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Rural DSH eligibility

Question

Why are rural DSH's no longer required to provide a letter from the fiscal intermediary (FI) certifying a DSH Adjustment Percentage greater than 11.75%?

Answer

The requirement for rural hospitals to provide a letter from the FI certifying a DSH Adjustment Percentage greater than 11.75%, was implemented as a temporary measure pending updates to the CMS database reflecting the change in the DSH Adjustment Percentage calculation and the cap under the new Medicare law. The CMS database has now been updated, and OPA is using this database to determine rural DSH eligibility.