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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2005; Correction

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

ACTION: Correction of final rule.

SUMMARY: This document corrects technical errors that appeared in the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on October 22, 2004 entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2005."

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2005.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In FR Doc. 04-23440 of October 22, 2004 (69 FR 62124), there were a number of technical errors that are identified and corrected in the Correction of Errors section below. We

have determined that technical errors occurred in the hospital wage index calculation process for fiscal year 2005, necessitating adjustments to the hospital wage index. CMS and the fiscal intermediaries made errors in handling the data used to calculate certain average hourly wages, and wage indexes. The corrections are effective January 1, 2005.

II. Correction of Errors

In FR Doc. 04-23440 of October 22, 2004 (69 FR 62124), replace the tables for Addenda A, B, and C on pages 62139-62162 with the following:

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ADDENDUM A.- WAGE INDEX FOR RURAL AREAS-APPLICABLE PRE-FLOOR AND PRE-RECLASSIFIED HOSPITAL WAGE INDEX

[CY 2005]

Nonurban Area	Wage Index
Alabama	0.7637
Alaska	1.1637
Arizona	0.9140
Arkansas	0.7703
California	1.0297
Colorado	0.9368
Connecticut	1.1917
Delaware	0.9503
Florida	0.8721
Georgia	0.8247
Guam	0.9611
Hawaii	1.0522
Idaho	0.8826

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Nonurban Area	Wage Index
Illinois	0.8340
Indiana	0.8736
Iowa	0.8550
Kansas	0.8087
Kentucky	0.7844
Louisiana	0.7290
Maine	0.9039
Maryland	0.9179
Massachusetts	1.0216
Michigan	0.8740
Minnesota	0.9339
Mississippi	0.7583
Missouri	0.7829
Montana	0.8701
Nebraska	0.9035
Nevada	0.9832
New Hampshire	0.9940
New Jersey ^{1/}
New Mexico	0.8529
New York	0.8403
North Carolina	0.8500
North Dakota	0.7743
Ohio	0.8759
Oklahoma	0.7537
Oregon	1.0049
Pennsylvania	0.8348
Puerto Rico	0.4047
Rhode Island ^{1/}

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Nonurban Area	Wage Index
South Carolina	0.8640
South Dakota	0.8393
Tennessee	0.7876
Texas	0.7910
Utah	0.8843
Vermont	0.9375
Virginia	0.8479
Virgin Islands	0.7456
Washington	1.0072
West Virginia	0.8083
Wisconsin	0.9498
Wyoming	0.9182

1/ All counties within the State are classified urban.

ADDENDUM B.- CY 2005 WAGE INDEX FOR URBAN AREAS

PRE-FLOOR AND PRE-RECLASSIFIED HOSPITAL WAGE INDEX

MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
0040	Abilene, TX Taylor, TX	0.8009
0060	Aguadilla, PR Aguada, PR Aguadilla, PR Moca, PR	0.4294
0080	Akron, OH Portage, OH Summit, OH	0.9055
0120	Albany, GA Dougherty, GA Lee, GA	1.1266

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
0160	Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY Albany, NY Montgomery, NY Rensselaer, NY Saratoga, NY Schenectady, NY Schoharie, NY	0.8570
0200	Albuquerque, NM Bernalillo, NM Sandoval, NM Valencia, NM	1.0485
0220	Alexandria, LA Rapides, LA	0.8171
0240	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA Carbon, PA Lehigh, PA Northampton, PA	0.9536
0280	Altoona, PA Blair, PA	0.8462
0320	Amarillo, TX Potter, TX Randall, TX	0.9178
0380	Anchorage, AK Anchorage, AK	1.2109
0440	Ann Arbor, MI Lenawee, MI Livingston, MI Washtenaw, MI	1.0816
0450	Anniston, AL Calhoun, AL	0.7881
0460	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI Calumet, WI Outagamie, WI Winnebago, WI	0.9115
0470	Arecibo, PR Arecibo, PR Camuy, PR Hatillo, PR	0.3757
0480	Asheville, NC Buncombe, NC Madison, NC	0.9501
0500	Athens, GA Clarke, GA Madison, GA Oconee, GA	1.0202

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
0520	Atlanta, GA Barrow, GA Bartow, GA Carroll, GA Cherokee, GA Clayton, GA Cobb, GA Coweta, GA De Kalb, GA Douglas, GA Fayette, GA Forsyth, GA Fulton, GA Gwinnett, GA Henry, GA Newton, GA Paulding, GA Pickens, GA Rockdale, GA Spalding, GA Walton, GA	0.9971
0560	Atlantic City-Cape May, NJ Atlantic City, NJ Cape May, NJ	1.0907
0580	Auburn-Opelika, AL Lee, AL	0.8215
0600	Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC Columbia, GA McDuffie, GA Richmond, GA Aiken, SC Edgefield, SC	0.9208
0640	Austin-San Marcos, TX Bastrop, TX Caldwell, TX Hays, TX Travis, TX Williamson, TX	0.9595
0680	Bakersfield, CA Kern, CA	1.0036

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
0720	Baltimore, MD Anne Arundel, MD Baltimore, MD Baltimore City, MD Carroll, MD Harford, MD Howard, MD Queen Annes, MD	0.9907
0733	Bangor, ME Penobscot, ME	0.9955
0743	Barnstable-Yarmouth, MA Barnstable, MA	1.2335
0760	Baton Rouge, LA Ascension, LA East Baton Rouge Livingston, LA West Baton Rouge, LA	0.8354
0840	Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX Hardin, TX Jefferson, TX Orange, TX	0.8616
0860	Bellingham, WA Whatcom, WA	1.1642
0870	Benton Harbor, MI Berrien, MI	0.8847
0875	Bergen-Passaic, NJ Bergen, NJ Passaic, NJ	1.1967
0880	Billings, MT Yellowstone, MT	0.8961
0920	Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS Hancock, MS Harrison, MS Jackson, MS	0.8649
0960	Binghamton, NY Broome, NY Tioga, NY	0.8447
1000	Birmingham, AL Blount, AL Jefferson, AL St. Clair, AL Shelby, AL	0.9198
1010	Bismarck, ND Burleigh, ND Morton, ND	0.7505

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
1020	Bloomington, IN Monroe, IN	0.8587
1040	Bloomington-Normal, IL McLean, IL	0.9111
1080	Boise City, ID Ada, ID Canyon, ID	0.9352
1123	Boston-Worcester-Lawrence-Lowell-Brockton, MA-NH Bristol, MA Essex, MA Middlesex, MA Norfolk, MA Plymouth, MA Suffolk, MA Worcester, MA Hillsborough, NH Merrimack, NH Rockingham, NH Strafford, NH	1.1290
1125	Boulder-Longmont, CO Boulder, CO	1.0046
1145	Brazoria, TX Brazoria, TX	0.8524
1150	Bremerton, WA Kitsap, WA	1.0614
1240	Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX Cameron, TX	1.0125
1260	Bryan-College Station, TX Brazos, TX	0.9243
1280	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY Erie, NY Niagara, NY	0.9339
1303	Burlington, VT Chittenden, VT Franklin, VT Grand Isle, VT	0.9322
1310	Caguas, PR Caguas, PR Cayey, PR Cidra, PR Gurabo, PR San Lorenzo, PR	0.4061

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
1320	Canton-Massillon, OH Carroll, OH Stark, OH	0.8895
1350	Casper, WY Natrona, WY	0.9243
1360	Cedar Rapids, IA Linn, IA	0.8975
1400	Champaign-Urbana, IL Champaign, IL	0.9527
1440	Charleston-North Charleston, SC Berkeley, SC Charleston, SC Dorchester, SC	0.9420
1480	Charleston, WV Kanawha, WV Putnam, WV	0.8876
1520	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC Cabarrus, NC Gaston, NC Lincoln, NC Mecklenburg, NC Rowan, NC Union, NC York, SC	0.9711
1540	Charlottesville, VA Albemarle, VA Charlottesville City, VA Fluvanna, VA Greene, VA	1.0294
1560	Chattanooga, TN-GA Catoosa, GA Dade, GA Walker, GA Hamilton, TN Marion, TN	0.9207
1580	Cheyenne, WY Laramie, WY	0.8980

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
1600	Chicago, IL Cook, IL De Kalb, IL Du Page, IL Grundy, IL Kane, IL Kendall, IL Lake, IL McHenry, IL Will, IL	1.0851
1620	Chico-Paradise, CA Butte, CA	1.0542
1640	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN Dearborn, IN Ohio, IN Boone, KY Campbell, KY Gallatin, KY Grant, KY Kenton, KY Pendleton, KY Brown, OH Clermont, OH Hamilton, OH Warren, OH	0.9595
1660	Clarksville-Hopkinsville, TN-KY Christian, KY Montgomery, TN	0.8022
1680	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH Ashtabula, OH Geauga, OH Cuyahoga, OH Lake, OH Lorain, OH Medina, OH	0.9626
1720	Colorado Springs, CO El Paso, CO	0.9792
1740	Columbia MO Boone, MO	0.8396
1760	Columbia, SC Lexington, SC Richland, SC	0.9450

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
1800	Columbus, GA-AL Russell, AL Chattahoochee, GA Harris, GA Muscookee, GA	0.8690
1840	Columbus, OH Delaware, OH Fairfield, OH Franklin, OH Licking, OH Madison, OH Pickaway, OH	0.9753
1880	Corpus Christi, TX Nueces, TX San Patricio, TX	0.8647
1890	Corvallis, OR Benton, OR	1.0545
1900	Cumberland, MD-WV Allegany MD Mineral WV	0.8662
1920	Dallas, TX Collin, TX Dallas, TX Denton, TX Ellis, TX Henderson, TX Hunt, TX Kaufman, TX Rockwall, TX	1.0054
1950	Danville, VA Danville City, VA Pittsylvania, VA	0.8643
1960	Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL Scott, IA Henry, IL Rock Island, IL	0.8773
2000	Dayton-Springfield, OH Clark, OH Greene, OH Miami, OH Montgomery, OH	0.9231
2020	Daytona Beach, FL Flagler, FL Volusia, FL	0.8900

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
2030	Decatur, AL Lawrence, AL Morgan, AL	0.8894
2040	Decatur, IL Macon, IL	0.8122
2080	Denver, CO Adams, CO Arapahoe, CO Broomfield, CO Denver, CO Douglas, CO Jefferson, CO	1.0904
2120	Des Moines, IA Dallas, IA Polk, IA Warren, IA	0.9266
2160	Detroit, MI Lapeer, MI Macomb, MI Monroe, MI Oakland, MI St. Clair, MI Wayne, MI	1.0227
2180	Dothan, AL Dale, AL Houston, AL	0.7596
2190	Dover, DE Kent, DE	0.9825
2200	Dubuque, IA Dubuque, IA	0.8748
2240	Duluth-Superior, MN-WI St. Louis, MN Douglas, WI	1.0356
2281	Dutchess County, NY Dutchess, NY	1.1657
2290	Eau Claire, WI Chippewa, WI Eau Claire, WI	0.9139
2320	El Paso, TX El Paso, TX	0.9181
2330	Elkhart-Goshen, IN Elkhart, IN	0.9278
2335	Elmira, NY Chemung, NY	0.8445

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
2340	Enid, OK Garfield, OK	0.9001
2360	Erie, PA Erie, PA	0.8699
2400	Eugene-Springfield, OR Lane, OR	1.0940
2440	Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY Posey, IN Vanderburgh, IN Warrick, IN Henderson, KY	0.8395
2520	Fargo-Moorhead, ND-MN Clay, MN Cass, ND	0.9114
2560	Fayetteville, NC Cumberland, NC	0.9363
2580	Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR Benton, AR Washington, AR	0.8636
2620	Flagstaff, AZ-UT Coconino, AZ Kane, UT	1.0611
2640	Flint, MI Genesee, MI	1.1178
2650	Florence, AL Colbert, AL Lauderdale, AL	0.7883
2655	Florence, SC Florence, SC	0.8960
2670	Fort Collins-Loveland, CO Larimer, CO	1.0218
2680	Ft. Lauderdale, FL Broward, FL	1.0165
2700	Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL Lee, FL	0.9371
2710	Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL Martin, FL St. Lucie, FL	1.0046
2720	Fort Smith, AR-OK Crawford, AR Sebastian, AR Sequoyah, OK	0.8303
2750	Fort Walton Beach, FL Okaloosa, FL	0.8786

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
2760	Fort Wayne, IN Adams, IN Allen, IN De Kalb, IN Huntington, IN Wells, IN Whitley, IN	0.9737
2800	Forth Worth-Arlington, TX Hood, TX Johnson, TX Parker, TX Tarrant, TX	0.9520
2840	Fresno, CA Fresno, CA Madera, CA	1.0407
2880	Gadsden, AL Etowah, AL	0.8049
2900	Gainesville, FL Alachua, FL	0.9459
2920	Galveston-Texas City, TX Galveston, TX	0.9403
2960	Gary, IN Lake, IN Porter, IN	0.9342
2975	Glens Falls, NY Warren, NY Washington, NY	0.8467
2980	Goldsboro, NC Wayne, NC	0.8778
2985	Grand Forks, ND-MN Polk, MN Grand Forks, ND	0.9091
2995	Grand Junction, CO Mesa, CO	0.9900
3000	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI Allegan, MI Kent, MI Muskegon, MI Ottawa, MI	0.9519
3040	Great Falls, MT Cascade, MT	0.8810
3060	Greeley, CO Weld, CO	0.9444
3080	Green Bay, WI Brown, WI	0.9586

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
3120	Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point, NC Alamance, NC Davidson, NC Davie, NC Forsyth, NC Guilford, NC Randolph, NC Stokes, NC Yadkin, NC	0.9312
3150	Greenville, NC Pitt, NC	0.9183
3160	Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC Anderson, SC Cherokee, SC Greenville, SC Pickens, SC Spartanburg, SC	0.9400
3180	Hagerstown, MD Washington, MD	0.9940
3200	Hamilton-Middletown, OH Butler, OH	0.9066
3240	Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA Cumberland, PA Dauphin, PA Lebanon, PA Perry, PA	0.9286
3283	Hartford, CT Hartford, CT Litchfield, CT Middlesex, CT Tolland, CT	1.1054
3285	Hattiesburg, MS Forrest, MS Lamar, MS	0.7362
3290	Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC Alexander, NC Burke, NC Caldwell, NC Catawba, NC	0.9502
3320	Honolulu, HI Honolulu, HI	1.1013
3350	Houma, LA Lafourche, LA Terrebonne, LA	0.7721

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
3360	Houston, TX Chambers, TX Fort Bend, TX Harris, TX Liberty, TX Montgomery, TX Waller, TX	1.0117
3400	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH Boyd, KY Carter, KY Greenup, KY Lawrence, OH Cabell, WV Wayne, WV	0.9564
3440	Huntsville, AL Limestone, AL Madison, AL	0.8851
3480	Indianapolis, IN Boone, IN Hamilton, IN Hancock, IN Hendricks, IN Johnson, IN Madison, IN Marion, IN Morgan, IN Shelby, IN	1.0039
3500	Iowa City, IA Johnson, IA	0.9654
3520	Jackson, MI Jackson, MI	0.9146
3560	Jackson, MS Hinds, MS Madison, MS Rankin, MS	0.8406
3580	Jackson, TN Chester, TN Madison, TN	0.8900
3600	Jacksonville, FL Clay, FL Duval, FL Nassau, FL St. Johns, FL	0.9548
3605	Jacksonville, NC Onslow, NC	0.8401

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
3610	Jamestown, NY Chautauqua, NY	0.7589
3620	Janesville-Beloit, WI Rock, WI	0.9583
3640	Jersey City, NJ Hudson, NJ	1.0923
3660	Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA Carter, TN Hawkins, TN Sullivan, TN Unicoi, TN Washington, TN Bristol City, VA Scott, VA Washington, VA	0.8202
3680	Johnstown, PA Cambria, PA Somerset, PA	0.7980
3700	Jonesboro, AR Craighead, AR	0.8144
3710	Joplin, MO Jasper, MO Newton, MO	0.8721
3720	Kalamazoo-Battlecreek, MI Calhoun, MI Kalamazoo, MI Van Buren, MI	1.0350
3740	Kankakee, IL Kankakee, IL	1.0603
3760	Kansas City, KS-MO Johnson, KS Leavenworth, KS Miami, KS Wyandotte, KS Cass, MO Clay, MO Clinton, MO Jackson, MO Lafayette, MO Platte, MO Ray, MO	0.9641
3800	Kenosha, WI Kenosha, WI	0.9772

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
3810	Killeen-Temple, TX Bell, TX Coryell, TX	0.9242
3840	Knoxville, TN Anderson, TN Blount, TN Knox, TN Loudon, TN Sevier, TN Union, TN	0.8508
3850	Kokomo, IN Howard, IN Tipton, IN	0.8986
3870	La Crosse, WI-MN Houston, MN La Crosse, WI	0.9289
3880	Lafayette, LA Acadia, LA Lafayette, LA St. Landry, LA St. Martin, LA	0.8105
3920	Lafayette, IN Clinton, IN Tippecanoe, IN	0.9067
3960	Lake Charles, LA Calcasieu, LA	0.7972
3980	Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL Polk, FL	0.8930
4000	Lancaster, PA Lancaster, PA	0.9883
4040	Lansing-East Lansing, MI Clinton, MI Eaton, MI Ingham, MI	0.9658
4080	Laredo, TX Webb, TX	0.8747
4100	Las Cruces, NM Dona Ana, NM	0.8784
4120	Las Vegas, NV-AZ Mohave, AZ Clark, NV Nye, NV	1.1121
4150	Lawrence, KS Douglas, KS	0.8644

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
4200	Lawton, OK Comanche, OK	0.8212
4243	Lewiston-Auburn, ME Androscoggin, ME	0.9562
4280	Lexington, KY Bourbon, KY Clark, KY Fayette, KY Jessamine, KY Madison, KY Scott, KY Woodford, KY	0.9219
4320	Lima, OH Allen, OH Auglaize, OH	0.9258
4360	Lincoln, NE Lancaster, NE	1.0208
4400	Little Rock-North Little, AR Faulkner, AR Lonoke, AR Pulaski, AR Saline, AR	0.8826
4420	Longview-Marshall, TX Gregg, TX Harrison, TX Upshur, TX	0.8739
4480	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA Los Angeles, CA	1.1732
4520	Louisville, KY-IN Clark, IN Floyd, IN Harrison, IN Scott, IN Bullitt, KY Jefferson, KY Oldham, KY	0.9162
4600	Lubbock, TX Lubbock, TX	0.8777
4640	Lynchburg, VA Amherst, VA Bedford City, VA Bedford, VA Campbell, VA Lynchburg City, VA	0.9017

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
4680	Macon, GA Bibb, GA Houston, GA Jones, GA Peach, GA Twiggs, GA	0.9596
4720	Madison, WI Dane, WI	1.0395
4800	Mansfield, OH Crawford, OH Richland, OH	0.9105
4840	Mayaguez, PR Anasco, PR Cabo Rojo, PR Hormigueros, PR Mayaguez, PR Sabana Grande, PR San German, PR	0.4769
4880	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX Hidalgo, TX	0.8602
4890	Medford-Ashland, OR Jackson, OR	1.0534
4900	Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL Brevard, FL	0.9633
4920	Memphis, TN-AR-MS Crittenden, AR De Soto, MS Fayette, TN Shelby, TN Tipton, TN	0.9234
4940	Merced, CA Merced, CA	1.0575
5000	Miami, FL Dade, FL	0.9870
5015	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ Hunterdon, NJ Middlesex, NJ Somerset, NJ	1.1360
5080	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Milwaukee, WI Ozaukee, WI Washington, WI Waukesha, WI	1.0076

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
5120	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI Anoka, MN Carver, MN Chisago, MN Dakota, MN Hennepin, MN Isanti, MN Ramsey, MN Scott, MN Sherburne, MN Washington, MN Wright, MN Pierce, WI St. Croix, WI	1.1066
5140	Missoula, MT Missoula, MT	0.9618
5160	Mobile, AL Baldwin, AL Mobile, AL	0.7932
5170	Modesto, CA Stanislaus, CA	1.1966
5190	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ Monmouth, NJ Ocean, NJ	1.0888
5200	Monroe, LA Ouachita, LA	0.7913
5240	Montgomery, AL Autauga, AL Elmore, AL Montgomery, AL	0.8300
5280	Muncie, IN Delaware, IN	0.8580
5330	Myrtle Beach, SC Horry, SC	0.9022
5345	Naples, FL Collier, FL	1.0558
5360	Nashville, TN Cheatham, TN Davidson, TN Dickson, TN Robertson, TN Rutherford, TN Sumner, TN Williamson, TN Wilson, TN	1.0108

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
5380	Nassau-Suffolk, NY Nassau, NY Suffolk, NY	1.2907
5483	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Waterbury-Danbury, CT Fairfield, CT New Haven, CT	1.2254
5523	New London-Norwich, CT New London, CT	1.1596
5560	New Orleans, LA Jefferson, LA Orleans, LA Plaquemines, LA St. Bernard, LA St. Charles, LA St. James, LA St. John The Baptist, LA St. Tammany, LA	0.9103
5600	New York, NY Bronx, NY Kings, NY New York, NY Putnam, NY Queens, NY Richmond, NY Rockland, NY Westchester, NY	1.3586
5640	Newark, NJ Essex, NJ Morris, NJ Sussex, NJ Union, NJ Warren, NJ	1.1625
5660	Newburgh, NY-PA Orange, NY Pike, PA	1.1170

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
5720	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC Currituck, NC Chesapeake City, VA Gloucester, VA Hampton City, VA Isle of Wight, VA James City, VA Mathews, VA Newport News City, VA Norfolk City, VA Poquoson City, VA Portsmouth City, VA Suffolk City, VA Virginia Beach City, VA Williamsburg City, VA York, VA	0.8894
5775	Oakland, CA Alameda, CA Contra Costa, CA	1.5220
5790	Ocala, FL Marion, FL	0.9153
5800	Odessa-Midland, TX Ector, TX Midland, TX	0.9632
5880	Oklahoma City, OK Canadian, OK Cleveland, OK Logan, OK McClain, OK Oklahoma, OK Pottawatomie, OK	0.8966
5910	Olympia, WA Thurston, WA	1.1006
5920	Omaha, NE-IA Pottawattamie, IA Cass, NE Douglas, NE Sarpy, NE Washington, NE	0.9754
5945	Orange County, CA Orange, CA	1.1611

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
5960	Orlando, FL Lake, FL Orange, FL Osceola, FL Seminole, FL	0.9742
5990	Owensboro, KY Daviness, KY	0.8434
6015	Panama City, FL Bay, FL	0.8124
6020	Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH Washington, OH Wood, WV	0.8288
6080	Pensacola, FL Escambia, FL Santa Rosa, FL	0.8306
6120	Peoria-Pekin, IL Peoria, IL Tazewell, IL Woodford, IL	0.8886
6160	Philadelphia, PA-NJ Burlington, NJ Camden, NJ Gloucester, NJ Salem, NJ Bucks, PA Chester, PA Delaware, PA Montgomery, PA Philadelphia, PA	1.0824
6200	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ Maricopa, AZ Pinal, AZ	0.9982
6240	Pine Bluff, AR Jefferson, AR	0.8673
6280	Pittsburgh, PA Allegheny, PA Beaver, PA Butler, PA Fayette, PA Washington, PA Westmoreland, PA	0.8756
6323	Pittsfield, MA Berkshire, MA	1.0439
6340	Pocatello, ID Bannock, ID	0.9601

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
6360	Ponce, PR Guayanilla, PR Juana Diaz, PR Penuelas, PR Ponce, PR Villalba, PR Yauco, PR	0.4954
6403	Portland, ME Cumberland, ME Sagadahoc, ME York, ME	1.0112
6440	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA Clackamas, OR Columbia, OR Multnomah, OR Washington, OR Yamhill, OR Clark, WA	1.1403
6483	Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket, RI Bristol, RI Kent, RI Newport, RI Providence, RI Washington, RI	1.1061
6520	Provo-Orem, UT Utah, UT	0.9613
6560	Pueblo, CO Pueblo, CO	0.8752
6580	Punta Gorda, FL Charlotte, FL	0.9441
6600	Racine, WI Racine, WI	0.9045
6640	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC Chatham, NC Durham, NC Franklin, NC Johnston, NC Orange, NC Wake, NC	1.0258
6660	Rapid City, SD Pennington, SD	0.8912
6680	Reading, PA Berks, PA	0.9215
6690	Redding, CA Shasta, CA	1.1835

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
6720	Reno, NV Washoe, NV	1.0456
6740	Richland-Kennewick-Pasco, WA Benton, WA Franklin, WA	1.0520
6760	Richmond-Petersburg, VA Charles City County, VA Chesterfield, VA Colonial Heights City, VA Dinwiddie, VA Goochland, VA Hanover, VA Henrico, VA Hopewell City, VA New Kent, VA Petersburg City, VA Powhatan, VA Prince George, VA Richmond City, VA	0.9397
6780	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA Riverside, CA San Bernardino, CA	1.0970
6800	Roanoke, VA Botetourt, VA Roanoke, VA Roanoke City, VA Salem City, VA	0.8428
6820	Rochester, MN Olmsted, MN	1.1504
6840	Rochester, NY Genesee, NY Livingston, NY Monroe, NY Ontario, NY Orleans, NY Wayne, NY	0.9196
6880	Rockford, IL Boone, IL Ogle, IL Winnebago, IL	0.9626
6895	Rocky Mount, NC Edgecombe, NC Nash, NC	0.8998

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
6920	Sacramento, CA El Dorado, CA Placer, CA Sacramento, CA	1.1848
6960	Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI Bay, MI Midland, MI Saginaw, MI	0.9696
6980	St. Cloud, MN Benton, MN Stearns, MN	1.0215
7000	St. Joseph, MO Andrews, MO Buchanan, MO	1.0013
7040	St. Louis, MO-IL Clinton, IL Jersey, IL Madison, IL Monroe, IL St. Clair, IL Franklin, MO Jefferson, MO Lincoln, MO St. Charles, MO St. Louis, MO St. Louis City, MO Warren, MO Sullivan City, MO	0.9081
7080	Salem, OR Marion, OR Polk, OR	1.0556
7120	Salinas, CA Monterey, CA	1.3823
7160	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT Davis, UT Salt Lake, UT Weber, UT	0.9487
7200	San Angelo, TX Tom Green, TX	0.8167
7240	San Antonio, TX Bexar, TX Comal, TX Guadalupe, TX Wilson, TX	0.9023

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
7320	San Diego, CA San Diego, CA	1.1267
7360	San Francisco, CA Marin, CA San Francisco, CA San Mateo, CA	1.4712
7400	San Jose, CA Santa Clara, CA	1.4744
7440	San Juan-Bayamon, PR Aguas Buenas, PR Barceloneta, PR Bayamon, PR Canovanas, PR Carolina, PR Catano, PR Ceiba, PR Comerio, PR Corozal, PR Dorado, PR Fajardo, PR Florida, PR Guaynabo, PR Humacao, PR Juncos, PR Los Piedras, PR Loiza, PR Luguillo, PR Manati, PR Morovis, PR Naguabo, PR Naranjito, PR Rio Grande, PR San Juan, PR Toa Alta, PR Toa Baja, PR Trujillo Alto, PR Vega Alta, PR Vega Baja, PR Yabucoa, PR	0.4802
7460	San Luis Obispo-Atascadero-Paso Robles, CA San Luis Obispo, CA	1.1118
7480	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA Santa Barbara, CA	1.0771
7485	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA Santa Cruz, CA	1.4779

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
7490	Santa Fe, NM Los Alamos, NM Santa Fe, NM	1.0590
7500	Santa Rosa, CA Sonoma, CA	1.2961
7510	Sarasota-Bradenton, FL Manatee, FL Sarasota, FL	0.9629
7520	Savannah, GA Bryan, GA Chatham, GA Effingham, GA	0.9460
7560	Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton, PA Columbia, PA Lackawanna, PA Luzerne, PA Wyoming, PA	0.8522
7600	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Island, WA King, WA Snohomish, WA	1.1479
7610	Sharon, PA Mercer, PA	0.7881
7620	Sheboygan, WI Sheboygan, WI	0.8948
7640	Sherman-Denison, TX Grayson, TX	0.9617
7680	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA Bossier, LA Caddo, LA Webster, LA	0.9111
7720	Sioux City, IA-NE Woodbury, IA Dakota, NE	0.9094
7760	Sioux Falls, SD Lincoln, SD Minnehaha, SD	0.9441
7800	South Bend, IN St. Joseph, IN	0.9447
7840	Spokane, WA Spokane, WA	1.0660
7880	Springfield, IL Menard, IL Sangamon, IL	0.8738

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
7920	Springfield, MO Christian, MO Greene, MO Webster, MO	0.8597
8003	Springfield, MA Hampden, MA Hampshire, MA	1.0173
8050	State College, PA Centre, PA	0.8461
8080	Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV Jefferson, OH Brooke, WV Hancock, WV	0.8280
8120	Stockton-Lodi, CA San Joaquin, CA	1.0564
8140	Sumter, SC Sumter, SC	0.8520
8160	Syracuse, NY Cayuga, NY Madison, NY Onondaga, NY Oswego, NY	0.9394
8200	Tacoma, WA Pierce, WA	1.1078
8240	Tallahassee, FL Gadsden, FL Leon, FL	0.8655
8280	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Hernando, FL Hillsborough, FL Pasco, FL Pinellas, FL	0.9024
8320	Terre Haute, IN Clay, IN Vermillion, IN Vigo, IN	0.8582
8360	Texarkana, AR-Texarkana, TX Miller, AR Bowie, TX	0.8413
8400	Toledo, OH Fulton, OH Lucas, OH Wood, OH	0.9524
8440	Topeka, KS Shawnee, KS	0.8904

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
8480	Trenton, NJ Mercer, NJ	1.0276
8520	Tucson, AZ Pima, AZ	0.8926
8560	Tulsa, OK Creek, OK Osage, OK Rogers, OK Tulsa, OK Wagoner, OK	0.8729
8600	Tuscaloosa, AL Tuscaloosa, AL	0.8440
8640	Tyler, TX Smith, TX	0.9502
8680	Utica-Rome, NY Herkimer, NY Oneida, NY	0.8295
8720	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA Napa, CA Solano, CA	1.3517
8735	Ventura, CA Ventura, CA	1.1105
8750	Victoria, TX Victoria, TX	0.8469
8760	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ Cumberland, NJ	1.0573
8780	Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA Tulare, CA	0.9975
8800	Waco, TX McLennan, TX	0.8146

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
8840	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV District of Columbia, DC Calvert, MD Charles, MD Frederick, MD Montgomery, MD Prince Georges, MD Alexandria City, VA Arlington, VA Clarke, VA Culpepper, VA Fairfax, VA Fairfax City, VA Falls Church City, VA Fauquier, VA Fredericksburg City, VA King George, VA Loudoun, VA Manassas City, VA Manassas Park City, VA Prince William, VA Spotsylvania, VA Stafford, VA Warren, VA Berkeley, WV Jefferson, WV	1.0971
8920	Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA Black Hawk, IA	0.8633
8940	Wausau, WI Marathon, WI	0.9570
8960	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL Palm Beach, FL	1.0362
9000	Wheeling, OH-WV Belmont, OH Marshall, WV Ohio, WV	0.7449
9040	Wichita, KS Butler, KS Harvey, KS Sedgwick, KS	0.9468
9080	Wichita Falls, TX Archer, TX Wichita, TX	0.8395
9140	Williamsport, PA Lycoming, PA	0.8485

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MSA	Urban Area (Constituent Counties or County Equivalents)	Wage Index
9160	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD New Castle, DE Cecil, MD	1.1121
9200	Wilmington, NC New Hanover, NC Brunswick, NC	0.9237
9260	Yakima, WA Yakima, WA	1.0322
9270	Yolo, CA Yolo, CA	0.9378
9280	York, PA York, PA	0.9150
9320	Youngstown-Warren, OH Columbiana, OH Mahoning, OH Trumbull, OH	0.9517
9340	Yuba City, CA Sutter, CA Yuba, CA	1.0363
9360	Yuma, AZ Yuma, AZ	0.8871

**Addendum C.- Comparison of Pre-Floor and Pre-Reclassified
Hospital Wage Index for FY 2003 and CY 2005**

Rural Area	FY 2003 Wage Index	CY 2005 Wage Index	Percent Change, FY 2003- CY 2005
ALABAMA	0.7660	0.7637	-0.30
ALASKA	1.2293	1.1637	-5.34
ARIZONA	0.8493	0.9140	7.62
ARKANSAS	0.7666	0.7703	0.48
CALIFORNIA	0.9840	1.0297	4.64
COLORADO	0.9015	0.9368	3.92
CONNECTICUT	1.2394	1.1917	-3.85
DELAWARE	0.9128	0.9503	4.11
FLORIDA	0.8814	0.8721	-1.06
GEORGIA	0.8230	0.8247	0.21
GUAM	0.9611	0.9611	0.00

Rural Area	FY 2003 Wage Index	CY 2005 Wage Index	Percent Change, FY 2003-CY 2005
HAWAII	1.0255	1.0522	2.60
IDAHO	0.8747	0.8826	0.90
ILLINOIS	0.8204	0.8340	1.66
INDIANA	0.8755	0.8736	-0.22
IOWA	0.8315	0.8550	2.83
KANSAS	0.7923	0.8087	2.07
KENTUCKY	0.8079	0.7844	-2.91
LOUISIANA	0.7567	0.7290	-3.66
MAINE	0.8874	0.9039	1.86
MARYLAND	0.8946	0.9179	2.60
MASSACHUSETTS	1.1288	1.0216	-9.50
MICHIGAN	0.9000	0.8740	-2.89
MINNESOTA	0.9151	0.9339	2.05
MISSISSIPPI	0.7680	0.7583	-1.26
MISSOURI	0.8021	0.7829	-2.39
MONTANA	0.8481	0.8701	2.59
NEBRASKA	0.8204	0.9035	10.13
NEVADA	0.9577	0.9832	2.66
NEW HAMPSHIRE	0.9796	0.9940	1.47
New Jersey	-----
NEW MEXICO	0.8872	0.8529	-3.87
NEW YORK	0.8542	0.8403	-1.63
NORTH CAROLINA	0.8666	0.8500	-1.92
NORTH DAKOTA	0.7788	0.7743	-0.58
OHIO	0.8613	0.8759	1.70
OKLAHOMA	0.7590	0.7537	-0.70
OREGON	1.0303	1.0049	-2.47
PENNSYLVANIA	0.8462	0.8348	-1.35
PUERTO RICO	0.4356	0.4047	-7.09
RHODE ISLAND	-----
SOUTH CAROLINA	0.8607	0.8640	0.38
SOUTH DAKOTA	0.7815	0.8393	7.40
TENNESSEE	0.7877	0.7876	-0.01
TEXAS	0.7821	0.7910	1.14
UTAH	0.9312	0.8843	-5.04

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Rural Area	FY 2003 Wage Index	CY 2005 Wage Index	Percent Change, FY 2003- CY 2005
VERMONT	0.9345	0.9375	0.32
VIRGINIA	0.8504	0.8479	-0.29
VIRGIN ISLANDS	0.7845	0.7456	-4.96
WASHINGTON	1.0179	1.0072	-1.05
WEST VIRGINIA	0.7975	0.8083	1.35
WISCONSIN	0.9162	0.9498	3.67
WYOMING	0.9007	0.9182	1.94

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Urban MSA	FY 2003 Wage Index	CY 2005 Wage Index	Percent Change, FY 2003- CY 2005
0040	0.7792	0.8009	2.78
0060	0.4587	0.4294	-6.39
0080	0.9600	0.9055	-5.68
0120	1.0594	1.1266	6.34
0160	0.8384	0.8570	2.22
0200	0.9315	1.0485	12.56
0220	0.7859	0.8171	3.97
0240	0.9735	0.9536	-2.04
0280	0.9225	0.8462	-8.27
0320	0.9034	0.9178	1.59
0380	1.2358	1.2109	-2.01
0440	1.1103	1.0816	-2.58
0450	0.8044	0.7881	-2.03
0460	0.8997	0.9115	1.31
0470	0.4337	0.3757	-13.37
0480	0.9876	0.9501	-3.80
0500	1.0211	1.0202	-0.09
0520	0.9991	0.9971	-0.20
0560	1.1017	1.0907	-1.00
0580	0.8325	0.8215	-1.32
0600	1.0264	0.9208	-10.29
0640	0.9637	0.9595	-0.44
0680	0.9899	1.0036	1.38
0720	0.9929	0.9907	-0.22
0733	0.9664	0.9955	3.01
0743	1.3202	1.2335	-6.57
0760	0.8294	0.8354	0.72
0840	0.8324	0.8616	3.51
0860	1.2282	1.1642	-5.21
0870	0.9042	0.8847	-2.16
0875	1.2150	1.1967	-1.51
0880	0.9022	0.8961	-0.68
0920	0.8757	0.8649	-1.23
0960	0.8341	0.8447	1.27
1000	0.9222	0.9198	-0.26
1010	0.7972	0.7505	-5.86
1020	0.8907	0.8587	-3.59
1040	0.9109	0.9111	0.02
1080	0.9310	0.9352	0.45
1123	1.1235	1.1290	0.49

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1125	0.9689	1.0046	3.68
1145	0.8535	0.8524	-0.13
1150	1.0944	1.0614	-3.02
1240	0.8880	1.0125	14.02
1260	0.8821	0.9243	4.78
1280	0.9365	0.9339	-0.28
1303	1.0052	0.9322	-7.26
1310	0.4371	0.4061	-7.09
1320	0.8932	0.8895	-0.41
1350	0.9690	0.9243	-4.61
1360	0.9056	0.8975	-0.89
1400	1.0635	0.9527	-10.42
1440	0.9235	0.9420	2.00
1480	0.8898	0.8876	-0.25
1520	0.9850	0.9711	-1.41
1540	1.0438	1.0294	-1.38
1560	0.8976	0.9207	2.57
1580	0.8628	0.8980	4.08
1600	1.1044	1.0851	-1.75
1620	0.9745	1.0542	8.18
1640	0.9381	0.9595	2.28
1660	0.8406	0.8022	-4.57
1680	0.9670	0.9626	-0.46
1720	0.9916	0.9792	-1.25
1740	0.8496	0.8396	-1.18
1760	0.9307	0.9450	1.54
1800	0.8374	0.8690	3.77
1840	0.9751	0.9753	0.02
1880	0.8729	0.8647	-0.94
1890	1.1453	1.0545	-7.93
1900	0.7847	0.8662	10.39
1920	0.9998	1.0054	0.56
1950	0.8859	0.8643	-2.44
1960	0.8835	0.8773	-0.70
2000	0.9282	0.9231	-0.55
2020	0.9062	0.8900	-1.79
2030	0.8973	0.8894	-0.88
2040	0.8055	0.8122	0.83
2080	1.0601	1.0904	2.86
2120	0.8791	0.9266	5.40
2160	1.0448	1.0227	-2.12
2180	0.8137	0.7596	-6.65
2190	0.9356	0.9825	5.01
2200	0.8795	0.8748	-0.53

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2240	1.0368	1.0356	-0.12
2281	1.0684	1.1657	9.11
2290	0.8952	0.9139	2.09
2320	0.9265	0.9181	-0.91
2330	0.9722	0.9278	-4.57
2335	0.8416	0.8445	0.34
2340	0.8376	0.9001	7.46
2360	0.8925	0.8699	-2.53
2400	1.0944	1.0940	-0.04
2440	0.8177	0.8395	2.67
2520	0.9684	0.9114	-5.89
2560	0.8889	0.9363	5.33
2580	0.8100	0.8636	6.62
2620	1.0682	1.0611	-0.66
2640	1.1135	1.1178	0.39
2650	0.7792	0.7883	1.17
2655	0.8780	0.8960	2.05
2670	1.0066	1.0218	1.51
2680	1.0297	1.0165	-1.28
2700	0.9680	0.9371	-3.19
2710	0.9823	1.0046	2.27
2720	0.7895	0.8303	5.17
2750	0.9693	0.8786	-9.36
2760	0.9457	0.9737	2.96
2800	0.9446	0.9520	0.78
2840	1.0216	1.0407	1.87
2880	0.8505	0.8049	-5.36
2900	0.9871	0.9459	-4.17
2920	0.9465	0.9403	-0.66
2960	0.9584	0.9342	-2.53
2975	0.8281	0.8467	2.25
2980	0.8892	0.8778	-1.28
2985	0.8897	0.9091	2.18
2995	0.9456	0.9900	4.70
3000	0.9525	0.9519	-0.06
3040	0.8950	0.8810	-1.56
3060	0.9237	0.9444	2.24
3080	0.9502	0.9586	0.88
3120	0.9282	0.9312	0.32
3150	0.9100	0.9183	0.91
3160	0.9122	0.9400	3.05
3180	0.9268	0.9940	7.25
3200	0.9418	0.9066	-3.74
3240	0.9223	0.9286	0.68

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3283	1.1549	1.1054	-4.29
3285	0.7659	0.7362	-3.88
3290	0.9028	0.9502	5.25
3320	1.1457	1.1013	-3.88
3350	0.8385	0.7721	-7.92
3360	0.9892	1.0117	2.27
3400	0.9636	0.9564	-0.75
3440	0.8903	0.8851	-0.58
3480	0.9717	1.0039	3.31
3500	0.9587	0.9654	0.70
3520	0.9532	0.9146	-4.05
3560	0.8607	0.8406	-2.34
3580	0.9275	0.8900	-4.04
3600	0.9381	0.9548	1.78
3605	0.8239	0.8401	1.97
3610	0.7976	0.7589	-4.85
3620	0.9849	0.9583	-2.70
3640	1.1190	1.0923	-2.39
3660	0.8268	0.8202	-0.80
3680	0.8329	0.7980	-4.19
3700	0.7749	0.8144	5.10
3710	0.8613	0.8721	1.25
3720	1.0595	1.0350	-2.31
3740	1.0790	1.0603	-1.73
3760	0.9736	0.9641	-0.98
3800	0.9686	0.9772	0.89
3810	1.0399	0.9242	-11.13
3840	0.8970	0.8508	-5.15
3850	0.8971	0.8986	0.17
3870	0.9400	0.9289	-1.18
3880	0.8475	0.8105	-4.37
3920	0.9278	0.9067	-2.27
3960	0.7965	0.7972	0.09
3980	0.9357	0.8930	-4.56
4000	0.9078	0.9883	8.87
4040	0.9726	0.9658	-0.70
4080	0.8472	0.8747	3.25
4100	0.8745	0.8784	0.45
4120	1.1521	1.1121	-3.47
4150	0.7923	0.8644	9.10
4200	0.8315	0.8212	-1.24
4243	0.9179	0.9562	4.17
4280	0.8581	0.9219	7.44
4320	0.9483	0.9258	-2.37

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4360	0.9892	1.0208	3.19
4400	0.9097	0.8826	-2.98
4420	0.8629	0.8739	1.27
4480	1.2001	1.1732	-2.24
4520	0.9276	0.9162	-1.23
4600	0.9646	0.8777	-9.01
4640	0.9219	0.9017	-2.19
4680	0.9204	0.9596	4.26
4720	1.0467	1.0395	-0.69
4800	0.8900	0.9105	2.30
4840	0.4914	0.4769	-2.95
4880	0.8428	0.8602	2.06
4890	1.0498	1.0534	0.34
4900	1.0253	0.9633	-6.05
4920	0.8920	0.9234	3.52
4940	0.9837	1.0575	7.50
5000	0.9802	0.9870	0.69
5015	1.1213	1.1360	1.31
5080	0.9893	1.0076	1.85
5120	1.0903	1.1066	1.50
5140	0.9157	0.9618	5.03
5160	0.8108	0.7932	-2.17
5170	1.0498	1.1966	13.98
5190	1.0674	1.0888	2.00
5200	0.8137	0.7913	-2.75
5240	0.7734	0.8300	7.32
5280	0.9284	0.8580	-7.58
5330	0.8976	0.9022	0.51
5345	0.9754	1.0558	8.24
5360	0.9578	1.0108	5.53
5380	1.3357	1.2907	-3.37
5483	1.2408	1.2254	-1.24
5523	1.1767	1.1596	-1.45
5560	0.9046	0.9103	0.63
5600	1.4414	1.3586	-5.74
5640	1.1381	1.1625	2.14
5660	1.1387	1.1170	-1.91
5720	0.8574	0.8894	3.73
5775	1.5072	1.5220	0.98
5790	0.9402	0.9153	-2.65
5800	0.9397	0.9632	2.50
5880	0.8900	0.8966	0.74
5910	1.0960	1.1006	0.42
5920	0.9978	0.9754	-2.24

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5945	1.1474	1.1611	1.19
5960	0.9640	0.9742	1.06
5990	0.8344	0.8434	1.08
6015	0.8865	0.8124	-8.36
6020	0.8127	0.8288	1.98
6080	0.8645	0.8306	-3.92
6120	0.8739	0.8886	1.68
6160	1.0713	1.0824	1.04
6200	0.9820	0.9982	1.65
6240	0.7962	0.8673	8.93
6280	0.9365	0.8756	-6.50
6323	1.0235	1.0439	1.99
6340	0.9372	0.9601	2.44
6360	0.5169	0.4954	-4.16
6403	0.9794	1.0112	3.25
6440	1.0667	1.1403	6.90
6483	1.0854	1.1061	1.91
6520	0.9984	0.9613	-3.72
6560	0.8820	0.8752	-0.77
6580	0.9218	0.9441	2.42
6600	0.9334	0.9045	-3.10
6640	0.9990	1.0258	2.68
6660	0.8846	0.8912	0.75
6680	0.9295	0.9215	-0.86
6690	1.1135	1.1835	6.29
6720	1.0648	1.0456	-1.80
6740	1.1491	1.0520	-8.45
6760	0.9477	0.9397	-0.84
6780	1.1365	1.0970	-3.48
6800	0.8614	0.8428	-2.16
6820	1.2139	1.1504	-5.23
6840	0.9194	0.9196	0.02
6880	0.9625	0.9626	0.01
6895	0.9228	0.8998	-2.49
6920	1.1500	1.1848	3.03
6960	0.9650	0.9696	0.48
6980	0.9700	1.0215	5.31
7000	0.8021	1.0013	24.83
7040	0.8855	0.9081	2.55
7080	1.0367	1.0556	1.82
7120	1.4623	1.3823	-5.47
7160	0.9945	0.9487	-4.61
7200	0.8374	0.8167	-2.47
7240	0.8753	0.9023	3.08

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7320	1.1131	1.1267	1.22
7360	1.4142	1.4712	4.03
7400	1.4145	1.4744	4.23
7440	0.4741	0.4802	1.29
7460	1.1271	1.1118	-1.36
7480	1.0481	1.0771	2.77
7485	1.3646	1.4779	8.30
7490	1.0712	1.0590	-1.14
7500	1.3046	1.2961	-0.65
7510	0.9425	0.9629	2.16
7520	0.9376	0.9460	0.90
7560	0.8599	0.8522	-0.90
7600	1.1474	1.1479	0.04
7610	0.7869	0.7881	0.15
7620	0.8697	0.8948	2.89
7640	0.9255	0.9617	3.91
7680	0.8987	0.9111	1.38
7720	0.9046	0.9094	0.53
7760	0.9257	0.9441	1.99
7800	0.9802	0.9447	-3.62
7840	1.0852	1.0660	-1.77
7880	0.8659	0.8738	0.91
7920	0.8424	0.8597	2.05
8003	1.0927	1.0173	-6.90
8050	0.8941	0.8461	-5.37
8080	0.8804	0.8280	-5.95
8120	1.0506	1.0564	0.55
8140	0.8273	0.8520	2.99
8160	0.9714	0.9394	-3.29
8200	1.0940	1.1078	1.26
8240	0.8504	0.8655	1.78
8280	0.9065	0.9024	-0.45
8320	0.8599	0.8582	-0.20
8360	0.8088	0.8413	4.02
8400	0.9810	0.9524	-2.92
8440	0.9199	0.8904	-3.21
8480	1.0432	1.0276	-1.50
8520	0.8911	0.8926	0.17
8560	0.8332	0.8729	4.76
8600	0.8130	0.8440	3.81
8640	0.9521	0.9502	-0.20
8680	0.8465	0.8295	-2.01
8720	1.3354	1.3517	1.22
8735	1.1096	1.1105	0.08

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8750	0.8756	0.8469	-3.28
8760	1.0031	1.0573	5.40
8780	0.9429	0.9975	5.79
8800	0.8073	0.8146	0.90
8840	1.0851	1.0971	1.11
8920	0.8069	0.8633	6.99
8940	0.9782	0.9570	-2.17
8960	0.9939	1.0362	4.26
9000	0.7670	0.7449	-2.88
9040	0.9520	0.9468	-0.55
9080	0.8498	0.8395	-1.21
9140	0.8544	0.8485	-0.69
9160	1.1173	1.1121	-0.47
9200	0.9640	0.9237	-4.18
9260	1.0569	1.0322	-2.34
9270	0.9434	0.9378	-0.59
9280	0.9026	0.9150	1.37
9320	0.9358	0.9517	1.70
9340	1.0276	1.0363	0.85
9360	0.8589	0.8871	3.28

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III. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

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 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). We can waive this procedure, however, if we find good cause that notice and comment procedure is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest and incorporate a statement of the finding and the reasons for it into the notice issued.

The policies and payment methodology expressed in the CY 2005 final rule have previously been subjected to notice and comment procedures. This correction notice merely provides technical corrections to the CY 2005 final rule that was promulgated through notice and comment rulemaking, and does not make substantive changes to the policies or payment methodology that were expressed in the final rule. Specifically, this correction notice revises inaccurate tabular data. We find it unnecessary to undertake further notice and comment

procedures with respect to this correction notice. Therefore, we find there is good cause to waive the notice and comment procedures for this correction notice.

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Ann C. Agnew,

Executive Secretary to the Department.

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