

(4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Request:

Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare+Choice (M+C) Provider Sponsored Organization (PSO) Waiver Request Form and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 422.370–422.378; *Form Number:* CMS–R–231 (0938–0722); *Use:* The PSO waiver request form is for use by PSO's that do not have a State risk-bearing entity licence and that wish to enter into a M+C contract with CMS to provide prepaid health care services to eligible Medicare beneficiaries. CMS will use the information requested on this form to determine whether the applicant is eligible for a waiver of the state licensure requirement for M+C organizations as allowed under section 1855(a)(2) of the Social Security Act.; *Frequency:* One-time.; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government.; *Annual Number of Respondents:* 10.; *Total Annual Responses:* 10.; *Total Annual Hours Requested:* 100.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site Address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 10, 2001.

Julie Brown,

Acting, CMS Reports Clearance Officer, CMS, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of CMS Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Application Form and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 493.1—.2001; *Form No.:* HCFA–116 (OMB# 0938–0581); *Use:* Certification requirements have been established for any entity that performs testing on human beings for diagnostic or treatment purposes. Laboratories must apply for and obtain a certificate in order to perform this testing; *Frequency:* Biennially; *Affected Public:* Business or other for profit, Not for profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, local or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 16,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 16,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 20,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or

call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 17, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index Fiscal Year 2001; Correction Notice

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

ACTION: Correction of notice.

SUMMARY: This document corrects technical errors that appeared in the notice published in the **Federal Register**, (65 FR 60072) on October 6, 2000 entitled “Hospice Wage Index.” **EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Riley, (410) 786–1286.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the October 6, 2000 notice entitled “Hospice Wage Index,” there were several technical and typographical errors. Due to the typographical errors, we are correcting several hospice wage index values as published in the October 6, 2000 notice (65 FR 60072). Specifically, Table A reflects the correct hospice wage index values for MSA code numbers, 0600, 0840, 1950, 1960, 2000, 2020, 2040, 2840, 2880, 3285, 5140, 5483, 6020, 6483, 6640, 6780, 6800, and 8160. Table B lists the correct hospice wage index value for MSA code number 9950. This Correction Notice conforms the published hospice wage index values to the values used to make payment as of October 1, 2000.

In addition, the MSA code numbers 8050 through 8800 on page 60079 in Table A were inadvertently misplaced. We are correcting Table A by moving MSA codes 8050 through 8800 to be

between MSA codes 8003 and 8840, located on page 60078.

TABLE A.—HOSPICE WAGE INDEX FOR URBAN AREAS—Continued

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[Document Identifier: HCFA-18]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Application for Hospital Insurance in 42 CFR 406.7; *Form No.:* HCFA-18 (OMB# 0938-0251); *Use:* The HCFA-18F5 is used to establish entitlement to hospital insurance and supplementary medical insurance for beneficiaries entitled under title XVIII of the Social Security Act; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; *Number of Respondents:* 50,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 50,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 12,500.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer:

TABLE A.—HOSPICE WAGE INDEX FOR URBAN AREAS

MSA code No.	Urban area (constituent counties or county equivalents) ¹	Wage index ²
0600	Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC ... Columbia, GA. McDuffie, GA. Richmond, GA. Aiken, SC. Edgefield, SC.	0.9604
0840	Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX. Hardin, TX. Jefferson, TX. Orange, TX.	0.9188
1950	Danville, VA Danville City, VA. Pittsylvania, VA.	0.9655
1960	Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL. Scott, IA. Henry, IL. Rock Island, IL.	0.9277
2000	Dayton-Springfield, OH ... Clark, OH. Greene, OH. Miami, OH. Montgomery, OH.	1.0080
2020	Daytona Beach, FL Flagler, FL. Volusia, FL.	0.9576
2040	Decatur, IL Macon, IL.	0.8866
2840	Fresno, CA Fresno, CA. Madera, CA.	1.0934
2880	Gadsden, AL Etowah, AL.	0.9257
3285	Hattiesburg, MS Forrest, MS. Lamar, MS.	0.8133
5140	Missoula, MT Missoula, MT.	0.9680
5483	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Waterbury-Danbury, CT. Fairfield, CT. New Haven, CT.	1.3165
6020	Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH. Washington, OH. Wood, WV.	0.8966
6483	Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket, RI. Bristol, RI. Kent, RI. Newport, RI. Providence, RI. Washington, RI.	1.1390
6640	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC. Chatham, NC. Durham, NC. Franklin, NC. Johnston, NC. Orange, NC. Wake, NC.	1.0169
6780	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA. Riverside, CA.	1.1944

MSA code No.	Urban area (constituent counties or county equivalents) ¹	Wage index ²
6800	San Bernardino, CA. Roanoke, VA Botetourt, VA. Roanoke, VA. Roanoke City, VA. Salem City, VA.	0.8671
8160	Syracuse, NY Cayuga, NY. Madison, NY. Onondaga, NY. Oswego, NY.	1.0029

¹ This column lists each MSA area name (in italics) and each county, or county equivalent, in the MSA area. Counties not listed in this Table are considered to be Rural Areas. Wage Index values for these areas are found in Table B.

² Wage index values are based on FY 1996 hospital cost report data before reclassification. This wage index is further adjusted. Wage index values greater than 0.8 are subject to a budget-neutrality adjustment of 1.065425. Wage index values below 0.8 are adjusted to be the greater of a 15-percent increase, subject to a maximum wage index value of 0.8, or an adjustment by multiplying the hospital wage index value for a given area by the budget-neutrality adjustment. We have completed all of these adjustments and included them in the wage index values reflected in this table.

TABLE B.—WAGE INDEX FOR RURAL AREAS

MSA Code No.	Nonurban area	Wage index ¹
9950	Washington	1.1130

¹ Wage index values are based on FY 1996 hospital cost report data before reclassification. This wage index is further adjusted. Wage index values greater than 0.8 are subject to a budget-neutrality adjustment of 1.065425. Wage index values below 0.8 are adjusted to be the greater of a 15-percent increase, subject to a maximum wage index value of 0.8, or an adjustment by multiplying the hospital wage index value for a given area by the budget-neutrality adjustment. We have completed all of these adjustments and have included them in the wage index values reflected in this table.

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

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Information Resources Management.

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