

10.3 - Payment Areas

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MA local area. The MA local area is the payment area for MA local plans. The MA local area is defined at 42 CFR 422.252 as a county or an equivalent geographic area specified by CMS.

MA region. The MA region is the payment area for a MA regional plan. The MA regions are established by CMS.

Special payment area for ESRD enrollees. Special payment areas may apply to ESRD enrollees regardless of whether they belong to a local or regional MA plan. Per 42 CFR 422.204(d), the payment area for ESRD enrollees is a State or other geographic area specified by CMS.

Effective January 1, 2005, the payment area for ESRD enrollees in dialysis and transplant status is the State, District of Columbia, or territory. The payment area for ESRD enrollees in functioning graft (post-transplant) status is the county or equivalent area.

