

Chapter 11

Addendum C (FY 2009)

Hospice Rate Information - Hospice Wage Indexes For Rural Areas - FY 2009

The following Hospice Indexes for Rural Areas are for care and services provided on or after October 1, 2008.

1. There are no hospitals in the rural areas of Massachusetts, so the wage index value used is the average wage index value for the contiguous counties.
2. There are no rural areas in this state.
3. Wage index values are obtained using the methodology described in the rule.
4. Wage index values are based on FY 2004 hospital cost report data before reclassification. This data form the basis for the raw pre-floor, pre-reclassified hospital wage index. The budget neutrality adjustment or the hospice floor is then applied to the raw pre-floor, pre-reclassified hospital wage index to derive the hospice wage index. Wage index values greater than or equal to 0.8 are subject to a budget neutrality adjustment. The hospice floor calculation is as follows: Wage index values below 0.8 are adjusted to be the greater of either (a) the 25% reduced budget neutrality adjustment OR (b) the minimum of the raw pre-floor, pre-reclassified hospital wage index value x 1.15, or 0.8000. For the final FY 2009 hospice wage index, the budget neutrality adjustment was reduced by 25%.

CBSA CODE	NONURBAN AREA	WAGE INDEX ⁴	CBSA CODE	NONURBAN AREA	WAGE INDEX ⁴
1	Alabama	0.8097	26	Missouri	0.8324
1	Alabama	0.8000	27	Montana	0.8795
2	Alaska	1.2711	28	Nebraska	0.9289
3	Arizona	0.8900	29	Nevada	0.9733
4	Arkansas	0.8000	30	New Hampshire	1.0990
5	California	1.2620	31	New Jersey ²	-----
6	Colorado	1.0186	32	New Mexico	0.9384
7	Connecticut	1.1672	33	New York	0.8679
8	Delaware	1.0210	34	North Carolina	0.9030
10	Florida	0.8886	35	North Dakota	0.8000
11	Georgia	0.8040	36	Ohio	0.9147
12	Hawaii	1.1139	37	Oklahoma	0.8000
13	Idaho	0.8314	38	Oregon	1.0398
14	Illinois	0.8749	39	Pennsylvania	0.8802
15	Indiana	0.9002	40	Puerto Rico ³	0.4654
16	Iowa	0.8992	41	Rhode Island ²	-----
17	Kansas	0.8378	42	South Carolina	0.9086
18	Kentucky	0.8180	43	South Dakota	0.8974
19	Louisiana	0.8000	44	Tennessee	0.8107
20	Maine	0.8897	45	Texas	0.8364
21	Maryland	0.9483	46	Utah	0.8519
22	Massachusetts ¹	1.2164	47	Vermont	1.0412
23	Michigan	0.9398	48	Virgin Islands	0.7855
24	Minnesota	0.9530	49	Virginia	0.8288
25	Mississippi	0.8083	50	Washington	1.0769
			51	West Virginia	0.8000

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52	Wisconsin	1.0147
53	Wyoming	0.9748
65	Guam	1.0089

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