation under the Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) Model.

(a) Competing home health agencies will be evaluated using a set of quality measures.

(b) Competing home health agencies in selected states will be required to report information on New Measures, as determined appropriate by the Secretary, to CMS in the form, manner, and at a time specified by the Secretary.

(c) Competing home health agencies in selected states will be required to collect and report such information as the Secretary determines is necessary for purposes of monitoring and evaluating the HHVBP Model under section 1115A(b)(4) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1315a).

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§ 484.320 Calculation of the Total Performance Score.

A competing home health agency's Total Performance Score for a model year is calculated as follows:

(a) CMS will award points to the competing home health agency for per-

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formance on each of the applicable measures excluding the New Measures.

(b) CMS will award points to the competing home health agency for reporting on each of the New Measures worth up to ten percent of the Total Performance Score.

(c) CMS will sum all points awarded for each applicable measure excluding the New Measures weighted equally at the individual measure level, to calculate a value worth 90-percent of the Total Performance Score.

(d) The sum of the points awarded to a competing HHA for each applicable measure and the points awarded to a competing HHA for reporting data on each New Measure is the competing HHA's Total Performance Score for the calendar year.

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§ 484.325 Payments for home health services under Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) Model.

CMS will determine a payment adjustment up to the maximum applicable percentage, upward or downward, under the HHVBP Model for each competing home health agency based on the agency's Total Performance Score using a linear exchange function. Payment adjustments made under the HHVBP Model will be calculated as a percentage of otherwise-applicable payments for home health services provided under section 1895 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1395fff).

§ 484.330 Process for determining and applying the value-based payment adjustment under the Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) Model.

(a) *General.* Competing home health agencies will be ranked within the larger-volume and smaller-volume cohorts in selected states based on the performance standards that apply to the HHVBP Model for the baseline year, and CMS will make value-based payment adjustments to the competing HHAs as specified in this section.

(b) *Calculation of the value-based payment adjustment amount.* The value-based payment adjustment amount is calculated by multiplying the Home Health Prospective Payment final