

Barton to receive full Medicare reimbursement

Barton Health will be getting its full Medicare reimbursement from the Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction program.

There had been some doubt earlier this summer if that was going to happen

Barton Memorial Hospital will actually receive an additional 0.5 percent in Medicare reimbursement for its high performance scores in patient care. The higher reimbursement will be allocated from October 2014 through September 2015.

In a separate assessment, Barton Memorial Hospital has also received notification that it will not receive a penalty from the CMS's Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program, as erroneously speculated by Kaiser Health News.

"We are pleased, but not surprised that Barton is a high-performer," Clint Purvance, Barton's chief medical officer, said in a statement. "Our hospital's staff and physicians consider patient safety, quality and patient satisfaction their highest priorities. The time and energy they have invested has greatly improved the outcomes on these measures for the past several years and continues to do so."