

contractor cooperates with the Secretary in complying with the FMFIA.

- Implementation of the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) standards adopted for use under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- Implementation of our general instructions.

VII. Action Based on Performance Evaluations

[If you choose to comment on this section, please include the caption "ACTION BASED ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS" at the beginning of your comments.]

We evaluate a contractor's performance against applicable program requirements for each criterion. Each contractor must certify that all information submitted to us relating to the contract management process, including, without limitation, all files, records, documents and data, whether in written, electronic, or other form, is accurate and complete to the best of the contractor's knowledge and belief. A contractor is required to certify that its files, records, documents, and data are not manipulated or falsified in an effort to receive a more favorable performance evaluation. A contractor must further certify that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the contractor has submitted, without withholding any relevant information, all information required to be submitted for the contract management process under the authority of applicable law(s), regulation(s), contract(s), or our manual provision(s). Any contractor that makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may be subject to criminal or civil prosecution, as well as appropriate administrative action. This administrative action may include debarment or suspension of the contractor, as well as the termination or nonrenewal of a contract.

If a contractor meets the level of performance required by operational instructions, it meets the requirements of that criterion. When we determine a contractor is not meeting performance requirements, we will use the terms "major nonconformance" or "minor nonconformance" to classify our findings. A major nonconformance is a nonconformance that is likely to result in failure of the supplies or services, or to materially reduce the usability of the supplies or services for their intended purpose. A minor nonconformance is a nonconformance that is not likely to materially reduce the usability of the supplies or services for their intended purpose, or is a departure from established standards having little

bearing on the effective use or operation of the supplies or services. The contractor will be required to develop and implement PIPs for findings determined to be either a major or minor nonconformance. The contractor will be monitored to ensure effective and efficient compliance with the PIP, and to ensure improved performance when requirements are not met.

The results of performance evaluations and assessments under all criteria applying to intermediaries, carriers, and RHHIs will be used for contract management activities and will be published in the contractor's annual Report of Contractor Performance (RCP). We may initiate administrative actions as a result of the evaluation of contractor performance based on these performance criteria. Under sections 1816 and 1842 of the Act, we consider the results of the evaluation in our determinations when—

- Entering into, renewing, or terminating agreements or contracts with contractors, and
- Deciding other contract actions for intermediaries and carriers (such as deletion of an automatic renewal clause). These decisions are made on a case-by-case basis and depend primarily on the nature and degree of performance. More specifically, these decisions depend on the following:
 - + Relative overall performance compared to other contractors.
 - + Number of criteria in which nonconformance occurs.
 - + Extent of each nonconformance.
 - + Relative significance of the requirement for which nonconformance occurs within the overall evaluation program.
 - + Efforts to improve program quality, service, and efficiency.
 - + Deciding the assignment or reassignment of providers and designation of regional or national intermediaries for classes of providers.

We make individual contract action decisions after considering these factors in terms of their relative significance and impact on the effective and efficient administration of the Medicare program.

In addition, if the cost incurred by the intermediary, RHHI, or carrier to meet its contractual requirements exceeds the amount that we find to be reasonable and adequate to meet the cost that must be incurred by an efficiently and economically operated intermediary or carrier, these high costs may also be grounds for adverse action.

VIII. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection and record

keeping requirements. Consequently, the Office of Management and Budget need not review it under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

IX. Response to Comments

Because of the large number of items of correspondence we normally receive on **Federal Register** documents published for comment, we are unable to acknowledge or respond to them individually. We will consider all comments we receive by the date and time specified in the "Comment Date" section of this notice, and, if we proceed with a subsequent document, we will respond to the comments in the section entitled as "Analysis of and Response to Public Comments Received on FY 2007 Criteria and Standards" of that document.

Authority: Sections 1816(f), 1834(a)(12), and 1842(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395h(f), 1395m(a)(12), and 1395u(b)) (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance, and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: June 22, 2006.

Mark B. McClellan,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Corrections

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: This document corrects technical errors that appeared in the July 31, 2006 **Federal Register**, entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities—Update—Notice."

Effective Date: This correction is effective October 1, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Ullman, (410) 786–5667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In FR Doc. 06–6615 of July 31, 2006 (71 FR 43158), there were several technical errors that this notice serves to identify and correct. One correction involves Table 10, which we use to illustrate the skilled nursing facility (SNF) prospective payment system (PPS) payment rate computations for a fictitious “XYZ” SNF located in Cedar Rapids, IA. In the example that appears in this table, RUG Group “CC2” serves to illustrate the effect on the payment rates of applying the 128 percent add-on for SNF residents with AIDS under section 511 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA, P.L. 108–173). The table includes a footnote, marked with an asterisk that describes the MMA adjustment; however, we inadvertently omitted the corresponding asterisk within the table itself to identify the particular figure in the table to which this footnote refers. Accordingly, in section II of this document (“Correction of Errors”), we are restoring the asterisk that belongs next to the adjusted CC2 amount of “\$542.54” that appears in Table 10’s “Percent Adjustment” column.

In addition, in Table 12 (which displays the projected impact of the FY 2007 SNF PPS payment update, including the variation in impact by region and by certain other facility characteristics), we are correcting errors

pertaining to the rural Outlying region. In the projected impact for the rural Outlying region, we inadvertently entered the incorrect figures of “–2.9%” and “3.3%” in the columns entitled “Transition to CBSA” and “Total FY 2007 change,” respectively. In this notice, we correct these figures to read “0.0%” and “6.4%,” respectively, and we also make corresponding revisions in the text of the narrative that accompanies Table 12. We note that the effect on the corrected table is solely distributional in nature and, accordingly, there is no change in the estimated aggregate expenditures for FY 2007 as set forth in the July 31, 2006 update notice. A further discussion of the projected impact of the FY 2007 SNF PPS payment update appears in the July 31, 2006 update notice (71 FR 43173–43176).

Finally, we have determined that in the process of developing the most recent hospital wage index, we inadvertently used incorrect wage information for two providers. These two providers notified their fiscal intermediary in a timely fashion that their wage data were incorrect and we agreed to correct the wage data for these two providers. However, we inadvertently published the uncorrected wage data in the July 31, 2006 update notice. Incorporating their corrected data into our calculation of the national average hourly wage results in revised

wage index values for a number of Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs). Accordingly, we are revising and republishing Tables 8 and 9, which appeared in an addendum to the July 31, 2006 update notice, to reflect the correct information.

II. Correction of Errors

In FR Doc. 06–6615 (71 FR 43158), make the following corrections:

1. On page 43170, Table 10, in the “Percent adj” column, the figure “\$542.54” is revised to read “\$542.54*”.
2. On page 43174, third column,
 - a. In the first paragraph, line 10, the figure “3.2 percent” is revised to read “6.4 percent”.
 - b. In the final paragraph, the second sentence is revised to read as follows: “For example, though facilities in the rural Mountain region experience only a slight payment increase of 1.2 percent, some providers (such as those in the rural Outlying region) show a greater increase of 6.4 percent. “ In the third sentence, the phrase “urban Mountain” is revised to read “rural Outlying”.
3. On page 43175, Table 12, the entries displayed for the rural Outlying region in the columns entitled “Transition to full CBSA” and “Total FY 2007 change” are revised to read “0.0%” and “6.4%”, respectively.
4. On pages 43176 through 43198, Table 8 is revised to read as follows:

TABLE 8.— FY 2007 WAGE INDEX FOR URBAN AREAS BASED ON CBSA LABOR MARKET AREAS

CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
10180	Abilene, TX Callahan County, TX. Jones County, TX. Taylor County, TX.	0.8000
10380	Aguadilla-Isabela-San Sebastián, PR Aguada Municipio, PR. Aguadilla Municipio, PR. Añasco Municipio, PR. Isabela Municipio, PR. Lares Municipio, PR. Moca Municipio, PR. Rincón Municipio, PR. San Sebastián Municipio, PR.	0.3915
10420	Akron, OH Portage County, OH. Summit County, OH.	0.8654
10500	Albany, GA Baker County, GA. Dougherty County, GA. Lee County, GA. Terrell County, GA. Worth County, GA.	0.8991
10580	Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY Albany County, NY. Rensselaer County, NY. Saratoga County, NY. Schenectady County, NY. Schoharie County, NY.	0.8720
10740	Albuquerque, NM	0.9458

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
10780	Bernalillo County, NM. Sandoval County, NM. Torrance County, NM. Valencia County, NM. Alexandria, LA	0.8006
10900	Grant Parish, LA. Rapides Parish, LA. Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ	0.9947
11020	Warren County, NJ. Carbon County, PA. Lehigh County, PA. Northampton County, PA. Altoona, PA	0.8812
11100	Blair County, PA. Amarillo, TX	0.9169
11180	Armstrong County, TX. Carson County, TX. Potter County, TX. Randall County, TX. Ames, IA	0.9760
11260	Story County, IA. Anchorage, AK	1.2023
11300	Anchorage Municipality, AK. Matanuska-Susitna Borough, AK. Anderson, IN	0.8681
11340	Madison County, IN. Anderson, SC	0.9017
11460	Anderson County, SC. Ann Arbor, MI	1.0826
11500	Washtenaw County, MI. Anniston-Oxford, AL	0.7770
11540	Calhoun County, AL. Appleton, WI	0.9455
11700	Calumet County, WI. Outagamie County, WI. Asheville, NC	0.9216
12020	Buncombe County, NC. Haywood County, NC. Henderson County, NC. Madison County, NC. Athens-Clarke County, GA	0.9856
12060	Clarke County, GA. Madison County, GA. Oconee County, GA. Oglethorpe County, GA. Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	0.9762
	Barrow County, GA. Bartow County, GA. Butts County, GA. Carroll County, GA. Cherokee County, GA. Clayton County, GA. Cobb County, GA. Coweta County, GA. Dawson County, GA. DeKalb County, GA. Douglas County, GA. Fayette County, GA. Forsyth County, GA. Fulton County, GA. Gwinnett County, GA. Haralson County, GA. Heard County, GA. Henry County, GA. Jasper County, GA. Lamar County, GA. Meriwether County, GA. Newton County, GA. Paulding County, GA. Pickens County, GA. Pike County, GA.	

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
12100	Rockdale County, GA. Spalding County, GA. Walton County, GA. Atlantic City, NJ	1.1831
12220	Atlantic County, NJ. Auburn-Opelika, AL	0.8096
12260	Lee County, AL. Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	0.9667
12420	Burke County, GA. Columbia County, GA. McDuffie County, GA. Richmond County, GA. Aiken County, SC. Edgefield County, SC. Austin-Round Rock, TX	0.9344
12540	Bastrop County, TX. Caldwell County, TX. Hays County, TX. Travis County, TX. Williamson County, TX.	1.0725
12580	Bakersfield, CA	1.0088
12620	Kern County, CA. Baltimore-Towson, MD	0.9711
12700	Anne Arundel County, MD. Baltimore County, MD. Carroll County, MD. Harford County, MD. Howard County, MD. Queen Anne's County, MD. Baltimore City, MD.	1.2539
12940	Bangor, ME	0.8084
12980	Penobscot County, ME. Barnstable Town, MA	0.9762
13020	Barnstable County, MA. Baton Rouge, LA	0.9251
13140	Ascension Parish, LA. East Baton Rouge Parish, LA. East Feliciana Parish, LA. Iberville Parish, LA. Livingston Parish, LA. Pointe Coupee Parish, LA. St. Helena Parish, LA. West Baton Rouge Parish, LA. West Feliciana Parish, LA.	0.8595
13380	Battle Creek, MI	1.1104
13460	Calhoun County, MI. Bay City, MI	1.0743
13644	Bay County, MI. Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	1.0903
13740	Hardin County, TX. Jefferson County, TX. Orange County, TX.	0.8712
13780	Bellingham, WA	0.8786
13820	Whatcom County, WA. Bend, OR	0.8894
	Deschutes County, OR. Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg, MD	
	Frederick County, MD. Montgomery County, MD. Billings, MT	
	Carbon County, MT. Yellowstone County, MT. Binghamton, NY	
	Broome County, NY. Tioga County, NY. Birmingham-Hoover, AL	
	Bibb County, AL. Blount County, AL. Chilton County, AL. Jefferson County, AL. St. Clair County, AL.	

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
13900	Shelby County, AL. Walker County, AL. Bismarck, ND Burleigh County, ND. Morton County, ND.	0.7240
13980	Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford, VA Giles County, VA. Montgomery County, VA. Pulaski County, VA. Radford City, VA.	0.8213
14020	Bloomington, IN Greene County, IN. Monroe County, IN. Owen County, IN.	0.8533
14060	Bloomington-Normal, IL McLean County, IL.	0.8944
14260	Boise City-Nampa, ID Ada County, ID. Boise County, ID. Canyon County, ID. Gem County, ID. Owyhee County, ID.	0.9401
14484	Boston-Quincy, MA Norfolk County, MA. Plymouth County, MA. Suffolk County, MA.	1.1679
14500	Boulder, CO Boulder County, CO.	1.0350
14540	Bowling Green, KY Edmonson County, KY. Warren County, KY.	0.8148
14740	Bremerton-Silverdale, WA Kitsap County, WA.	1.0913
14860	Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT Fairfield County, CT.	1.2659
15180	Brownsville-Harlingen, TX Cameron County, TX.	0.9430
15260	Brunswick, GA Brantley County, GA. Glynn County, GA. McIntosh County, GA.	1.0164
15380	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY Erie County, NY. Niagara County, NY.	0.9424
15500	Burlington, NC Alamance County, NC.	0.8674
15540	Burlington-South Burlington, VT Chittenden County, VT. Franklin County, VT. Grand Isle County, VT.	0.9474
15764	Cambridge-Newton-Framingham, MA Middlesex County, MA.	1.0970
15804	Camden, NJ Burlington County, NJ. Camden County, NJ. Gloucester County, NJ.	1.0392
15940	Canton-Massillon, OH Carroll County, OH. Stark County, OH.	0.9031
15980	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL Lee County, FL.	0.9342
16180	Carson City, NV Carson City, NV.	1.0025
16220	Casper, WY Natrona County, WY.	0.9145
16300	Cedar Rapids, IA Benton County, IA. Jones County, IA. Linn County, IA.	0.8888
16580	Champaign-Urbana, IL Champaign County, IL.	0.9644

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
16620	Ford County, IL. Piatt County, IL. Charleston, WV Boone County, WV. Clay County, WV. Kanawha County, WV. Lincoln County, WV. Putnam County, WV.	0.8542
16700	Charleston-North Charleston, SC Berkeley County, SC. Charleston County, SC. Dorchester County, SC.	0.9145
16740	Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC Anson County, NC. Cabarrus County, NC. Gaston County, NC. Mecklenburg County, NC. Union County, NC. York County, SC.	0.9554
16820	Charlottesville, VA Albemarle County, VA. Fluvanna County, VA. Greene County, VA. Nelson County, VA. Charlottesville City, VA.	1.0125
16860	Chattanooga, TN-GA Catoosa County, GA. Dade County, GA. Walker County, GA. Hamilton County, TN. Marion County, TN. Sequatchie County, TN.	0.8948
16940	Cheyenne, WY Laramie County, WY.	0.9060
16974	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL Cook County, IL. DeKalb County, IL. DuPage County, IL. Grundy County, IL. Kane County, IL. Kendall County, IL. McHenry County, IL. Will County, IL.	1.0751
17020	Chico, CA Butte County, CA.	1.1053
17140	Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN Dearborn County, IN. Franklin County, IN. Ohio County, IN. Boone County, KY. Bracken County, KY. Campbell County, KY. Gallatin County, KY. Grant County, KY. Kenton County, KY. Pendleton County, KY. Brown County, OH. Butler County, OH. Clermont County, OH. Hamilton County, OH. Warren County, OH.	0.9601
17300	Clarksville, TN-KY Christian County, KY. Trigg County, KY. Montgomery County, TN. Stewart County, TN.	0.8436
17420	Cleveland, TN Bradley County, TN. Polk County, TN.	0.8109
17460	Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH Cuyahoga County, OH.	0.9400

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
17660	Geauga County, OH. Lake County, OH. Lorain County, OH. Medina County, OH. Coeur d'Alene, ID	0.9344
17780	Kootenai County, ID. College Station-Bryan, TX	0.9045
17820	Brazos County, TX. Burleson County, TX. Robertson County, TX. Colorado Springs, CO	0.9701
17860	El Paso County, CO. Teller County, CO. Columbia, MO	0.8542
17900	Boone County, MO. Howard County, MO. Columbia, SC	0.8933
17980	Calhoun County, SC. Fairfield County, SC. Kershaw County, SC. Lexington County, SC. Richland County, SC. Saluda County, SC.	0.8239
18020	Columbus, GA-AL Russell County, AL. Chattahoochee County, GA. Harris County, GA. Marion County, GA. Muscogee County, GA.	0.9318
18140	Columbus, IN Bartholomew County, IN.	1.0107
18580	Columbus, OH Delaware County, OH. Fairfield County, OH. Franklin County, OH. Licking County, OH. Madison County, OH. Morrow County, OH. Pickaway County, OH. Union County, OH.	0.8564
18700	Corpus Christi, TX Aransas County, TX. Nueces County, TX. San Patricio County, TX.	1.1546
19060	Corvallis, OR Benton County, OR.	0.8446
19124	Cumberland, MD-WV Allegany County, MD. Mineral County, WV. Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Collin County, TX. Dallas County, TX. Delta County, TX. Denton County, TX. Ellis County, TX. Hunt County, TX. Kaufman County, TX. Rockwall County, TX.	1.0075
19140	Dalton, GA	0.9093
19180	Murray County, GA. Whitfield County, GA.	0.9266
19260	Danville, IL Vermilion County, IL.	0.8451
19340	Danville, VA Pittsylvania County, VA. Danville City, VA. Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL Henry County, IL. Mercer County, IL. Rock Island County, IL. Scott County, IA.	0.8846

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19380	Dayton, OH Greene County, OH. Miami County, OH. Montgomery County, OH. Preble County, OH.	0.9037
19460	Decatur, AL Lawrence County, AL. Morgan County, AL.	0.8159
19500	Decatur, IL Macon County, IL.	0.8172
19660	Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL Volusia County, FL.	0.9263
19740	Denver-Aurora, CO Adams County, CO. Arapahoe County, CO. Broomfield County, CO. Clear Creek County, CO. Denver County, CO. Douglas County, CO. Elbert County, CO. Gilpin County, CO. Jefferson County, CO. Park County, CO.	1.0930
19780	Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA Dallas County, IA. Guthrie County, IA. Madison County, IA. Polk County, IA. Warren County, IA.	0.9214
19804	Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, MI Wayne County, MI.	1.0281
20020	Dothan, AL Geneva County, AL. Henry County, AL. Houston County, AL.	0.7381
20100	Dover, DE Kent County, DE.	0.9847
20220	Dubuque, IA Dubuque County, IA.	0.9133
20260	Duluth, MN-WI Carlton County, MN. St. Louis County, MN. Douglas County, WI.	1.0042
20500	Durham, NC Chatham County, NC. Durham County, NC. Orange County, NC. Person County, NC.	0.9826
20740	Eau Claire, WI Chippewa County, WI. Eau Claire County, WI.	0.9630
20764	Edison, NJ Middlesex County, NJ. Monmouth County, NJ. Ocean County, NJ. Somerset County, NJ.	1.1190
20940	El Centro, CA Imperial County, CA.	0.9076
21060	Elizabethtown, KY Hardin County, KY. Larue County, KY.	0.8697
21140	Elkhart-Goshen, IN Elkhart County, IN.	0.9426
21300	Elmira, NY Chemung County, NY.	0.8240
21340	El Paso, TX El Paso County, TX.	0.9053
21500	Erie, PA Erie County, PA.	0.8827
21604	Essex County, MA Essex County, MA.	1.0418

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
21660	Eugene-Springfield, OR Lane County, OR.	1.0876
21780	Evansville, IN-KY Gibson County, IN. Posey County, IN. Vanderburgh County, IN. Warrick County, IN. Henderson County, KY. Webster County, KY.	0.9071
21820	Fairbanks, AK Fairbanks North Star Borough, AK.	1.1059
21940	Fajardo, PR Ceiba Municipio, PR. Fajardo Municipio, PR. Luquillo Municipio, PR.	0.4036
22020	Fargo, ND-MN Cass County, ND. Clay County, MN.	0.8250
22140	Farmington, NM San Juan County, NM.	0.8589
22180	Fayetteville, NC Cumberland County, NC. Hoke County, NC.	0.8945
22220	Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO Benton County, AR. Madison County, AR. Washington County, AR. McDonald County, MO.	0.8865
22380	Flagstaff, AZ Coconino County, AZ.	1.1601
22420	Flint, MI Genesee County, MI.	1.0969
22500	Florence, SC Darlington County, SC. Florence County, SC.	0.8388
22520	Florence-Muscle Shoals, AL Colbert County, AL. Lauderdale County, AL.	0.7843
22540	Fond du Lac, WI Fond du Lac County, WI.	1.0063
22660	Fort Collins-Loveland, CO Larimer County, CO.	0.9544
22744	Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, FL Broward County, FL.	1.0133
22900	Fort Smith, AR-OK Crawford County, AR. Franklin County, AR. Sebastian County, AR. Le Flore County, OK. Sequoyah County, OK.	0.7731
23020	Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin, FL Okaloosa County, FL.	0.8643
23060	Fort Wayne, IN Allen County, IN. Wells County, IN. Whitley County, IN.	0.9517
23104	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Johnson County, TX. Parker County, TX. Tarrant County, TX. Wise County, TX.	0.9569
23420	Fresno, CA Fresno County, CA.	1.0943
23460	Gadsden, AL Etowah County, AL.	0.8066
23540	Gainesville, FL Alachua County, FL. Gilchrist County, FL.	0.9277
23580	Gainesville, GA Hall County, GA.	0.8958
23844	Gary, IN	0.9334

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
24020	Jasper County, IN. Lake County, IN. Newton County, IN. Porter County, IN. Glens Falls, NY	0.8324
24140	Warren County, NY. Washington County, NY. Goldsboro, NC	0.9171
24220	Wayne County, NC. Grand Forks, ND-MN	0.7949
24300	Polk County, MN. Grand Forks County, ND. Grand Junction, CO	0.9668
24340	Mesa County, CO. Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	0.9455
24500	Barry County, MI. Ionia County, MI. Kent County, MI. Newaygo County, MI. Great Falls, MT	0.8598
24540	Cascade County, MT. Greeley, CO	0.9602
24580	Weld County, CO. Green Bay, WI	0.9787
24660	Brown County, WI. Kewaunee County, WI. Oconto County, WI. Greensboro-High Point, NC	0.8866
24780	Guilford County, NC. Randolph County, NC. Rockingham County, NC. Greenville, NC	0.9432
24860	Greene County, NC. Pitt County, NC. Greenville, SC	0.9804
25020	Greenville County, SC. Laurens County, SC. Pickens County, SC. Guayama, PR	0.3235
25060	Arroyo Municipio, PR. Guayama Municipio, PR. Patillas Municipio, PR. Gulfport-Biloxi, MS	0.8915
25180	Hancock County, MS. Harrison County, MS. Stone County, MS. Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV	0.9038
25260	Washington County, MD. Berkeley County, WV. Morgan County, WV. Hanford-Corcoran, CA	1.0282
25420	Kings County, CA. Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA	0.9402
25500	Cumberland County, PA. Dauphin County, PA. Perry County, PA. Harrisonburg, VA	0.9073
25540	Rockingham County, VA. Harrisonburg City, VA. Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT	1.0894
25620	Hartford County, CT. Litchfield County, CT. Middlesex County, CT. Tolland County, CT. Hattiesburg, MS	0.7430
25860	Forrest County, MS. Lamar County, MS. Perry County, MS. Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC	0.9010
	Alexander County, NC. Burke County, NC.	

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
25980	Caldwell County, NC. Catawba County, NC. Hinesville-Fort Stewart, GA1 Liberty County, GA. Long County, GA.	0.9177
26100	Holland-Grand Haven, MI Ottawa County, MI.	0.9163
26180	Honolulu, HI Honolulu County, HI.	1.1096
26300	Hot Springs, AR Garland County, AR.	0.8782
26380	Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, LA Lafourche Parish, LA. Terrebonne Parish, LA.	0.8082
26420	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX Austin County, TX. Brazoria County, TX. Chambers County, TX. Fort Bend County, TX. Galveston County, TX. Harris County, TX. Liberty County, TX. Montgomery County, TX. San Jacinto County, TX. Waller County, TX.	1.0008
26580	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH Boyd County, KY. Greenup County, KY. Lawrence County, OH. Cabell County, WV. Wayne County, WV.	0.8997
26620	Huntsville, AL Limestone County, AL. Madison County, AL.	0.9007
26820	Idaho Falls, ID Bonnevill County, ID. Jefferson County, ID.	0.9088
26900	Indianapolis-Carmel, IN Boone County, IN. Brown County, IN. Hamilton County, IN. Hancock County, IN. Hendricks County, IN. Johnson County, IN. Marion County, IN. Morgan County, IN. Putnam County, IN. Shelby County, IN.	0.9895
26980	Iowa City, IA Johnson County, IA. Washington County, IA.	0.9714
27060	Ithaca, NY Tompkins County, NY.	0.9928
27100	Jackson, MI Jackson County, MI.	0.9560
27140	Jackson, MS Copiah County, MS. Hinds County, MS. Madison County, MS. Rankin County, MS. Simpson County, MS.	0.8271
27180	Jackson, TN Chester County, TN. Madison County, TN.	0.8853
27260	Jacksonville, FL Baker County, FL. Clay County, FL. Duval County, FL. Nassau County, FL. St. Johns County, FL.	0.9165
27340	Jacksonville, NC	0.8231

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
27500	Onslow County, NC. Janesville, WI Rock County, WI.	0.9655
27620	Jefferson City, MO Callaway County, MO. Cole County, MO. Moniteau County, MO. Osage County, MO.	0.8332
27740	Johnson City, TN Carter County, TN. Unicoi County, TN. Washington County, TN.	0.8043
27780	Johnstown, PA Cambria County, PA.	0.8620
27860	Jonesboro, AR Craighead County, AR. Poinsett County, AR.	0.7662
27900	Joplin, MO Jasper County, MO. Newton County, MO.	0.8605
28020	Kalamazoo-Portage, MI Kalamazoo County, MI. Van Buren County, MI.	1.0704
28100	Kankakee-Bradley, IL Kankakee County, IL.	1.0083
28140	Kansas City, MO-KS Franklin County, KS. Johnson County, KS. Leavenworth County, KS. Linn County, KS. Miami County, KS. Wyandotte County, KS. Bates County, MO. Caldwell County, MO. Cass County, MO. Clay County, MO. Clinton County, MO. Jackson County, MO. Lafayette County, MO. Platte County, MO. Ray County, MO.	0.9495
28420	Kennewick-Richland-Pasco, WA Benton County, WA. Franklin County, WA.	1.0343
28660	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, TX Bell County, TX. Coryell County, TX. Lampasas County, TX.	0.8901
28700	Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol, TN-VA Hawkins County, TN. Sullivan County, TN. Bristol City, VA. Scott County, VA. Washington County, VA.	0.7985
28740	Kingston, NY Ulster County, NY.	0.9367
28940	Knoxville, TN Anderson County, TN. Blount County, TN. Knox County, TN. Loudon County, TN. Union County, TN.	0.8249
29020	Kokomo, IN Howard County, IN. Tipton County, IN.	0.9669
29100	La Crosse, WI-MN Houston County, MN. La Crosse County, WI.	0.9426
29140	Lafayette, IN Benton County, IN. Carroll County, IN.	0.8931

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
29180	Tippecanoe County, IN. Lafayette, LA Lafayette Parish, LA. St. Martin Parish, LA.	0.8289
29340	Lake Charles, LA Calcasieu Parish, LA. Cameron Parish, LA.	0.7914
29404	Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Lake County, IL. Kenosha County, WI.	1.0570
29460	Lakeland, FL Polk County, FL.	0.8879
29540	Lancaster, PA Lancaster County, PA.	0.9589
29620	Lansing-East Lansing, MI Clinton County, MI. Eaton County, MI. Ingham County, MI.	1.0088
29700	Laredo, TX Webb County, TX.	0.7811
29740	Las Cruces, NM Dona Ana County, NM.	0.9273
29820	Las Vegas-Paradise, NV Clark County, NV.	1.1430
29940	Lawrence, KS Douglas County, KS.	0.8365
30020	Lawton, OK Comanche County, OK.	0.8065
30140	Lebanon, PA Lebanon County, PA.	0.8679
30300	Lewiston, ID-WA Nez Perce County, ID. Asotin County, WA.	0.9853
30340	Lewiston-Auburn, ME Androscoggin County, ME.	0.9126
30460	Lexington-Fayette, KY Bourbon County, KY. Clark County, KY. Fayette County, KY. Jessamine County, KY. Scott County, KY. Woodford County, KY.	0.9181
30620	Lima, OH Allen County, OH.	0.9042
30700	Lincoln, NE Lancaster County, NE. Seward County, NE.	1.0092
30780	Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR Faulkner County, AR. Grant County, AR. Lonoke County, AR. Perry County, AR. Pulaski County, AR. Saline County, AR.	0.8890
30860	Logan, UT-ID Franklin County, ID. Cache County, UT.	0.9022
30980	Longview, TX Gregg County, TX. Rusk County, TX. Upshur County, TX.	0.8788
31020	Longview, WA Cowlitz County, WA.	1.0011
31084	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Los Angeles County, CA.	1.1760
31140	Louisville, KY-IN Clark County, IN. Floyd County, IN. Harrison County, IN. Washington County, IN. Bullitt County, KY.	0.9118

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
31180	Henry County, KY. Jefferson County, KY. Meade County, KY. Nelson County, KY. Oldham County, KY. Shelby County, KY. Spencer County, KY. Trimble County, KY. Lubbock, TX	0.8613
31340	Crosby County, TX. Lubbock County, TX. Lynchburg, VA	0.8694
31420	Amherst County, VA. Appomattox County, VA. Bedford County, VA. Campbell County, VA. Bedford City, VA. Lynchburg City, VA. Macon, GA	0.9519
31460	Bibb County, GA. Crawford County, GA. Jones County, GA. Monroe County, GA. Twiggs County, GA. Madera, CA	0.8154
31540	Madera County, CA. Madison, WI	1.0840
31700	Columbia County, WI. Dane County, WI. Iowa County, WI. Manchester-Nashua, NH	1.0243
31900	Hillsborough County, NH. Merrimack County, NH. Mansfield, OH1	0.9271
32420	Richland County, OH. Mayagüez, PR	0.3848
32580	Hormigueros Municipio, PR. Mayagüez Municipio, PR. McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr, TX	0.8773
32780	Hidalgo County, TX. Medford, OR	1.0818
32820	Jackson County, OR. Memphis, TN-MS-AR	0.9373
32900	Crittenden County, AR. DeSoto County, MS. Marshall County, MS. Tate County, MS. Tunica County, MS. Fayette County, TN. Shelby County, TN. Tipton County, TN. Merced, CA	1.1471
33124	Merced County, CA. Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL	0.9812
33140	Miami-Dade County, FL. Michigan City-La Porte, IN	0.9118
33260	LaPorte County, IN. Midland, TX	0.9786
33340	Midland County, TX. Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	1.0218
33460	Milwaukee County, WI. Ozaukee County, WI. Washington County, WI. Waukesha County, WI. Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	1.0946
	Anoka County, MN. Carver County, MN. Chisago County, MN. Dakota County, MN. Hennepin County, MN. Isanti County, MN.	

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
	Ramsey County, MN. Scott County, MN. Sherburne County, MN. Washington County, MN. Wright County, MN. Pierce County, WI. St. Croix County, WI.	
33540	Missoula, MT	0.8928
	Missoula County, MT.	
33660	Mobile, AL	0.7913
	Mobile County, AL.	
33700	Modesto, CA	1.1729
	Stanislaus County, CA.	
33740	Monroe, LA	0.7997
	Ouachita Parish, LA. Union Parish, LA.	
33780	Monroe, MI	0.9707
	Monroe County, MI.	
33860	Montgomery, AL	0.8009
	Autauga County, AL. Elmore County, AL. Lowndes County, AL. Montgomery County, AL.	
34060	Morgantown, WV	0.8423
	Monongalia County, WV. Preston County, WV.	
34100	Morristown, TN	0.7933
	Grainger County, TN. Hamblen County, TN. Jefferson County, TN.	
34580	Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA	1.0517
	Skagit County, WA.	
34620	Muncie, IN	0.8562
	Delaware County, IN.	
34740	Muskegon-Norton Shores, MI	0.9941
	Muskegon County, MI.	
34820	Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach, SC	0.8810
	Horry County, SC.	
34900	Napa, CA	1.3374
	Napa County, CA.	
34940	Naples-Marco Island, FL	0.9941
	Collier County, FL.	
34980	Nashville-Davidson—Murfreesboro, TN	0.9847
	Cannon County, TN. Cheatham County, TN. Davidson County, TN. Dickson County, TN. Hickman County, TN. Macon County, TN. Robertson County, TN. Rutherford County, TN. Smith County, TN. Sumner County, TN. Trousdale County, TN. Williamson County, TN. Wilson County, TN.	
35004	Nassau-Suffolk, NY	1.2662
	Nassau County, NY. Suffolk County, NY.	
35084	Newark-Union, NJ-PA	1.1892
	Essex County, NJ. Hunterdon County, NJ. Morris County, NJ. Sussex County, NJ. Union County, NJ. Pike County, PA.	
35300	New Haven-Milford, CT	1.1953
	New Haven County, CT.	
35380	New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	0.8831
	Jefferson Parish, LA. Orleans Parish, LA.	

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
	Plaquemines Parish, LA. St. Bernard Parish, LA. St. Charles Parish, LA. St. John the Baptist Parish, LA. St. Tammany Parish, LA.	
35644	New York-Wayne-White Plains, NY-NJ Bergen County, NJ. Hudson County, NJ. Passaic County, NJ. Bronx County, NY. Kings County, NY. New York County, NY. Putnam County, NY. Queens County, NY. Richmond County, NY. Rockland County, NY. Westchester County, NY.	1.3177
35660	Niles-Benton Harbor, MI Berrien County, MI.	0.8915
35980	Norwich-New London, CT New London County, CT.	1.1932
36084	Oakland-Fremont-Hayward, CA Alameda County, CA. Contra Costa County, CA.	1.5819
36100	Ocala, FL Marion County, FL.	0.8867
36140	Ocean City, NJ Cape May County, NJ.	1.0472
36220	Odessa, TX Ector County, TX.	1.0073
36260	Ogden-Clearfield, UT Davis County, UT. Morgan County, UT. Weber County, UT.	0.8995
36420	Oklahoma City, OK Canadian County, OK. Cleveland County, OK. Grady County, OK. Lincoln County, OK. Logan County, OK. McClain County, OK. Oklahoma County, OK.	0.8843
36500	Olympia, WA Thurston County, WA.	1.1081
36540	Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA Harrison County, IA. Mills County, IA. Pottawattamie County, IA. Cass County, NE. Douglas County, NE. Sarpy County, NE. Saunders County, NE. Washington County, NE.	0.9450
36740	Orlando, FL Lake County, FL. Orange County, FL. Osceola County, FL. Seminole County, FL.	0.9452
36780	Oshkosh-Neenah, WI Winnebago County, WI.	0.9315
36980	Owensboro, KY Davies County, KY. Hancock County, KY. McLean County, KY.	0.8748
37100	Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA Ventura County, CA.	1.1546
37340	Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL Brevard County, FL.	0.9443
37460	Panama City-Lynn Haven, FL Bay County, FL.	0.8027
37620	Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH	0.7977

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
37700	Washington County, OH. Pleasants County, WV. Wirt County, WV. Wood County, WV. Pascagoula, MS	0.8215
37860	George County, MS. Jackson County, MS. Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent, FL	0.8000
37900	Escambia County, FL. Santa Rosa County, FL. Peoria, IL	0.8982
37964	Marshall County, IL. Peoria County, IL. Stark County, IL. Tazewell County, IL. Woodford County, IL. Philadelphia, PA	1.0996
38060	Bucks County, PA. Chester County, PA. Delaware County, PA. Montgomery County, PA. Philadelphia County, PA. Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	1.0287
38220	Maricopa County, AZ. Pinal County, AZ. Pine Bluff, AR	0.8383
38300	Cleveland County, AR. Jefferson County, AR. Lincoln County, AR. Pittsburgh, PA	0.8674
38340	Allegheny County, PA. Armstrong County, PA. Beaver County, PA. Butler County, PA. Fayette County, PA. Washington County, PA. Westmoreland County, PA. Pittsfield, MA	1.0266
38540	Berkshire County, MA. Pocatello, ID	0.9400
38660	Bannock County, ID. Power County, ID. Ponce, PR	0.4842
38860	Juana Díaz Municipio, PR. Ponce Municipio, PR. Villalba Municipio, PR. Portland-South Portland-Biddeford, ME	0.9908
38900	Cumberland County, ME. Sagadahoc County, ME. York County, ME. Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA	1.1416
38940	Clackamas County, OR. Columbia County, OR. Multnomah County, OR. Washington County, OR. Yamhill County, OR. Clark County, WA. Skamania County, WA. Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce, FL	0.9833
39100	Martin County, FL. St. Lucie County, FL. Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY	1.0911
39140	Dutchess County, NY. Orange County, NY. Prescott, AZ	0.9836
39300	Yavapai County, AZ. Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA	1.0783
	Bristol County, MA. Bristol County, RI. Kent County, RI. Newport County, RI.	

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
39340	Providence County, RI. Washington County, RI. Provo-Orem, UT Juab County, UT. Utah County, UT.	0.9537
39380	Pueblo, CO	0.8753
39460	Pueblo County, CO. Punta Gorda, FL	0.9405
39540	Charlotte County, FL. Racine, WI	0.9356
39580	Racine County, WI. Raleigh-Cary, NC	0.9864
39660	Franklin County, NC. Johnston County, NC. Wake County, NC. Rapid City, SD	0.8833
39740	Meade County, SD. Pennington County, SD. Reading, PA	0.9622
39820	Berks County, PA. Redding, CA	1.3198
39900	Shasta County, CA. Reno-Sparks, NV	1.1963
40060	Storey County, NV. Washoe County, NV. Richmond, VA	0.9177
40140	Amelia County, VA. Caroline County, VA. Charles City County, VA. Chesterfield County, VA. Cumberland County, VA. Dinwiddie County, VA. Goochland County, VA. Hanover County, VA. Henrico County, VA. King and Queen County, VA. King William County, VA. Louisa County, VA. New Kent County, VA. Powhatan County, VA. Prince George County, VA. Sussex County, VA. Colonial Heights City, VA. Hopewell City, VA. Petersburg City, VA. Richmond City, VA.	1.0904
40220	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	0.8647
40340	Riverside County, CA. San Bernardino County, CA. Roanoke, VA	1.1408
40380	Botetourt County, VA. Craig County, VA. Franklin County, VA. Roanoke County, VA. Roanoke City, VA. Salem City, VA. Rochester, MN	0.8994
40420	Dodge County, MN. Olmsted County, MN. Wabasha County, MN. Rochester, NY	0.9989
40484	Livingston County, NY. Monroe County, NY. Ontario County, NY. Orleans County, NY. Wayne County, NY. Rockford, IL	1.0159
	Boone County, IL. Winnebago County, IL. Rockingham County-Strafford County, NH	
	Rockingham County, NH.	

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
40580	Strafford County, NH. Rocky Mount, NC Edgecombe County, NC. Nash County, NC.	0.8854
40660	Rome, GA	0.9193
40900	Floyd County, GA. Sacramento—Arden-Arcade—Roseville, CA El Dorado County, CA. Placer County, CA. Sacramento County, CA. Yolo County, CA.	1.3372
40980	Saginaw-Saginaw Township North, MI	0.8874
41060	Saginaw County, MI. St. Cloud, MN Benton County, MN. Stearns County, MN.	1.0362
41100	St. George, UT	0.9265
41140	Washington County, UT. St. Joseph, MO-KS Doniphan County, KS. Andrew County, MO. Buchanan County, MO. DeKalb County, MO.	1.0118
41180	St. Louis, MO-IL Bond County, IL. Calhoun County, IL. Clinton County, IL. Jersey County, IL. Macoupin County, IL. Madison County, IL. Monroe County, IL. St. Clair County, IL. Crawford County, MO. Franklin County, MO. Jefferson County, MO. Lincoln County, MO. St. Charles County, MO. St. Louis County, MO. Warren County, MO. Washington County, MO. St. Louis City, MO.	0.9005
41420	Salem, OR Marion County, OR. Polk County, OR.	1.0438
41500	Salinas, CA	1.4337
41540	Monterey County, CA.	0.8953
41620	Salisbury, MD Somerset County, MD. Wicomico County, MD. Salt Lake City, UT Salt Lake County, UT. Summit County, UT. Tooele County, UT.	0.9402
41660	San Angelo, TX Irion County, TX. Tom Green County, TX.	0.8362
41700	San Antonio, TX Atascosa County, TX. Bandera County, TX. Bexar County, TX. Comal County, TX. Guadalupe County, TX. Kendall County, TX. Medina County, TX. Wilson County, TX.	0.8844
41740	San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	1.1354
41780	San Diego County, CA.	0.9302
41884	Sandusky, OH Erie County, OH. San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City, CA Marin County, CA.	1.5165

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CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
41900	San Francisco County, CA. San Mateo County, CA. San Germán-Cabo Rojo, PR Cabo Rojo Municipio, PR. Lajas Municipio, PR. Sabana Grande Municipio, PR.	0.4885
41940	San Germán Municipio, PR. San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA San Benito County, CA. Santa Clara County, CA.	1.5543
41980	San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo, PR Aguas Buenas Municipio, PR. Aibonito Municipio, PR. Arecibo Municipio, PR. Barceloneta Municipio, PR. Barranquitas Municipio, PR. Bayamón Municipio, PR. Caguas Municipio, PR. Camuy Municipio, PR. Canóvanas Municipio, PR. Carolina Municipio, PR. Cataño Municipio, PR. Cayey Municipio, PR. Ciales Municipio, PR. Cidra Municipio, PR. Comerio Municipio, PR. Corozal Municipio, PR. Dorado Municipio, PR. Florida Municipio, PR. Guaynabo Municipio, PR. Gurabo Municipio, PR. Hatillo Municipio, PR. Humacao Municipio, PR. Juncos Municipio, PR. Las Piedras Municipio, PR. Loíza Municipio, PR. Manatí Municipio, PR. Maunabo Municipio, PR. Morovis Municipio, PR. Naguabo Municipio, PR. Naranjito Municipio, PR. Orocovis Municipio, PR. Quebradillas Municipio, PR. Río Grande Municipio, PR. San Juan Municipio, PR. San Lorenzo Municipio, PR. Toa Alta Municipio, PR. Toa Baja Municipio, PR. Trujillo Alto Municipio, PR. Vega Alta Municipio, PR. Vega Baja Municipio, PR. Yabucoa Municipio, PR.	0.4452
42020	San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, CA San Luis Obispo County, CA.	1.1598
42044	Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine, CA Orange County, CA.	1.1473
42060	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta, CA Santa Barbara County, CA.	1.1091
42100	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA Santa Cruz County, CA.	1.5457
42140	Santa Fe, NM Santa Fe County, NM.	1.0824
42220	Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA Sonoma County, CA.	1.4464
42260	Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL Manatee County, FL. Sarasota County, FL.	0.9868
42340	Savannah, GA Bryan County, GA. Chatham County, GA. Effingham County, GA.	0.9351

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42540	Scranton—Wilkes-Barre, PA Lackawanna County, PA. Luzerne County, PA. Wyoming County, PA.	0.8347
42644	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA King County, WA. Snohomish County, WA.	1.1434
42680	Sebastian-Vero Beach, FL Indian River County, FL.	0.9573
43100	Sheboygan, WI Sheboygan County, WI.	0.9026
43300	Sherman-Denison, TX Grayson County, TX.	0.8502
43340	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA Bossier Parish, LA. Caddo Parish, LA. De Soto Parish, LA.	0.8865
43580	Sioux City, IA-NE-SD Woodbury County, IA. Dakota County, NE. Dixon County, NE. Union County, SD.	0.9200
43620	Sioux Falls, SD Lincoln County, SD. McCook County, SD. Minnehaha County, SD. Turner County, SD.	0.9559
43780	South Bend-Mishawaka, IN-MI St. Joseph County, IN. Cass County, MI.	0.9842
43900	Spartanburg, SC Spartanburg County, SC.	0.9174
44060	Spokane, WA Spokane County, WA.	1.0447
44100	Springfield, IL Menard County, IL. Sangamon County, IL.	0.8890
44140	Springfield, MA Franklin County, MA. Hampden County, MA. Hampshire County, MA.	1.0079
44180	Springfield, MO Christian County, MO. Dallas County, MO. Greene County, MO. Polk County, MO. Webster County, MO.	0.8469
44220	Springfield, OH Clark County, OH.	0.8593
44300	State College, PA Centre County, PA.	0.8784
44700	Stockton, CA San Joaquin County, CA.	1.1442
44940	Sumter, SC Sumter County, SC.	0.8083
45060	Syracuse, NY Madison County, NY. Onondaga County, NY. Oswego County, NY.	0.9691
45104	Tacoma, WA Pierce County, WA.	1.0789
45220	Tallahassee, FL Gadsden County, FL. Jefferson County, FL. Leon County, FL. Wakulla County, FL.	0.8942
45300	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Hernando County, FL. Hillsborough County, FL. Pasco County, FL. Pinellas County, FL.	0.9144

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45460	Terre Haute, IN Clay County, IN. Sullivan County, IN. Vermillion County, IN. Vigo County, IN.	0.8765
45500	Texarkana, TX-Texarkana, AR Miller County, AR. Bowie County, TX.	0.8104
45780	Toledo, OH Fulton County, OH. Lucas County, OH. Ottawa County, OH. Wood County, OH.	0.9586
45820	Topeka, KS Jackson County, KS. Jefferson County, KS. Osage County, KS. Shawnee County, KS. Wabaunsee County, KS.	0.8730
45940	Trenton-Ewing, NJ Mercer County, NJ.	1.0835
46060	Tucson, AZ Pima County, AZ.	0.9202
46140	Tulsa, OK Creek County, OK. Okmulgee County, OK. Osage County, OK. Pawnee County, OK. Rogers County, OK. Tulsa County, OK. Wagoner County, OK.	0.8103
46220	Tuscaloosa, AL Greene County, AL. Hale County, AL. Tuscaloosa County, AL.	0.8542
46340	Tyler, TX Smith County, TX.	0.8811
46540	Utica-Rome, NY Herkimer County, NY. Oneida County, NY.	0.8396
46660	Valdosta, GA Brooks County, GA. Echols County, GA. Lanier County, GA. Lowndes County, GA.	0.8369
46700	Vallejo-Fairfield, CA Solano County, CA.	1.5137
47020	Victoria, TX Calhoun County, TX. Goliad County, TX. Victoria County, TX.	0.8560
47220	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ Cumberland County, NJ.	0.9832
47260	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Currituck County, NC. Gloucester County, VA. Isle of Wight County, VA. James City County, VA. Mathews County, VA. Surry County, VA. York County, VA. Chesapeake City, VA. Hampton City, VA. Newport News City, VA. Norfolk City, VA. Poquoson City, VA. Portsmouth City, VA. Suffolk City, VA. Virginia Beach City, VA. Williamsburg City, VA.	0.8790
47300	Visalia-Porterville, CA	0.9968

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47380	Tulare County, CA. Waco, TX	0.8633
47580	McLennan County, TX. Warner Robins, GA	0.8380
47644	Houston County, GA. Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, MI	1.0054
	Lapeer County, MI. Livingston County, MI. Macomb County, MI. Oakland County, MI. St. Clair County, MI.	
47894	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	1.1054
	District of Columbia, DC. Calvert County, MD. Charles County, MD. Prince George's County, MD. Arlington County, VA. Clarke County, VA. Fairfax County, VA. Fauquier County, VA. Loudoun County, VA. Prince William County, VA. Spotsylvania County, VA. Stafford County, VA. Warren County, VA. Alexandria City, VA. Fairfax City, VA. Falls Church City, VA. Fredericksburg City, VA. Manassas City, VA. Manassas Park City, VA. Jefferson County, WV.	
47940	Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA	0.8408
	Black Hawk County, IA. Bremer County, IA. Grundy County, IA.	
48140	Wausau, WI	0.9722
48260	Marathon County, WI. Weirton-Steubenville, WV-OH	0.8063
	Jefferson County, OH. Brooke County, WV. Hancock County, WV.	
48300	Wenatchee, WA	1.0346
	Chelan County, WA. Douglas County, WA.	
48424	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach, FL	0.9649
48540	Palm Beach County, FL. Wheeling, WV-OH	0.7010
	Belmont County, OH. Marshall County, WV. Ohio County, WV.	
48620	Wichita, KS	0.9063
	Butler County, KS. Harvey County, KS. Sedgwick County, KS. Sumner County, KS.	
48660	Wichita Falls, TX	0.8311
	Archer County, TX. Clay County, TX. Wichita County, TX.	
48700	Williamsport, PA	0.8139
48864	Lycoming County, PA. Wilmington, DE-MD-NJ	1.0684
	New Castle County, DE. Cecil County, MD. Salem County, NJ.	
48900	Wilmington, NC	0.9835
	Brunswick County, NC. New Hanover County, NC. Pender County, NC.	
49020	Winchester, VA-WV	1.0091

TABLE 8.— FY 2007 WAGE INDEX FOR URBAN AREAS BASED ON CBSA LABOR MARKET AREAS—Continued

CBSA code	Urban area (constituent counties)	Wage index
49180	Frederick County, VA. Winchester City, VA. Hampshire County, WV. Winston-Salem, NC Davie County, NC. Forsyth County, NC. Stokes County, NC. Yadkin County, NC.	0.9276
49340	Worcester, MA Worcester County, MA.	1.0722
49420	Yakima, WA Yakima County, WA.	0.9847
49500	Yauco, PR Guánica Municipio, PR. Guayanilla Municipio, PR. Peñuelas Municipio, PR. Yauco Municipio, PR.	0.3854
49620	York-Hanover, PA York County, PA.	0.9397
49660	Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA Mahoning County, OH. Trumbull County, OH. Mercer County, PA.	0.8802
49700	Yuba City, CA Sutter County, CA. Yuba County, CA.	1.0730
49740	Yuma, AZ Yuma County, AZ.	0.9109

¹ At this time, there are no hospitals located in this urban area on which to base a wage index.

TABLE 9.—FY 2007 WAGE INDEX BASED ON CBSA LABOR MARKET AREAS FOR RURAL AREAS

CBSA code	Nonurban area	Wage index
1	Alabama	0.7591
2	Alaska	1.0661
3	Arizona	0.8908
4	Arkansas	0.7307
5	California	1.1454
6	Colorado	0.9325
7	Connecticut	1.1709
8	Delaware	0.9705
10	Florida	0.8594
11	Georgia	0.7593
12	Hawaii	1.0448
13	Idaho	0.8120
14	Illinois	0.8320
15	Indiana	0.8538
16	Iowa	0.8681
17	Kansas	0.7998
18	Kentucky	0.7768
19	Louisiana	0.7438
20	Maine	0.8443
21	Maryland	0.8926
22	Massachusetts ¹	1.0216
23	Michigan	0.9062
24	Minnesota	0.9153
25	Mississippi	0.7738
26	Missouri	0.7927
27	Montana	0.8590
28	Nebraska	0.8677
29	Nevada	0.8944
30	New Hampshire	1.0853
31	New Jersey ¹
32	New Mexico	0.8332
33	New York	0.8232
34	North Carolina	0.8588

TABLE 9.—FY 2007 WAGE INDEX BASED ON CBSA LABOR MARKET AREAS FOR RURAL AREAS—Continued

CBSA code	Nonurban area	Wage index
35	North Dakota	0.7215
36	Ohio	0.8658
37	Oklahoma	0.7629
38	Oregon	0.9753
39	Pennsylvania	0.8320
40	Puerto Rico ¹	0.4047
41	Rhode Island ¹
42	South Carolina	0.8566
43	South Dakota	0.8480
44	Tennessee	0.7827
45	Texas	0.7965
46	Utah	0.8140
47	Vermont	0.9744
48	Virgin Islands	0.8467
49	Virginia	0.7940
50	Washington	1.0263
51	West Virginia	0.7607
52	Wisconsin	0.9553
53	Wyoming	0.9295
65	Guam	0.9611

¹ All counties within the State are classified as urban, with the exception of Massachusetts and Puerto Rico. Massachusetts and Puerto Rico have areas designated as rural; however, no short-term, acute care hospitals are located in the area(s) for FY 2007. Because more recent data are not available for those areas, we are using last year's wage index value.

III. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking and Delayed Effective Date

We ordinarily publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** to provide a period for public comment before the provisions of a notice such as this take effect in accordance with section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). We also ordinarily provide a 30-day delay in the effective date of the provisions of a notice in accordance with section 553(d) of the APA (5 U.S.C. 553(d)). However, we can waive both the notice and comment procedure and the 30-day delay in effective date if the Secretary finds, for good cause, that a notice and comment process is impracticable, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest, and incorporates a statement of the finding and the reasons therefore in the notice.

We find for good cause that it is unnecessary to undertake notice and comment rulemaking because this notice merely provides technical corrections to the 2007 SNF PPS update notice. We are not making substantive changes to our payment methodologies or policies, but rather, are simply implementing correctly the payment methodologies and policies that we previously proposed, received comment on, and subsequently finalized. The public has already had the opportunity to comment on these payment

methodologies and policies, and this correction notice is intended solely to ensure that the FY 2007 SNF PPS update notice accurately reflects them. Therefore, we believe that undertaking further notice and comment procedures to incorporate these corrections into the update notice is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest.

Further, we believe a delayed effective date is unnecessary because this correction notice merely corrects inadvertent technical errors. The changes noted above do not make any substantive changes to the SNF PPS payment methodologies or policies. Moreover, we regard imposing a delay in the effective date as being contrary to the public interest. We believe that it is in the public interest for providers to receive appropriate SNF PPS payments in as timely a manner as possible and to ensure that the FY 2007 SNF PPS update notice accurately reflects our payment methodologies, payment rates, and policies. Therefore, we find good cause to waive notice and comment procedures, as well as the 30-day delay in effective date.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: September 22, 2006.

Ann C. Agnew,

Executive Secretary to the Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1481-N2]

Medicare Program; Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting—November 2-3, 2006

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), this notice announces the fifth meeting of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG). The purpose of the EMTALA TAG is to review regulations affecting hospital and physician responsibilities under EMTALA to individuals who come to a hospital seeking examination or

treatment for medical conditions. The primary purpose of the fifth meeting is to enable the EMTALA TAG to hear additional testimony and further consider written responses from medical societies and other organizations on specific issues considered by the TAG at previous meetings. The public is permitted to attend this meeting and, to the extent that time permits and at the discretion of the Chairperson, the EMTALA TAG may hear comments from the floor.

DATES: *Meeting Date:* The meetings of the EMTALA TAG announced in this notice are as follows:

Thursday, November 2, 2006, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

Friday, November 3, 2006, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

Registration Deadline: All individuals must register in order to attend this meeting. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting but do not wish to present testimony must register by October 25, 2006. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting and to present their testimony must register by October 11, 2006 and must submit copies of their testimony in writing by October 18, 2006. See Section IV for more detailed registration instructions.

Comment Deadline: Written comments/statements to be presented to the EMTALA TAG must be received by October 18, 2006.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring sign-language interpretation or other special accommodations should send a request for these services to Eric Ruiz by 5 p.m. on October 18, 2006 at the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting Address:* The EMTALA TAG meeting will be held in Room 705A of the Hubert Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20001.

Mailing and E-mail Addresses for Inquiries or Comments: Inquiries or comments regarding this meeting may be sent to—Eric Ruiz, Division of Acute Care, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Mail Stop C4-08-06, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850. Inquiries or comments may also be e-mailed to

Eric.Ruiz@cms.hhs.gov or

EMTALATAG@cms.hhs.gov.

Web Site Address for Additional Information: For additional information on the EMTALA TAG meeting agenda topics, updated activities, and to obtain Charter copies, please search our Internet Web site at (http://www.cms.hhs.gov/faca/07_emptalatag.asp).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Ruiz 410-786-0247.

George Morey (410) 786-4653.

Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690-6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Sections 1866(a)(1)(I), 1866(a)(1)(N), and 1867 of the Social Security Act (the Act) impose specific obligations on Medicare-participating hospitals that offer emergency services. These obligations concern individuals who come to a hospital emergency department and request or have a request made on their behalf for examination or treatment for a medical condition. The Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) applies to all these individuals, regardless of whether or not they are beneficiaries of any program under the Act. Section 1867 of the Act sets forth requirements for medical screening examinations for medical conditions, as well as necessary stabilizing treatment or appropriate transfer.

Regulations implementing the EMTALA legislation are set forth at 42 CFR sections 489.20(l), (m), (q) and (r) and sections 489.24. Section 945 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (Pub. L. 108-173), mandates that the Secretary establish a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for advice concerning issues related to EMTALA regulations and implementation.

Section 945 of the MMA specifies that the EMTALA TAG—

- Shall review the EMTALA regulations;
- May provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary concerning these regulations and their application to hospitals and physicians;
- Shall solicit comments and recommendations from hospitals, physicians, and the public regarding implementation of such regulations; and
- May disseminate information concerning the application of these regulations to hospitals, physicians, and the public.

The EMTALA TAG, as chartered under section 945 of the MMA, is also governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) for the selection of members and the conduct of all meetings.

In the May 28, 2004 **Federal Register** (69 FR 30654), we specified the statutory requirements regarding the charter, general responsibilities, and structure of the EMTALA TAG. That notice also solicited nominations for members based on the statutory requirements for the EMTALA TAG. In