

# Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

Department of Health &  
Human Services (DHHS)  
Centers for Medicare &  
Medicaid Services (CMS)

Transmittal AB-03-116

Date: AUGUST 8, 2003

CHANGE REQUEST 2871

**SUBJECT: Update of Rates and Wage Index for Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payments Effective October 1, 2003**

In accordance with §1833(i)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act (the Act), ASC facility payment rates will change to reflect an inflation adjustment effective for services furnished on or after October 1, 2003. The statute provides that the ASC payment rates for 2004 be updated by the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

The ASC payment rates for facility services furnished on or after October 1, 2003, are as follows:

Group 1 - \$340	Group 5 - \$731
Group 2 - \$455	Group 6- \$840 (\$690 + \$150 for intraocular lenses (IOLs))
Group 3 - \$520	Group 7 - \$1015
Group 4 - \$643	Group 8 - \$989 (\$839 + \$150 for IOLs)
	Group 9- \$1366

We are attaching fiscal year (FY) 2004 wage index values for urban areas and for rural areas for you to use when calculating individual ASC payment amounts, effective for services furnished on or after October 1, 2003. These wage index values were published August 1, 2003, in the **Federal Register** as part of the FY 2004 update of the hospital inpatient prospective payment system (PPS) 68 FR 45346. In addition, we are attaching a table entitled "Fiscal Year 2004 Wage Index Values to Calculate ASC Payments for Facilities Located in Counties That Are Deemed Urban Under §1886(d)(8)(B) of the Act Effective for Services On or After October 1, 2003," that applies exclusively to the calculation of payments for any Medicare participating ASCs located in the areas designated.

Some of the values in the attached wage index tables may change to reflect corrections made after publication of the PPS final rule in the August 1, 2003 **Federal Register**, or changes resulting from congressional review of the PPS final rule, but we do not expect these changes to be numerous. We will advise you immediately of any changes.

Until the new ASC rates are loaded into your claims production environment, you may choose whichever of the following interim options is cost effective for you for handling ASC facility claims for dates of service on or after October 1, 2003:

**Option 1:** Hold claims for ASC facility services furnished on or after October 1, 2003, until the updated ASC facility rates and new wage indices are installed in your claim production system. If you choose to hold ASC facility claims for dates of service on or after October 1, 2003, you may split claims received during that period, as necessary (i.e., ASC claims that are for facility services before October 1, 2003, and after September 30, 2003). If applicable, pay interest on clean ASC claims delayed beyond statutory claims processing timeliness standards.

**NOTE:** This option pertains to a brief delay in the loading of fees in time for an October 1, 2003, implementation and claims can be held for a short period during October.

**Option 2:** Process ASC facility claims for dates of service on or after October 1, 2003, using last year's (FY 2003) rates and wage indexes. If you choose option 2, you must go back and adjust ASC facility claims paid for services furnished on or after October 1, 2003, that were processed prior to the installation of the updated rates and wage indices.

**CMS-Pub. 60AB**

**Special Note to Intermediaries:**

Only those intermediaries that process bills from Indian health service hospitals, critical access hospitals, Maryland hospitals, and hospitals located in American Samoa, Guam, and Saipan need to load ASC PRICER software.

3 Attachments

*The effective date for this Program Memorandum (PM) is October 1, 2003.*

*The implementation date for this PM is October 1, 2003.*

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded October 1, 2004.**

**The policy person for this PM is Bob Cereghino at (410) 786-4645.**

**The Part A operations person for this PM is Stuart Barranco at (410) 786-6152 and the Part B operations person for this PM is Yvette Cousar at (410) 786-2160.**

Attachment 1

FY 2004 Inpatient PPS Wage Index For Use in Calculating Ambulatory Surgical Center Payments Effective for Services Furnished On or After October 1, 2003.

**WAGE INDEX FOR URBAN AREAS**

	Urban Area (Constituent Counties)	Wage Index
0040	<sup>2</sup> Abilene, TX Taylor, TX	0.7748
0060	Aguadilla, PR Aguada, PR Aguadilla, PR Moca, PR	0.4289
0080	Akron, OH Portage, OH Summit, OH	0.9443
0120	Albany, GA Dougherty, GA Lee, GA	1.0819
0160	<sup>2</sup> Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY Albany, NY Montgomery, NY Rensselaer, NY Saratoga, NY Schenectady, NY Schoharie, NY	0.8491
0200	Albuquerque, NM Bernalillo, NM Sandoval, NM Valencia, NM	0.9263
0220	Alexandria, LA Rapides, LA	0.8004
0240	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA Carbon, PA Lehigh, PA Northampton, PA	0.9682
0280	Altoona, PA Blair, PA	0.8792
0320	Amarillo, TX      Potter, TX Randall, TX	0.8950
0380	Anchorage, AK Anchorage, AK	1.2301

0440	Ann Arbor, MI Lenawee, MI Livingston, MI Washtenaw, MI	1.1029
0450	Anniston, AL Calhoun, AL	0.8058
0460	<sup>2</sup> Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI Calumet, WI Outagamie, WI Winnebago, WI	0.9266
0470	Arecibo, PR Arecibo, PR Camuy, PR Hatillo, PR	0.4138
0480	Asheville, NC Buncombe, NC Madison, NC	0.9680
0500	Athens, GA Clarke, GA Madison, GA Oconee, GA	0.9778
0520	<sup>1</sup> Atlanta, GA Barrow, GA Bartow, GA Carroll, GA Cherokee, GA Clayton, GA Cobb, GA Coweta, GA DeKalb, 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	1.0089
0560	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ Atlantic, NJ Cape May, NJ	1.0751

0580	Auburn-Opelika, AL Lee, AL	0.8460
0600	Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC Columbia, GA McDuffie, GA Richmond, GA Aiken, SC Edgefield, SC	0.9587
0640	<sup>1</sup> Austin-San Marcos, TX Bastrop, TX Caldwell, TX Hays, TX Travis, TX Williamson, TX	0.9570
0680	<sup>2</sup> Bakersfield, CA Kern, CA	0.9927
0720	<sup>1</sup> Baltimore, MD Anne Arundel, MD Baltimore, MD Baltimore City, MD Carroll, MD Harford, MD Howard, MD Queen Anne's, MD	0.9879
0733	Bangor, ME Penobscot, ME	0.9864
0743	Barnstable-Yarmouth, MA Barnstable, MA	1.2904
0760	Baton Rouge, LA Ascension, LA East Baton Rouge, LA Livingston, LA West Baton Rouge, LA	0.8372
0840	Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX Hardin, TX Jefferson, TX Orange, TX	0.8390
0860	Bellingham, WA Whatcom, WA	1.1710
0870	Benton Harbor, MI Berrien, MI	0.8899
0875	<sup>1</sup> Bergen-Passaic, NJ Bergen, NJ Passaic, NJ	1.1683
0880	Billings, MT Yellowstone, MT	0.8925

0920	Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS Hancock, MS Harrison, MS Jackson, MS	0.8993
0960	<sup>2</sup> Binghamton, NY Broome, NY Tioga, NY	0.8491
1000	Birmingham, AL Blount, AL Jefferson, AL St. Clair, AL Shelby, AL	0.9175
1010	Bismarck, ND Burleigh, ND Morton, ND	0.8001
1020	<sup>2</sup> Bloomington, IN Monroe, IN	0.8788
1040	Bloomington-Normal, IL McLean, IL	0.8796
1080	Boise City, ID Ada, ID Canyon, ID	0.9195
1123	<sup>1</sup> 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	1.1188
1125	Boulder-Longmont, CO Boulder, CO	1.0008
1145	Brazoria, TX Brazoria, TX	0.8105
1150	Bremerton, WA Kitsap, WA	1.0537
1240	Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX Cameron, TX	1.0261
1260	Bryan-College Station, TX Brazos, TX	0.8983

1280	<sup>1</sup> Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY Erie, NY Niagara, NY	0.9565
1303	Burlington, VT Chittenden, VT Franklin, VT Grand Isle, VT	0.9665
1310	Caguas, PR Caguas, PR Cayey, PR Cidra, PR Gurabo, PR San Lorenzo, PR	0.4184
1320	Canton-Massillon, OH Carroll, OH Stark, OH	0.9034
1350	Casper, WY Natrona, WY	0.9171
1360	Cedar Rapids, IA Linn, IA	0.8838
1400	Champaign-Urbana, IL Champaign, IL	0.9867
1440	Charleston-North Charleston, SC Berkeley, SC Charleston, SC Dorchester, SC	0.9294
1480	Charleston, WV Kanawha, WV Putnam, WV	0.8845
1520	<sup>1</sup> Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC Cabarrus, NC Gaston, NC Lincoln, NC Mecklenburg, NC Rowan, NC Stanly, NC Union, NC York, SC	0.9691
1540	Charlottesville, VA Albemarle, VA Charlottesville City, VA Fluvanna, VA Greene, VA	0.9985

1560	Chattanooga, TN-GA Catoosa, GA Dade, GA Walker, GA Hamilton, TN Marion, TN	0.9049
1580	<sup>2</sup> Cheyenne, WY Laramie, WY	0.9073
1600	<sup>1</sup> Chicago, IL Cook, IL DeKalb, IL DuPage, IL Grundy, IL Kane, IL Kendall, IL Lake, IL McHenry, IL Will, IL	1.0848
1620	Chico-Paradise, CA Butte, CA	1.0152
1640	<sup>1</sup> 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	0.9380
1660	Clarksville-Hopkinsville, TN-KY Christian, KY Montgomery, TN	0.8320
1680	<sup>1</sup> Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH Ashtabula, OH Cuyahoga, OH Geauga, OH Lake, OH Lorain, OH Medina, OH	0.9632
1720	Colorado Springs, CO El Paso, CO	0.9793



1740	Columbia, MO Boone, MO	0.8660
1760	Columbia, SC Lexington, SC Richland, SC	0.8866
1800	Columbus, GA-AL Russell, AL Chattahoochee, GA Harris, GA Muscogee, GA	0.8659
1840	<sup>1</sup> Columbus, OH Delaware, OH Fairfield, OH Franklin, OH Licking, OH Madison, OH Pickaway, OH	0.9609
1880	Corpus Christi, TX Nueces, TX San Patricio, TX	0.8486
1890	Corvallis, OR Benton, OR	1.1470
1900	<sup>2</sup> Cumberland, MD-WV (MD Hospitals) Allegany, MD Mineral, WV	0.9088
1900	Cumberland, MD-WV (WV Hospitals) Allegany, MD Mineral, WV	0.8166
1920	<sup>1</sup> Dallas, TX Collin, TX Dallas, TX Denton, TX Ellis, TX Henderson, TX Hunt, TX Kaufman, TX Rockwall, TX	0.9934
1950	Danville, VA Danville City, VA Pittsylvania, VA	0.8998
1960	Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL Scott, IA Henry, IL Rock Island, IL	0.8949

2000	Dayton-Springfield, OH Clark, OH Greene, OH Miami, OH Montgomery, OH	0.9490
2020	Daytona Beach, FL Flagler, FL Volusia, FL	0.9024
2030	Decatur, AL Lawrence, AL Morgan, AL	0.8793
2040	<sup>2</sup> Decatur, IL Macon, IL	0.8221
2080	<sup>1</sup> Denver, CO Adams, CO Arapahoe, CO Broomfield, CO Denver, CO Douglas, CO Jefferson, CO	1.0793
2120	Des Moines, IA Dallas, IA Polk, IA Warren, IA	0.9069
2160	<sup>1</sup> Detroit, MI Lapeer, MI Macomb, MI Monroe, MI Oakland, MI St. Clair, MI Wayne, MI	1.0060
2180	Dothan, AL Dale, AL Houston, AL	0.7734
2190	Dover, DE Kent, DE	0.9765
2200	Dubuque, IA Dubuque, IA	0.8850
2240	Duluth-Superior, MN-WI St. Louis, MN Douglas, WI	1.0130
2281	Dutchess County, NY Dutchess, NY	1.0890
2290	<sup>2</sup> Eau Claire, WI Chippewa, WI Eau Claire, WI	0.9266

2320	El Paso, TX El Paso, TX	0.9159
2330	Elkhart-Goshen, IN Elkhart, IN	0.9744
2335	<sup>2</sup> Elmira, NY Chemung, NY	0.8491
2340	Enid, OK Garfield, OK	0.8524
2360	Erie, PA Erie, PA	0.8566
2400	Eugene-Springfield, OR Lane, OR	1.1410
2440	<sup>2</sup> Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY (IN Hospitals) Posey, IN Vanderburgh, IN Warrick, IN Henderson, KY	0.8788
2440	Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY (KY Hospitals) Posey, IN Vanderburgh, IN Warrick, IN Henderson, KY	0.8395
2520	Fargo-Moorhead, ND-MN Clay, MN Cass, ND	0.9758
2560	Fayetteville, NC Cumberland, NC	0.8950
2580	Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR Benton, AR Washington, AR	0.8362
2620	Flagstaff, AZ-UT Coconino, AZ Kane, UT	1.1287
2640	Flint, MI Genesee, MI	1.0814
2650	Florence, AL Colbert, AL Lauderdale, AL	0.7766
2655	Florence, SC Florence, SC	0.8673
2670	Fort Collins-Loveland, CO Larimer, CO	1.0096
2680	<sup>1</sup> Ft. Lauderdale, FL Broward, FL	1.0436
2700	Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL Lee, FL	0.9776

2710	Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL Martin, FL St. Lucie, FL	1.0083
2720	Fort Smith, AR-OK Crawford, AR Sebastian, AR Sequoyah, OK	0.8390
2750	Fort Walton Beach, FL Okaloosa, FL	0.8930
2760	Fort Wayne, IN Adams, IN Allen, IN De Kalb, IN Huntington, IN Wells, IN Whitley, IN	0.9546
2800	<sup>1</sup> Forth Worth-Arlington, TX Hood, TX Johnson, TX Parker, TX Tarrant, TX	0.9321
2840	Fresno, CA Fresno, CA Madera, CA	1.0101
2880	Gadsden, AL Etowah, AL	0.8195
2900	Gainesville, FL Alachua, FL	0.9653
2920	Galveston-Texas City, TX Galveston, TX	0.9242
2960	Gary, IN Lake, IN Porter, IN	0.9372
2975	<sup>2</sup> Glens Falls, NY Warren, NY Washington, NY	0.8491
2980	Goldsboro, NC Wayne, NC	0.8587
2985	Grand Forks, ND-MN (ND Hospitals) Polk, MN Grand Forks, ND	0.8601
2985	<sup>2</sup> Grand Forks, ND-MN (MN Hospitals) Polk, MN Grand Forks, ND	0.9307
2995	Grand Junction, CO Mesa, CO	0.9881

3000	<sup>1</sup> Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI Allegan, MI Kent, MI Muskegon, MI Ottawa, MI	0.9430
3040	Great Falls, MT Cascade, MT	0.8882
3060	Greeley, CO Weld, CO	0.9415
3080	Green Bay, WI Brown, WI	0.9479
3120	<sup>1</sup> Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point, NC Alamance, NC Davidson, NC Davie, NC Forsyth, NC Guilford, NC Randolph, NC Stokes, NC Yadkin, NC	0.9129
3150	Greenville, NC Pitt, NC	0.9129
3160	Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC Anderson, SC Cherokee, SC Greenville, SC Pickens, SC Spartanburg, SC	0.9297
3180	Hagerstown, MD Washington, MD	0.9135
3200	Hamilton-Middletown, OH Butler, OH	0.9176
3240	Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA Cumberland, PA Dauphin, PA Lebanon, PA Perry, PA	0.9127
3283	<sup>1, 2</sup> Hartford, CT Hartford, CT Litchfield, CT Middlesex, CT Tolland, CT	1.2134
3285	<sup>2</sup> Hattiesburg, MS Forrest, MS Lamar, MS	0.7762

3290	Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC Alexander, NC Burke, NC Caldwell, NC Catawba, NC	0.9205
3320	Honolulu, HI Honolulu, HI	1.1071
3350	Houma, LA Lafourche, LA Terrebonne, LA	0.7740
3360	<sup>1</sup> Houston, TX Chambers, TX Fort Bend, TX Harris, TX Liberty, TX Montgomery, TX Waller, TX	0.9794
3400	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH Boyd, KY Carter, KY Greenup, KY Lawrence, OH Cabell, WV Wayne, WV	0.9556
3440	Huntsville, AL Limestone, AL Madison, AL	0.9208
3480	<sup>1</sup> Indianapolis, IN Boone, IN Hamilton, IN Hancock, IN Hendricks, IN Johnson, IN Madison, IN Marion, IN Morgan, IN Shelby, IN	0.9875
3500	Iowa City, IA Johnson, IA	0.9510
3520	Jackson, MI Jackson, MI	0.8950
3560	Jackson, MS Hinds, MS Madison, MS Rankin, MS	0.8355

3580	Jackson, TN Madison, TN Chester, TN	0.8948
3600	<sup>1</sup> Jacksonville, FL Clay, FL Duval, FL Nassau, FL St. Johns, FL	0.9490
3605	Jacksonville, NC Onslow, NC	0.8510
3610	<sup>2</sup> Jamestown, NY Chautauqua, NY	0.8491
3620	<sup>2</sup> Janesville-Beloit, WI Rock, WI	0.9266
3640	Jersey City, NJ Hudson, NJ	1.1070
3660	Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA (TN Hospitals) Carter, TN Hawkins, TN Sullivan, TN Unicoi, TN Washington, TN Bristol City, VA Scott, VA Washington, VA	0.8223
3660	<sup>2</sup> Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA (VA Hospitals) Carter, TN Hawkins, TN Sullivan, TN Unicoi, TN Washington, TN Bristol City, VA Scott, VA Washington, VA	0.8464
3680	<sup>2</sup> Johnstown, PA Cambria, PA Somerset, PA	0.8344
3700	Jonesboro, AR Craighead, AR	0.7777
3710	Joplin, MO Jasper, MO Newton, MO	0.8646
3720	Kalamazoo-Battlecreek, MI Calhoun, MI Kalamazoo, MI Van Buren, MI	1.0458

3740	Kankakee, IL Kankakee, IL	1.0377
3760	<sup>1</sup> 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	0.9675
3800	Kenosha, WI Kenosha, WI	0.9721
3810	Killeen-Temple, TX Bell, TX Coryell, TX	0.9122
3840	Knoxville, TN Anderson, TN Blount, TN Knox, TN Loudon, TN Sevier, TN Union, TN	0.8784
3850	Kokomo, IN Howard, IN Tipton, IN	0.9008
3870	<sup>2</sup> La Crosse, WI-MN Houston, MN La Crosse, WI	0.9266
3880	Lafayette, LA Acadia, LA Lafayette, LA St. Landry, LA St. Martin, LA	0.8191
3920	<sup>2</sup> Lafayette, IN Clinton, IN Tippecanoe, IN	0.8788
3960	Lake Charles, LA Calcasieu, LA	0.7809
3980	Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL Polk, FL	0.8823
4000	Lancaster, PA Lancaster, PA	0.9244



4040	Lansing-East Lansing, MI Clinton, MI Eaton, MI Ingham, MI	0.9675
4080	Laredo, TX Webb, TX	0.8059
4100	Las Cruces, NM Dona Ana, NM	0.8653
4120	<sup>1</sup> Las Vegas, NV-AZ Mohave, AZ Clark, NV Nye, NV	1.1481
4150	<sup>2</sup> Lawrence, KS Douglas, KS	0.8041
4200	Lawton, OK Comanche, OK	0.8234
4243	Lewiston-Auburn, ME Androscoggin, ME	0.9345
4280	Lexington, KY Bourbon, KY Clark, KY Fayette, KY Jessamine, KY Madison, KY Scott, KY Woodford, KY	0.8650
4320	Lima, OH Allen, OH Auglaize, OH	0.9483
4360	Lincoln, NE Lancaster, NE	0.9992
4400	Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR Faulkner, AR Lonoke, AR Pulaski, AR Saline, AR	0.8887
4420	Longview-Marshall, TX Gregg, TX Harrison, TX Upshur, TX	0.9076
4480	<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA Los Angeles, CA	1.1790

4520	<sup>1</sup> Louisville, KY-IN Clark, IN Floyd, IN Harrison, IN Scott, IN Bullitt, KY Jefferson, KY Oldham, KY	0.9205
4600	Lubbock, TX Lubbock, TX	0.8238
4640	Lynchburg, VA Amherst, VA Bedford, VA Bedford City, VA Campbell, VA Lynchburg City, VA	0.9097
4680	Macon, GA Bibb, GA Houston, GA Jones, GA Peach, GA Twiggs, GA	0.8939
4720	Madison, WI Dane, WI	1.0222
4800	<sup>2</sup> Mansfield, OH Crawford, OH Richland, OH	0.8784
4840	Mayaguez, PR Anasco, PR Cabo Rojo, PR Hormigueros, PR Mayaguez, PR Sabana Grande, PR San German, PR	0.4776
4880	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX Hidalgo, TX	0.8347
4890	Medford-Ashland, OR Jackson, OR	1.0729
4900	Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL Brevard, FL	0.9736
4920	<sup>1</sup> Memphis, TN-AR-MS Crittenden, AR DeSoto, MS Fayette, TN Shelby, TN Tipton, TN	0.8973

4940	<sup>2</sup> Merced, CA Merced, CA	0.9927
5000	<sup>1</sup> Miami, FL Dade, FL	0.9854
5015	<sup>1</sup> Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ Hunterdon, NJ Middlesex, NJ Somerset, NJ	1.1320
5080	<sup>1</sup> Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Milwaukee, WI Ozaukee, WI Washington, WI Waukesha, WI	0.9947
5120	<sup>1</sup> 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	1.0957
5140	Missoula, MT Missoula, MT	0.8848
5160	Mobile, AL Baldwin, AL Mobile, AL	0.7962
5170	Modesto, CA Stanislaus, CA	1.1230
5190	<sup>1</sup> Monmouth-Ocean, NJ Monmouth, NJ Ocean, NJ	1.1038
5200	Monroe, LA Ouachita, LA	0.7890
5240	Montgomery, AL Autauga, AL Elmore, AL Montgomery, AL	0.7875
5280	<sup>2</sup> Muncie, IN Delaware, IN	0.8788

5330	Myrtle Beach, SC Horry, SC	0.9075
5345	Naples, FL Collier, FL	0.9750
5360	<sup>1</sup> Nashville, TN Cheatham, TN Davidson, TN Dickson, TN Robertson, TN Rutherford TN Sumner, TN Williamson, TN Wilson, TN	0.9815
5380	<sup>1</sup> Nassau-Suffolk, NY Nassau, NY Suffolk, NY	1.2933
5483	<sup>1</sup> New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Waterbury- Danbury, CT Fairfield, CT New Haven, CT	1.2418
5523	<sup>2</sup> New London-Norwich, CT New London, CT	1.2134
5560	<sup>1</sup> 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	0.9137
5600	<sup>1</sup> New York, NY Bronx, NY Kings, NY New York, NY Putnam, NY Queens, NY Richmond, NY Rockland, NY Westchester, NY	1.3913
5640	<sup>1</sup> Newark, NJ Essex, NJ Morris, NJ Sussex, NJ Union, NJ Warren, NJ	1.1471

5660	Newburgh, NY-PA Orange, NY Pike, PA	1.1462
5720	<sup>1</sup> 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	0.8584
5775	<sup>1</sup> Oakland, CA Alameda, CA Contra Costa, CA	1.5058
5790	Ocala, FL Marion, FL	0.9689
5800	Odessa-Midland, TX Ector, TX Midland, TX	0.9290
5880	<sup>1</sup> Oklahoma City, OK Canadian, OK Cleveland, OK Logan, OK McClain, OK Oklahoma, OK Pottawatomie, OK	0.8948
5910	Olympia, WA Thurston, WA	1.0919
5920	Omaha, NE-IA Pottawattamie, IA Cass, NE Douglas, NE Sarpy, NE Washington, NE	0.9705
5945	<sup>1</sup> Orange County, CA Orange, CA	1.1445

5960	<sup>1</sup> Orlando, FL Lake, FL Orange, FL Osceola, FL Seminole, FL	0.9615
5990	Owensboro, KY Davies, KY	0.8340
6015	<sup>2</sup> Panama City, FL Bay, FL	0.8819
6020	Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH (WV Hospitals) Washington, OH Wood, WV	0.8007
6020	<sup>2</sup> Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH (OH Hospitals) Washington, OH Wood, WV	0.8784
6080	<sup>2</sup> Pensacola, FL Escambia, FL Santa Rosa, FL	0.8819
6120	Peoria-Pekin, IL Peoria, IL Tazewell, IL Woodford, IL	0.8699
6160	<sup>1</sup> Philadelphia, PA-NJ Burlington, NJ Camden, NJ Gloucester, NJ Salem, NJ Bucks, PA Chester, PA Delaware, PA Montgomery, PA Philadelphia, PA	1.0839
6200	<sup>1</sup> Phoenix-Mesa, AZ Maricopa, AZ Pinal, AZ	1.0088
6240	Pine Bluff, AR Jefferson, AR	0.7855
6280	<sup>1</sup> Pittsburgh, PA Allegheny, PA Beaver, PA Butler, PA Fayette, PA Washington, PA Westmoreland, PA	0.8865
6323	<sup>2</sup> Pittsfield, MA Berkshire, MA	1.0390

6340	Pocatello, ID Bannock, ID	0.9212
6360	Ponce, PR Guayanilla, PR Juana Diaz, PR Penuelas, PR Ponce, PR Villalba, PR Yauco, PR	0.4689
6403	Portland, ME Cumberland, ME Sagadahoc, ME York, ME	0.9909
6440	<sup>1</sup> Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA Clackamas, OR Columbia, OR Multnomah, OR Washington, OR Yamhill, OR Clark, WA	1.1167
6483	<sup>1</sup> Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket, RI Bristol, RI Kent, RI Newport, RI Providence, RI Washington, RI	1.0932
6520	Provo-Orem, UT Utah, UT	0.9936
6560	<sup>2</sup> Pueblo, CO Pueblo, CO	0.9291
6580	Punta Gorda, FL Charlotte, FL	0.9472
6600	<sup>2</sup> Racine, WI Racine, WI	0.9266
6640	<sup>1</sup> Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC Chatham, NC Durham, NC Franklin, NC Johnston, NC Orange, NC Wake, NC	0.9919
6660	Rapid City, SD Pennington, SD	0.8771
6680	Reading, PA Berks, PA	0.9096

6690	Redding, CA Shasta, CA	1.1306
6720	Reno, NV Washoe, NV	1.0639
6740	Richland-Kennewick-Pasco, WA Benton, WA Franklin, WA	1.0566
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	0.9311
6780	<sup>1</sup> Riverside-San Bernardino, CA Riverside, CA San Bernardino, CA	1.1302
6800	Roanoke, VA Botetourt, VA Roanoke, VA Roanoke City, VA Salem City, VA	0.8664
6820	Rochester, MN Olmsted, MN	1.1691
6840	<sup>1</sup> Rochester, NY Genesee, NY Livingston, NY Monroe, NY Ontario, NY Orleans, NY Wayne, NY	0.9392
6880	Rockford, IL Boone, IL Ogle, IL Winnebago, IL	0.9627
6895	Rocky Mount, NC Edgecombe, NC Nash, NC	0.9039



6920	<sup>1</sup> Sacramento, CA El Dorado, CA Placer, CA Sacramento, CA	1.1797
6960	Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI Bay, MI Midland, MI Saginaw, MI	0.9992
6980	St. Cloud, MN Benton, MN Stearns, MN	0.9640
7000	<sup>2</sup> St. Joseph, MO Andrew, MO Buchanan, MO	0.8024
7040	<sup>1</sup> 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	0.8996
7080	Salem, OR Marion, OR Polk, OR	1.0440
7120	Salinas, CA Monterey, CA	1.4281
7160	<sup>1</sup> Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT Davis, UT Salt Lake, UT Weber, UT	0.9873
7200	San Angelo, TX Tom Green, TX	0.8500
7240	<sup>1</sup> San Antonio, TX Bexar, TX Comal, TX Guadalupe, TX Wilson, TX	0.8834
7320	<sup>1</sup> San Diego, CA San Diego, CA	1.1102

7360	<sup>1</sup> San Francisco, CA Marin, CA San Francisco, CA San Mateo, CA	1.4455
7400	<sup>1</sup> San Jose, CA Santa Clara, CA	1.4567
7440	<sup>1</sup> 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	0.4880
7460	San Luis Obispo-Atascadero-Paso Robles, CA San Luis Obispo, CA	1.1383
7480	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA Santa Barbara, CA	1.0399
7485	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA Santa Cruz, CA	1.2890
7490	Santa Fe, NM Los Alamos, NM Santa Fe, NM	1.0610

7500	Santa Rosa, CA Sonoma, CA	1.2825
7510	Sarasota-Bradenton, FL Manatee, FL Sarasota, FL	0.9931
7520	Savannah, GA Bryan, GA Chatham, GA Effingham, GA	0.9450
7560	Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton, PA Columbia, PA Lackawanna, PA Luzerne, PA Wyoming, PA	0.8378
7600	<sup>1</sup> Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA Island, WA King, WA Snohomish, WA	1.1516
7610	<sup>2</sup> Sharon, PA Mercer, PA	0.8344
7620	<sup>2</sup> Sheboygan, WI Sheboygan, WI	0.9266
7640	Sherman-Denison, TX Grayson, TX	0.9661
7680	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA Bossier, LA Caddo, LA Webster, LA	0.9047
7720	Sioux City, IA-NE Woodbury, IA Dakota, NE	0.8956
7760	Sioux Falls, SD Lincoln, SD Minnehaha, SD	0.9271
7800	South Bend, IN St. Joseph, IN	0.9782
7840	Spokane, WA Spokane, WA	1.0857
7880	Springfield, IL Menard, IL Sangamon, IL	0.8908
7920	Springfield, MO Christian, MO Greene, MO Webster, MO	0.8423

8003	Springfield, MA Hampden, MA Hampshire, MA	1.0419
8050	State College, PA Centre, PA	0.8705
8080	<sup>2</sup> Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV (OH Hospitals) Jefferson, OH Brooke, WV Hancock, WV	0.8784
8080	Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV (WV Hospitals) Jefferson, OH Brooke, WV Hancock, WV	0.8364
8120	Stockton-Lodi, CA San Joaquin, CA	1.0921
8140	<sup>2</sup> Sumter, SC Sumter, SC	0.8464
8160	Syracuse, NY Cayuga, NY Madison, NY Onondaga, NY Oswego, NY	0.9374
8200	Tacoma, WA Pierce, WA	1.1071
8240	<sup>2</sup> Tallahassee, FL Gadsden, FL Leon, FL	0.8819
8280	<sup>1</sup> Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Hernando, FL Hillsborough, FL Pasco, FL Pinellas, FL	0.9066
8320	<sup>2</sup> Terre Haute, IN Clay, IN Vermillion, IN Vigo, IN	0.8788
8360	Texarkana, AR-Texarkana, TX Miller, AR Bowie, TX	0.8117
8400	Toledo, OH Fulton, OH Lucas, OH Wood, OH	0.9359
8440	Topeka, KS Shawnee, KS	0.9071

8480	Trenton, NJ Mercer, NJ	1.0474
8520	<sup>2</sup> Tucson, AZ Pima, AZ	0.9233
8560	Tulsa, OK Creek, OK Osage, OK Rogers, OK Tulsa, OK Wagoner, OK	0.9148
8600	Tuscaloosa, AL Tuscaloosa, AL	0.8179
8640	Tyler, TX Smith, TX	0.9366
8680	<sup>2</sup> Utica-Rome, NY Herkimer, NY Oneida, NY	0.8491
8720	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA Napa, CA Solano, CA	1.3371
8735	Ventura, CA Ventura, CA	1.1019
8750	Victoria, TX Victoria, TX	0.8151
8760	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ Cumberland, NJ	1.0363
8780	<sup>2</sup> Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA Tulare, CA	0.9927
8800	Waco, TX McLennan, TX	0.8360

8840	<sup>1</sup> 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 Culpeper, 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	1.0860
8920	<sup>2</sup> Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA Black Hawk, IA	0.8382
8940	Wausau, WI Marathon, WI	0.9744
8960	<sup>1</sup> West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL Palm Beach, FL	0.9759
9000	<sup>2</sup> Wheeling, WV-OH (WV Hospitals) Belmont, OH Marshall, WV Ohio, WV	0.7986
9000	<sup>2</sup> Wheeling, WV-OH (OH Hospitals) Belmont, OH Marshall, WV Ohio, WV	0.8784
9040	Wichita, KS Butler, KS Harvey, KS Sedgwick, KS	0.9200

9080	Wichita Falls, TX Archer, TX Wichita, TX	0.8307
9140	<sup>2</sup> Williamsport, PA Lycoming, PA	0.8344
9160	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD New Castle, DE Cecil, MD	1.0838
9200	Wilmington, NC New Hanover, NC Brunswick, NC	0.9524
9260	<sup>2</sup> Yakima, WA Yakima, WA	1.0346
9270	<sup>2</sup> Yolo, CA Yolo, CA	0.9927
9280	York, PA York, PA	0.9106
9320	Youngstown-Warren, OH Columbiana, OH Mahoning, OH Trumbull, OH	0.9176
9340	Yuba City, CA Sutter, CA Yuba, CA	1.0155
9360	<sup>2</sup> Yuma, AZ Yuma, AZ	0.9233

<sup>1</sup> Large Urban Area

<sup>2</sup> Hospitals geographically located in the area are assigned the statewide rural wage index for FY 2004.





**WAGE INDEX FOR RURAL AREAS**

<b>Nonurban Area</b>	<b>Wage Index</b>
Alabama	0.7461
Alaska	1.1838
Arizona	0.9233
Arkansas	0.7703
California	0.9927
Colorado	0.9291
Connecticut	1.2134
Delaware	0.9557
Florida	0.8819
Georgia	0.8586
Hawaii	0.9918
Idaho	0.8937
Illinois	0.8221
Indiana	0.8788
Iowa	0.8382
Kansas	0.8041
Kentucky	0.7942
Louisiana	0.7494
Maine	0.8776
Maryland	0.9088
Massachusetts	1.0390
Michigan	0.8851
Minnesota	0.9307
Mississippi	0.7762
Missouri	0.8024
Montana	0.8765
Nebraska	0.8787
Nevada	0.9767

<b>Nonurban Area</b>	<b>Wage Index</b>
New Hampshire	0.9989
New Jersey <sup>1</sup>	-----
New Mexico	0.8236
New York	0.8491
North Carolina	0.8422
North Dakota	0.7746
Ohio	0.8784
Oklahoma	0.7506
Oregon	0.9953
Pennsylvania	0.8344
Puerto Rico	0.4002
Rhode Island <sup>1</sup>	-----
South Carolina	0.8464
South Dakota	0.8162
Tennessee	0.7854
Texas	0.7748
Utah	0.8937
Vermont	0.9496
Virginia	0.8464
Washington	1.0346
West Virginia	0.7986
Wisconsin	0.9266
Wyoming	0.9073

<sup>1</sup>All counties within the State are classified as urban.

**Attachment 3**

**Wage Index for Facilities Located in Counties That Are Deemed Urban §1886(d)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act Effective for Services Furnished On or After October 1, 2003.**

County	Wage Index
Barry MI	1.0458
Cass MI	0.8899
Caswell NC	0.8998
Christian IL	0.8908
Harnett NC	0.8950
Henry IN	0.9875
Indian River FL	1.0083
Ionia MI	0.9675
Jefferson KS	0.9071
Jefferson WI	0.9947
Lawrence PA	0.8865
Lincoln WV	0.8533
Macoupin IL	0.8996
Marshall AL	0.9208
Mason IL	0.8699
Morrow OH	0.8784
Owen IN	0.8788
Preble OH	0.9490
Shiawassee MI	1.0814
Tuscola MI	0.9992
Van Wert OH	0.9483
Walworth WI	0.9947