

CHAPTER 11
ADDENDUM C (FY 2006)

HOSPICE RATE INFORMATION - FY 2006 HOSPICE WAGE INDEXES FOR RURAL AREAS

The following Hospice Indexes for Rural Areas are for care and services provided on or after October 1, 2005.

CBSA CODE	NONURBAN AREA	WAGE INDEX ³	CBSA CODE	NONURBAN AREA	WAGE INDEX ³
01	Alabama*	*****	30	New Hampshire	1.0543
02	Alaska	1.2401	31	New Jersey ⁴
03	Arizona*	*****	32	New Mexico*	*****
04	Arkansas	0.8084	33	New York*	*****
05	California	1.1042	34	North Carolina*	*****
06	Colorado	0.9936	35	North Dakota	0.8213
07	Connecticut	1.2640	36	Ohio*	*****
08	Delaware*	1.0079	37	Oklahoma*	*****
10	Florida*	*****	38	Oregon	1.0587
11	Georgia*	*****	39	Pennsylvania*	*****
12	Hawaii	1.1160	40	Puerto Rico ⁵	0.4654
13	Idaho	0.9044	41	Rhode Island ⁴
16	Iowa	0.9029	42	South Carolina*	*****
14	Illinois*	*****	43	South Dakota	0.8905
15	Indiana*	*****	44	Tennessee*	*****
16	Iowa	0.9029	45	Texas*	*****
17	Kansas	0.8573	46	Utah*	*****
18	Kentucky*	*****	47	Vermont	0.9944
19	Louisiana*	*****	48	Virgin Islands	0.8000
20	Maine	0.9587	49	Virginia*	*****
21	Maryland	0.9758	50	Washington*	*****
22	Massachusetts ⁵	1.0832	51	West Virginia	0.8458
23	Michigan*	*****	52	Wisconsin	1.0071
24	Minnesota	0.9901	53	Wyoming	0.9739
25	Mississippi	0.8071	65	Guam	1.0191
26	Missouri	0.8268			
27	Montana	0.9229			
28	Nebraska	0.9583			
29	Nevada*	*****			

* Denotes that there are different wage index values within the State. Wage index values for these States are a blend of what they would have received had the MSA designations remained in effect and what they will receive under the CBSA designations. The budget neutrality adjustment factors of 1.060339 and 1.060988 have been applied to the MSA and the CBSA hospital wage data, respectively.

³ Wage index values are based on FY 2001 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. 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 a budget neutrality adjustment calculated by multiplying the hospital wage index value for a given area by the budget neutrality factor. We have completed all of these adjustments and included them in the wage index values reflected in this table.

⁴ All counties within the State are classified as urban.

⁵ Based on CBSA designations Massachusetts and Puerto Rico have areas designated as rural. However, no IPPS hospitals are located in those rural area(s) for FY 2006. Because more recent data is not available for those areas, we are using the FY 2005 pre-floor, pre-reclassified hospital wage index value for rural Massachusetts and for rural Puerto Rico.

