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Dated: June 27, 2000.

John L. Williams,

Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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

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, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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: New Collection;

Title of Information Collection: Data Collection to Support Policy Analysis of Choices Offered to Medicare+Choice Enrollees and Choices Made by Enrollees;

Form No.: HCFA-10033 (OMB#0938-NEW);

Use: The purpose of this information collection is to collect data from Medicare+Choice (M+C) organizations regarding choices that Medicare beneficiaries make as M+C enrollees. Information will be collected regarding enrollment and benefits, particularly for employment-connected individuals and will help HCFA fully evaluate the effectiveness of the M+C program. All Medicare Managed Care organizations will be surveyed;

Frequency: Other: One-time;
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit;

Number of Respondents: 200;
Total Annual Responses: 200;
Total Annual Hours: 1,600.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement 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 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: May 22, 2001.

John P. Burke, III,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-1147-CN]

RIN 0938-AK51

Medicare Program; Update to the Prospective Payment System for Home Health Agencies for FY 2002; Correction

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice with comment period; correction.

SUMMARY: We published a notice with comment period in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 2001, setting forth an update to the 60-day national episode rates and

the national per-visit amounts under the Medicare prospective payment system for home health agencies. The document was missing the addenda for the rural and urban hospital wage indexes. This notice corrects the June 29, 2001 document by adding the addenda.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Susan Levy, Policy, (410) 786-9364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of June 29, 2001 in FR Doc. 01-16384, we published a notice with comment period setting forth an update to the 60-day national episode rates and the national per-visit amounts under the Medicare prospective payment system for home health agencies. The document was missing the addenda for the rural and urban hospital wage indexes. This notice corrects the June 29, 2001 document by adding the addenda.

Attachments

Addendum A—FY 2001 Wage Index For Rural Areas—Pre-floor and Pre-reclassified

Addendum B—FY 2001 Wage Index For Urban Areas—Pre-floor and Pre-reclassified

Addendum A—FY 2001 Wage Index for Rural Areas—Pre-floor and Pre-reclassified

WAGE INDEX FOR RURAL AREAS

Nonurban area	Wage Index
Alabama	0.7489
Alaska	1.2392
Arizona	0.8317
Arkansas	0.7445
California	0.9861
Colorado	0.8968
Connecticut	1.1715
Delaware	0.9074
Florida	0.8919
Georgia	0.8329
Guam	0.9611
Hawaii	1.1059
Idaho	0.8678
Illinois	0.8160
Indiana	0.8602
Iowa	0.8030
Kansas	0.7605
Kentucky	0.7931
Louisiana	0.7681
Maine	0.8766
Maryland	0.8651
Massachusetts	1.1204
Michigan	0.8987
Minnesota	0.8881
Mississippi	0.7491
Missouri	0.7698

WAGE INDEX FOR RURAL AREAS— Continued		MSA	Urban area (Con- stituent counties)	Wage index	MSA	Urban area (Con- stituent counties)	Wage index
Nonurban area	Wage Index	0320	Amarillo, TX Potter, TX Randall, TX.	0.8715	0743	Penobscot, ME. Barnstable-Yarmouth, MA.	1.3839
Montana	0.8688	0380	Anchorage, AK	1.2793	0760	Barnstable, MA. Baton Rouge, LA	0.8842
Nebraska	0.8109	0440	Ann Arbor, MI	1.1254		Ascension, LA. East Baton Rouge, LA. Livingston, LA.	
Nevada	0.9232		Lenawee, MI. Livingston, MI. Washtenaw, MI.		0840	West Baton Rouge, LA. Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX.	0.8744
New Hampshire	0.9845	0450	Anniston, AL	0.8284		Hardin, TX. Jefferson, TX. Orange, TX.	
New Jersey ¹		0460	Calhoun, AL. Appleton-Oshkosh- Neenah, WI.	0.9052	0860	Bellingham, WA	1.1439
New Mexico	0.8479		Calumet, WI. Outagamie, WI. Winnebago, WI.		0870	Whatcom, WA. Benton Harbor, MI	0.8671
New York	0.8499	0470	Arecibo, PR	0.4525	0875	Berrien, MI. Bergen-Passaic, NJ	1.1848
North Carolina	0.8441		Arecibo, PR. Camuy, PR. Hatillo, PR.		0880	Bergen, NJ. Passaic, NJ. Billings, MT	0.9585
North Dakota	0.7716	0480	Asheville, NC	0.9516	0920	Yellowstone, MT. Biloxi-Gulfport- Pascagoula, MS.	0.8236
Ohio	0.8670		Buncombe, NC. Madison, NC.		0960	Hancock, MS. Harrison, MS. Jackson, MS.	
Oklahoma	0.7491	0500	Madison, NC. Athens, GA	0.9739	1000	Binghamton, NY	0.8690
Oregon	1.0132		Clarke, GA. Madison, GA. Oconee, GA.		1010	Broome, NY. Tioga, NY. Birmingham, AL	0.8452
Pennsylvania	0.8578	0520	Atlanta, GA	1.0096	1020	Blount, AL. Jefferson, AL. St. Clair, AL.	
Puerto Rico	0.4264		Barrow, GA. Bartow, GA. Carroll, GA. Cherokee, GA.		1040	Shelby, AL. Bismarck, ND	0.7705
Rhode Island ¹			Clayton, GA. Cobb, GA. Coweta, GA. DeKalb, GA. Douglas, GA. Fayette, GA. Forsyth, GA. Fulton, GA. Gwinnett, GA.		1080	Burleigh, ND. Morton, ND. Bloomington, IN	0.8733
South Carolina	0.8370		Henry, GA. Newton, GA. Paulding, GA. Pickens, GA. Rockdale, GA. Spalding, GA. Walton, GA.		1123	Monroe, IN. Bloomington-Normal, IL McLean, IL. Boise City, ID	0.9095
South Dakota	0.7570		Atlantic-Cape May, NJ Atlantic, NJ	1.1182	1150	Ada, ID. Canyon, ID. Boston-Worcester-Law- rence-Lowell-Brock- ton, MA-NH.	0.9006
Tennessee	0.7838	0580	Cape May, NJ	0.8106	1155	Bristol, MA. Essex, MA. Middlesex, MA. Norfolk, MA. Plymouth, MA. Suffolk, MA.	1.1160
Texas	0.7502	0600	Auburn-Opelka, AL	0.9160	1125	Worcester, MA. Hillsborough, NH. Merrimack, NH. Rockingham, NH. Strafford, NH.	0.9731
Utah	0.9037		Lee, AL. Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC Columbia, GA. McDuffie, GA. Richmond, GA. Aiken, SC. Edgefield, SC.		1145	Boulder, CO. Brazoria, TX	0.8658
Vermont	0.9274	0640	Austin-San Marcos, TX Bastrop, TX. Caldwell, TX. Hays, TX. Travis, TX. Williamson, TX.	0.9577	1150	Brazoria, TX. Bremerton, WA	1.0975
Virginia	0.8189		Kern, CA. Baltimore, MD	0.9365	1240	Kitsap, WA. Brownsville-Harlingen- San Benito, TX.	0.8722
Virgin Islands	0.6306		Anne Arundel, MD. Carroll, MD. Harford, MD. Howard, MD. Queen Anne's, MD.				
Washington	1.0434	0720	Bangor, ME	0.9561			
West Virginia	0.8231						
Wisconsin	0.8880						
Wyoming	0.8817						

¹ All counties within the State are classified as urban.

Addendum B—FY 2001 Wage Index For Urban Areas—Pre-floor and Pre-reclassified

MSA	Urban area (Con- stituent counties)	Wage index
0040	Abilene, TX	0.8240
0060	Taylor, TX. Aguadilla, PR	0.4391
0080	Aguada, PR. Aguadilla, PR. Moca, PR.	0.9736
0120	Akron, OH	0.9736
0160	Portage, OH. Summit, OH.	0.9933
0200	Albany, GA	0.9933
0220	Dougherty, GA. Lee, GA.	0.8549
0240	Albany-Schenectady- Troy, NY. Albany, NY. Montgomery, NY. Rensselaer, NY. Saratoga, NY. Schenectady, NY. Schoharie, NY.	0.9136
0280	Albuquerque, NM	0.8123
	Bernalillo, NM. Sandoval, NM. Valencia, NM.	0.9925
	Alexandria, LA	0.8123
	Rapides, LA.	0.9925
	Allentown-Bethlehem- Easton, PA. Carbon, PA. Lehigh, PA. Northampton, PA.	0.9346
	Altoona, PA	0.9346
	Blair, PA.	0.9346

MSA	Urban area (Constituent counties)	Wage index	MSA	Urban area (Constituent counties)	Wage index	MSA	Urban area (Constituent counties)	Wage index
1260	Cameron, TX. Bryan-College Station, TX.	0.8237		Boone, KY. Campbell, KY. Gallatin, KY. Grant, KY.		2030	Volusia, FL. Decatur, AL	0.8534
1280	Brazos, TX. Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY.	0.9580		Kenton, KY. Pendleton, KY. Brown, OH. Clermont, OH. Hamilton, OH. Warren, OH.		2040	Lawrence, AL. Morgan, AL.	0.8125
1303	Erie, NY. Niagara, NY. Burlington, VT	1.0735	1660	Clarksville-Hopkinsville, TN-KY.	0.8204	2080	Macon, IL. Denver, CO	1.0181
1310	Chittenden, VT. Franklin, VT. Grand Isle, VT.		1680	Christian, KY. Montgomery, TN. Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH.	0.9597	2120	Adams, CO. Arapahoe, CO. Denver, CO. Douglas, CO. Jefferson, CO.	
1320	Caguas, PR	0.4562		Ashtabula, OH. Cuyahoga, OH. Geauga, OH. Lake, OH. Lorain, OH. Medina, OH.		2160	Des Moines, IA	0.9118
1350	Casper, WY	0.8724	1720	Colorado Springs, CO	0.9697		Dallas, IA. Polk, IA. Warren, IA. Detroit, MI	1.0510
1360	Natrona, WY.		1740	El Paso, CO. Columbia, MO	0.8961	2180	Lapeer, MI. Macomb, MI. Monroe, MI. Oakland, MI. St. Clair, MI. Wayne, MI.	
1400	Cedar Rapids, IA	0.8736	1760	Boone, MO. Columbia, SC	0.9554	2190	Detroit, MI	1.0078
1440	Linn, IA. Champaign-Urbana, IL	0.9198	1800	Lexington, SC. Richland, SC. Columbus, GA-AL	0.8568	2200	Detroit, MI	1.0078
1480	Champaign, IL. Charleston-North Charleston, SC.	0.9038	1840	Russell, AL. Chattahoochee, GA. Harris, GA. Muscogee, GA.	0.9619	2240	Dubuque, IA	0.8746
1520	Berkeley, SC. Charleston, SC. Dorchester, SC. Charleston, WV	0.9240	1880	Columbus, OH	0.8726	2320	Dubuque, IA. Duluth-Superior, MN-WI.	1.0032
1540	Kanawha, WV. Putnam, WV. Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC.	0.9391	1890	Delaware, OH. Fairfield, OH. Franklin, OH. Licking, OH. Madison, OH. Pickaway, OH.	1.1326	2330	St. Louis, MN. Douglas, WI. Dutchess County, NY ..	1.0249
1560	Cabarrus, NC. Gaston, NC. Lincoln, NC. Mecklenburg, NC. Rowan, NC. Stanly, NC. Union, NC. York, SC.		1900	Fairfield, OH. Franklin, OH. Licking, OH. Madison, OH. Pickaway, OH. Corpus Christi, TX	0.8369	2335	Dutchess, NY. Eau Claire, WI	0.8790
1580	Charlottesville, VA	1.0789	1920	Nueces, TX. San Patricio, TX. Corvallis, OR	0.9913	2360	Chippewa, WI. Eau Claire, WI. El Paso, TX	0.9346
1600	Albemarle, VA. Charlottesville City, VA. Fluvanna, VA. Greene, VA.		1950	Benton, OR. Cumberland, MD-WV	0.8589	2400	El Paso, TX. Elkhart-Goshen, IN	0.9145
1620	Chattanooga, TN-GA	0.9833	1960	Allegany, MD. Mineral, WV. Dallas, TX	0.8898	2440	Elkhart, IN. Elmira, NY	0.8546
1640	Catoosa, GA. Dade, GA. Walker, GA. Hamilton, TN. Marion, TN.		2000	Dallas, TX	0.9442	2520	Chemung, NY. Enid, OK	0.8610
1660	Cheyanne, WY	0.8308	2020	Collin, TX. Dallas, TX. Denton, TX. Ellis, TX. Henderson, TX. Hunt, TX. Kaufman, TX. Rockwall, TX.	0.9200	2560	Enid, OK	0.8610
1680	Laramie, WY.			Danville, VA		2580	Garfield, OK. Erie, PA	0.8985
1700	Chicago, IL	1.1146		Danville City, VA. Pittsylvania, VA.			Erie, PA. Eugene-Springfield, OR.	1.0965
1720	Cook, IL.			Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL.			Lane, OR. Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY.	0.8173
1740	DeKalb, IL.			Scott, IA. Henry, IL. Rock Island, IL.			Posey, IN. Vanderburgh, IN. Warrick, IN.	
1760	DuPage, IL.			Dayton-Springfield, OH			Henderson, KY. Fargo-Moorhead, ND-MN.	0.8749
1780	Grundy, IL.			Clark, OH. Greene, OH. Miami, OH. Montgomery, OH.			Clay, MN. Cass, ND. Fayetteville, NC	0.8655
1800	Kane, IL.			Daytona Beach, FL			Cumberland, NC. Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR.	0.7910
1820	Kendall, IL.			Flagler, FL.			Benton, AR. Washington, AR.	
1840	Lake, IL.						Flagstaff, AZ-UT	1.0686
1860	McHenry, IL.						Coconino, AZ.	
1880	Will, IL.							
1900	Chico-Paradise, CA	0.9918						
1920	Butte, CA.							
1940	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	0.9415						
1960	Dearborn, IN. Ohio, IN.							

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2640	Kane, UT. Flint, MI	1.1205	3120	Brown, WI. Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point, NC.	0.9131		Hancock, IN. Hendricks, IN. Johnson, IN. Madison, IN. Marion, IN. Morgan, IN. Shelby, IN.	
2650	Genesee, MI. Florence, AL	0.7616		Alamance, NC. Davidson, NC. Davie, NC. Forsyth, NC. Guilford, NC. Randolph, NC. Stokes, NC. Yadkin, NC.		3500	Iowa City, IA	0.9657
2655	Colbert, AL. Lauderdale, AL. Florence, SC	0.8777		Greenville, NC	0.9384	3520	Jackson, MI	0.9134
2670	Fort Collins-Loveland, CO. Larimer, CO.	1.0647		Pitt, NC. Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC.	0.9003	3560	Jackson, MI. Jackson, MI. Jackson, MS	0.8812
2680	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	1.0121	3150	Anderson, SC. Cherokee, SC. Greenville, SC. Pickens, SC. Spartanburg, SC.		3580	Hinds, MS. Madison, MS. Rankin, MS. Jackson, TN	0.8796
2700	Broward, FL. Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL. Lee, FL. Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL. Martin, FL. St. Lucie, FL.	0.9247	3160	Hagerstown, MD	0.9409	3600	Madison, TN. Chester, TN. Jacksonville, FL	0.9208
2710	Fort Smith AR-OK	0.8052		Washington, MD. Hamilton-Middletown, OH.	0.9061	3605	Clay, FL. Duval, FL. Nassau, FL. St. Johns, FL. Jacksonville, NC	0.7777
2720	Crawford, AR. Sebastian, AR. Sequoyah, OK.		3180	Butler, OH. Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA. Cumberland, PA. Dauphin, PA. Lebanon, PA. Perry, PA.		3610	Onslow, NC. Jamestown, NY	0.7818
2750	Fort Walton Beach, FL Okaloosa, FL.	0.9607	3200	Hartford, CT	1.1373	3620	Chautauqua, NY. Janesville-Beloit, WI	0.9585
2760	Fort Wayne, IN	0.8665	3240	Hartford, CT. Litchfield, CT. Middlesex, CT. Tolland, CT. Hattiesburg, MS	0.7490	3640	Rock, WI. Jersey City, NJ	1.1502
2800	Adams, IN. Allen, IN. De Kalb, IN. Huntington, IN. Wells, IN. Whitley, IN.		3283	Forrest, MS. Lamar, MS. Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC. Alexander, NC. Burke, NC. Caldwell, NC. Catawba, NC.		3660	Hudson, NJ. Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA. Carter, TN. Hawkins, TN. Sullivan, TN. Unicoi, TN. Washington, TN. Bristol City, VA. Scott, VA. Washington, VA.	0.8272
2840	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX. Hood, TX. Johnson, TX. Parker, TX. Tarrant, TX.	0.9527	3285	Forrest, MS. Lamar, MS. Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC. Alexander, NC. Burke, NC. Caldwell, NC. Catawba, NC.		3680	Washington, VA. Johnstown, PA	0.8846
2880	Fresno, CA	1.0104	3290	Honolulu, HI	1.1863	3700	Cambria, PA. Somerset, PA. Jonesboro, AR	0.7832
2900	Fresno, CA. Madera, CA.		3290	Honolulu, HI. Honolulu, HI.	0.8086	3710	Craighead, AR. Joplin, MO	0.8148
2920	Gadsden, AL	0.8423	3320	Houma, LA		3720	Jasper, MO. Newton, MO. Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI.	1.0453
2980	Etowah, AL. Gainesville, FL	1.0074	3350	Terrebonne, LA. Houston, TX	0.9732	3740	Calhoun, MI. Kalamazoo, MI. Van Buren, MI.	
2990	Alachua, FL. Galveston-Texas City, TX.	0.9918	3360	Fort Bend, TX. Harris, TX. Liberty, TX. Montgomery, TX. Waller, TX.		3760	Kankakee, IL	0.9902
2995	Galveston, TX. Gary, IN	0.9454	3360	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH. Boyd, KY. Carter, KY. Greenup, KY. Lawrence, OH. Cabell, WV. Wayne, WV.	0.9876		Kankakee, IL. Kansas City, KS-MO ...	0.9527
2975	Lake, IN. Porter, IN. Glens Falls, NY	0.8361	3400	Huntsville, AL	0.8932		Johnson, KS. Leavenworth, KS. Miami, KS. Wyandotte, KS. Cass, MO. Clay, MO. Clinton, MO. Jackson, MO. Lafayette, MO. Platte, MO. Ray, MO.	
2980	Warren, NY. Washington, NY. Goldsboro, NC	0.8423	3440	Limestone, AL. Madison, AL.		3800	Kenosha, WI	0.9611
2985	Wayne, NC. Grand Forks, ND-MN Polk, MN.	0.8816	3480	Indianapolis, IN	0.9787	3810	Kenosha, WI. Killeen-Temple, TX	1.0119
2995	Grand Forks, ND. Grand Junction, CO	0.9109		Boone, IN. Hamilton, IN.			Bell, TX.	
3000	Mesa, CO. Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI. Allegan, MI. Kent, MI. Muskegon, MI. Ottawa, MI.	1.0248						
3040	Great Falls, MT	0.9065						
3060	Cascade, MT. Greeley, CO	0.9814						
3080	Weld, CO. Green Bay, WI	0.9225						

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3840	Coryell, TX. Knoxville, TN Anderson, TN. Blount, TN. Knox, TN. Loudon, TN. Sevier, TN. Union, TN.	0.8340	4520	Los Angeles, CA. Louisville, KY-IN Clark, IN. Floyd, IN. Harrison, IN. Scott, IN. Bullitt, KY. Jefferson, KY.	0.9350		Scott, MN. Sherburne, MN. Washington, MN. Wright, MN. Pierce, WI. St. Croix, WI.	
3850	Kokomo, IN Howard, IN. Tipton, IN.	0.9518	4600	Oldham, KY. Lubbock, TX Lubbock, TX.	0.8838	5140	Missoula, MT Missoula, MT.	0.9274
3870	La Crosse, WI-MN Houston, MN. La Crosse, WI.	0.9211	4640	Lynchburg, VA Amherst, VA. Bedford, VA.	0.8867	5170	Mobile, AL Baldwin, AL. Mobile, AL.	0.8163
3880	Lafayette, LA Acadia, LA. Lafayette, LA. St. Landry, LA. St. Martin, LA.	0.8490	4680	Bedford City, VA. Campbell, VA. Lynchburg City, VA. Macon, GA Bibb, GA.	0.8974	5190	Modesto, CA Stanislaus, CA. Monmouth-Ocean, NJ Monmouth, NJ. Ocean, NJ.	1.0396
3920	Lafayette, IN Clinton, IN. Tippecanoe, IN. Lake Charles, LA Calcasieu, LA.	0.8834		Houston, GA. Jones, GA. Peach, GA. Twiggs, GA.		5200	Monroe, LA Ouachita, LA. Montgomery, AL Autauga, AL.	0.8396
3960	Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL. Polk, FL.	0.7399	4720	Madison, WI Dane, WI.	1.0271	5240	Elmore, AL. Montgomery, AL. Muncie, IN Delaware, IN.	0.7653
3980	Lancaster, PA Lancaster, PA.	0.9239	4800	Mansfield, OH Crawford, OH. Richland, OH.	0.8690	5330	Myrtle Beach, SC Horry, SC.	0.8440
4000	Lansing-East Lansing, MI. Clinton, MI. Eaton, MI. Ingham, MI.	0.9259	4840	Mayaguez, PR Anasco, PR. Cabo Rojo, PR. Hormigueros, PR. Mayaguez, PR. Sabana Grande, PR. San German, PR.	0.4589	5345	Naples, FL Collier, FL.	0.9661
4040	Laredo, TX Webb, TX.	0.8168	4880	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX. Hidalgo, TX.	0.8566	5360	Nashville, TN Cheatham, TN. Davidson, TN. Dickson, TN. Robertson, TN. Rutherford TN. Sumner, TN. Williamson, TN. Wilson, TN.	0.9490
4100	Las Cruces, NM Dona Ana, NM.	0.8658	4890	Medford-Ashland, OR Jackson, OR.	1.0344	5380	Nassau-Suffolk, NY Nassau, NY. Suffolk, NY.	1.3932
4120	Las Vegas, NV-AZ Mohave, AZ. Clark, NV. Nye, NV.	1.0796	4900	Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL. Brevard, FL.	0.9688	5483	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Waterbury-Danbury, CT. Fairfield, CT. New Haven, CT.	1.2297
4150	Lawrence, KS Douglas, KS.	0.8190	4920	Memphis, TN-AR-MS Crittenden, AR. DeSoto, MS.	0.8723	5523	New London-Norwich, CT. New London, CT.	1.2063
4200	Lawton, OK Comanche, OK.	0.8996		Fayette, TN. Shelby, TN. Tipton, TN.		5560	New Orleans, LA Jefferson, LA. Orleans, LA. Plaquemines, LA. St. Bernard, LA. St. Charles, LA. St. James, LA. St. John The Baptist, LA.	0.9295
4243	Lewiston-Auburn, ME .. Androscoggin, ME.	0.9036	4940	Merced, CA Merced, CA.	0.9646		St. Tammany, LA. New York, NY Bronx, NY. Kings, NY. New York, NY. Putnam, NY. Queens, NY. Richmond, NY. Rockland, NY. Westchester, NY.	
4280	Lexington, KY Bourbon, KY. Clark, KY. Fayette, KY. Jessamine, KY. Madison, KY. Scott, KY. Woodford, KY.	0.8866	5000	Miami, FL Dade, FL.	1.0059		Newark, NJ Essex, NJ. Morris, NJ. Sussex, NJ. Union, NJ.	
4320	Lima, OH Allen, OH. Auglaize, OH.	0.9320	5015	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ. Hunterdon, NJ. Middlesex, NJ. Somerset, NJ.	1.1075			
4360	Lincoln, NE Lancaster, NE.	0.9626	5080	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI. Milwaukee, WI.	0.9767	5600		1.4651
4400	Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR. Faulkner, AR. Lonoke, AR. Pulaski, AR. Saline, AR.	0.8906	5120	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI. Anoka, MN. Carver, MN. Chisago, MN. Dakota, MN. Hennepin, MN. Isanti, MN. Ramsey, MN.	1.1017			
4420	Longview-Marshall, TX Gregg, TX. Harrison, TX. Upshur, TX.	0.8922				5640		1.1837
4480	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA.	1.1996						

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5660	Warren, NJ. Newburgh, NY-PA	1.0847		Chester, PA. Delaware, PA. Montgomery, PA. Philadelphia, PA.		6760	Franklin, WA. Richmond-Petersburg, VA.	0.9617
5720	Pike, PA. Norfolk-Virginia Beach- Newport News, VA- NC.	0.8412	6200	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	0.9669		Charles City County, VA. Chesterfield, VA. Colonial Heights City, VA.	
	Currituck, NC.		6240	Maricopa, AZ. Pinal, AZ.	0.7791		Dinwiddie, VA. Goochland, VA. Hanover, VA. Henrico, VA. Hopwell City, VA. New Kent, VA. Petersburg City, VA. Powhatan, VA.	
	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.		6280	Pine Bluff, AR	0.9741		Prince George, VA. Richmond City, VA. Riverside-San Bernardino, CA. Riverside, CA. San Bernardino, CA. Roanoke, VA	
5775	Oakland, CA	1.4983	6323	Pittsburgh, PA		6780	Powhatan, VA. Prince George, VA. Richmond City, VA. Riverside-San Bernardino, CA. Riverside, CA. San Bernardino, CA. Roanoke, VA	1.1239
	Alameda, CA. Contra Costa, CA.		6340	Allegheny, PA. Beaver, PA. Butler, PA. Fayette, PA. Washington, PA. Westmoreland, PA.	1.0288		Roanoke, VA. Roanoke City, VA. Salem City, VA.	0.8750
5790	Ocala, FL	0.9243	6360	Berkshire, MA. Pocatello, ID	0.9076		Botetourt, VA. Roanoke, VA. Roanoke City, VA. Salem City, VA.	
5800	Marion, FL.		6403	Bannock, ID. Ponce, PR	0.5006	6800	Salem City, VA. Rochester, MN	1.1315
5800	Odessa-Midland, TX ... Ector, TX. Midland, TX.	0.9205	6440	Guayanilla, PR. Juana Diaz, PR. Penuelas, PR. Ponce, PR. Villalba, PR. Yauco, PR.	0.9748	6820	Olsted, MN. Rochester, NY	0.9182
5880	Oklahoma City, OK Canadian, OK. Cleveland, OK. Logan, OK. McClain, OK. Oklahoma, OK. Pottawatomie, OK.	0.8822		Portland, ME	0.9748	6840	Livingston, NY. Monroe, NY. Ontario, NY. Orleans NY. Wayne, NY.	
5910	Olympia, WA	1.0677		Cumberland, ME. Sagadahoc, ME. York, ME.	1.0910	6880	Rockford, IL	0.8819
5920	Thurston, WA.		6483	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA. Clackamas, OR. Columbia, OR. Multnomah, OR. Washington, OR. Yamhill, OR. Clark, WA.	1.0864	6895	Boone, IL. Ogle, IL. Winnebago, IL. Rocky Mount, NC	0.8849
5945	Omaha, NE-IA	0.9572		Providence-Warwick- Pawtucket, RI. Bristol, RI. Kent, RI. Newport, RI. Providence, RI. Washington, RI.		6920	Edgecombe, NC. Nash, NC. Sacramento, CA	1.1950
5960	Pottawattamie, IA. Cass, NE. Douglas, NE. Sarpy, NE. Washington, NE.	1.1467	6520	Provo-Orem, UT	1.0029	6960	El Dorado, CA. Placer, CA. Sacramento, CA.	0.9575
5990	Orange County, CA	0.9610	6560	Utah, UT.			Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI.	
6015	Orlando, FL	0.9610	6580	Pueblo, CO	0.8815		Bay, MI. Midland, MI. Saginaw, MI.	
6020	Lake, FL. Orange, FL. Osceola, FL. Seminole, FL.		6600	Pueblo, CO. Punta Gorda, FL	0.9613	6980	St. Cloud, MN	1.0016
6080	Owensboro, KY	0.8159	6640	Charlotte, FL. Racine, WI	0.9246	7000	Benton, MN. Stearns, MN. St. Joseph, MO	0.9071
6120	Daviess, KY. Panama City, FL	0.9010	6660	Racine, WI. Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC. Chatham, NC. Durham, NC. Franklin, NC. Johnston, NC. Orange, NC. Wake, NC.	0.9646	7040	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.	0.9049
6160	Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH. Washington, OH. Wood, WV.	0.8274	6680	Rapid City, SD	0.8865			
	Pensacola, FL	0.8176	6680	Pennington, SD.	0.9152			
	Escambia, FL. Santa Rosa, FL. Peoria-Pekin, IL	0.8645	6690	Reading, PA	0.9152			
	Peoria, IL. Tazewell, IL. Woodford, IL.		6720	Berks, PA. Redding, CA	1.1664			
	Philadelphia, PA-NJ ... Burlington, NJ. Camden, NJ. Gloucester, NJ. Salem, NJ. Bucks, PA.	1.0937	6740	Shasta, CA. Reno, NV	1.0550			
				Washoe, NV. Richland-Kennewick- Pasco, WA. Benton, WA.	1.1460			

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7080	Salem, OR	1.0189		Manatee, FL.			Pasco, FL.	
	Marion, OR.			Sarasota, FL.			Pinellas, FL.	
	Polk, OR.		7520	Savannah, GA	0.9697	8320	Terre Haute, IN	0.8304
7120	Salinas, CA	1.4502		Bryan, GA.			Clay, IN.	
	Monterey, CA.			Chatham, GA.			Vermillion, IN.	
7160	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT.	0.9807	7560	Effingham, GA.		8360	Vigo, IN.	
	Davis, UT.			Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA.	0.8421		Texarkana, AR-	0.8363
	Salt Lake, UT.			Columbia, PA.			Texarkana, TX	
	Weber, UT.			Lackawanna, PA.			Miller, AR.	
7200	San Angelo, TX	0.8083		Luzerne, PA.		8400	Bowie, TX.	
	Tom Green, TX.			Wyoming, PA.			Toledo, OH	0.9832
7240	San Antonio, TX	0.8580	7600	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA.	1.0996		Fulton, OH.	
	Bexar, TX.			Island, WA.		8440	Lucas, OH.	
	Comal, TX.			King, WA.			Wood, OH.	
	Guadalupe, TX.			Snohomish, WA.		8480	Topeka, KS	0.9117
	Wilson, TX.			Sharon, PA	0.7928		Shawnee, KS.	
7320	San Diego, CA	1.1784	7610	Mercer, PA.		8520	Trenton, NJ	1.0137
	San Diego, CA.			Mercer, PA.			Mercer, NJ.	
7360	San Francisco, CA	1.4156	7620	Sheboygan, WI	0.8379	8560	Tucson, AZ	0.8794
	Marin, CA.			Sheboygan, WI.			Pima, AZ.	
	San Francisco, CA.		7640	Sherman-Denison, TX	0.8694		Tulsa, OK	0.8454
	San Mateo, CA.			Grayson, TX.			Creek, OK.	
7400	San Jose, CA	1.3656	7680	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA.	0.8750		Osage, OK.	
	Santa Clara, CA.			Bossier, LA.			Rogers, OK.	
7440	San Juan-Bayamon, PR.	0.4690		Caddo, LA.		8600	Tulsa, OK.	
	Aguas Buenas, PR.			Webster, LA.			Wagoner, OK.	
	Barceloneta, PR.		7720	Sioux City, IA-NE	0.8473	8640	Tuscaloosa, AL	0.8064
	Bayamon, PR.			Woodbury, IA.			Tuscaloosa, AL.	
	Canovanas, PR.		7760	Dakota, NE.		8680	Tyler, TX	0.9404
	Carolina, PR.			Sioux Falls, SD	0.8790		Smith, TX.	
	Catano, PR.			Lincoln, SD.			Utica-Rome, NY	0.8560
	Ceiba, PR.			Minnehaha, SD.		8720	Herkimer, NY.	
	Comerio, PR.		7800	South Bend, IN	1.0000		Oneida, NY.	
	Corozal, PR.			St. Joseph, IN.			Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA.	1.2847
	Dorado, PR.		7840	Spokane, WA	1.0513		Napa, CA	1.1030
	Fajardo, PR.			Spokane, WA.		8735	Solano, CA.	
	Florida, PR.		7880	Springfield, IL	0.8685		Ventura, CA.	
	Guaynabo, PR.			Menard, IL.		8750	Ventura, CA.	
	Humacao, PR.			Sangamon, IL.			Victoria, TX	0.8154
	Juncos, PR.		7920	Springfield, MO	0.8488	8760	Victoria, TX.	
	Los Piedras, PR.			Christian, MO.			Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ.	1.0501
	Loiza, PR.			Greene, MO.		8780	Cumberland, NJ.	
	Luguillo, PR.		8003	Webster, MO.			Visalia-Tulare-Porterville, CA.	0.9551
	Manati, PR.			Springfield, MA	1.0637		Tulare, CA.	
	Morovis, PR.		8050	Hampden, MA.		8800	Waco, TX	0.8314
	Naguabo, PR.			Hampshire, MA.			McLennan, TX.	
	Naranjito, PR.		8080	State College, PA	0.9038	8840	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV.	1.0755
	Rio Grande, PR.			Centre, PA.			District of Columbia, DC.	
	San Juan, PR.			Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV.	0.8548		Calvert, MD.	
	Toa Alta, PR.			Jefferson, OH.			Charles, MD.	
	Toa Baja, PR.			Brooke, WV.			Frederick, MD.	
	Trujillo Alto, PR.		8120	Hancock, WV.			Montgomery, MD.	
	Vega Alta, PR.			Stockton-Lodi, CA	1.0629		Prince Georges, MD.	
	Vega Baja, PR.		8140	San Joaquin, CA.			Alexandria City, VA.	
	Yabucoa, PR.			Sumter, SC	0.8271		Arlington, VA.	
7460	San Luis Obispo-Atascadero-Paso Robles, CA.	1.0673	8160	Sumter, SC.			Clarke, VA.	
	San Luis Obispo, CA.			Syracuse, NY	0.9549		Culpeper, VA.	
7480	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA.	1.0597		Cayuga, NY.			Fairfax, VA.	
	Santa Barbara, CA.			Madison, NY.			Fairfax City, VA.	
7485	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA.	1.4040	8200	Onondaga, NY.			Falls Church City, VA.	
	Santa Cruz, CA.			Oswego, NY.			Fauquier, VA.	
7490	Santa Fe, NM	1.0537	8240	Tacoma, WA	1.1564		Fredericksburg City, VA.	
	Los Alamos, NM.			Pierce, WA.			King George, VA.	
	Santa Fe, NM.			Tallahassee, FL	0.8545		Loudoun, VA.	
7500	Santa Rosa, CA	1.2646	8280	Gadsden, FL.			Manassas City, VA.	
	Sonoma, CA.			Leon, FL.			Manassas Park City, VA.	
7510	Sarasota-Bradenton, FL.	0.9809		Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.	0.8982			
				Hernando, FL.				
				Hillsborough, FL.				

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8920	Prince William, VA. Spotsylvania, VA. Stafford, VA. Warren, VA. Berkeley, WV. Jefferson, WV. Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA.	0.8404
8940	Black Hawk, IA. Wausau, WI	0.9418
8960	Marathon, WI. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL. Palm Beach, FL.	0.9682
9000	Wheeling, WV-OH	0.7733
9040	Belmont, OH. Marshall, WV. Ohio, WV. Wichita, KS	0.9544
9080	Butler, KS. Harvey, KS. Sedgwick, KS. Wichita Falls, TX	0.7668
9140	Archer, TX. Wichita, TX. Williamsp;port, PA	0.8392
9160	Lycoming, PA. Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD. New Castle, DE. Cecil, MD.	1.1191
9200	Wilmington, NC	0.9402
9260	New Hanover, NC. Brunswick, NC. Yakima, WA	0.9907
9270	Yakima, WA. Yolo, CA	1.0199
9280	Yolo, CA. York, PA	0.9264
9320	York, PA. Youngstown-Warren, OH. Columbiana, OH. Mahoning, OH. Trumbull, OH.	0.9543
9340	Yuba City, CA	1.0706
9360	Sutter, CA. Yuba, CA. Yuma, AZ	0.9529
	Yuma, AZ.	

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Health Care Financing Administration

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Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on Physician Query Forms

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a Town Hall meeting to discuss the use of coding summary forms (in this case, physician query forms) when the record is reviewed by a Peer Review Organization (PRO) to validate DRG coding. Physicians, providers, coding specialists, medical records staff, quality improvement professionals, and other interested parties are invited to this meeting to present their individual views on physician query forms. The opinions and alternatives provided during this meeting will assist us as we evaluate our policy on the use of physician query forms by PROs in verifying hospital coding. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to space available.

DATES: *Meeting Date:* The Town Hall meeting announced in this notice will be held on Friday, July 27, 2001, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

ADDRESSES: The Town Hall meeting will be held in the main auditorium of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services building, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244.

Written Questions or Statements: Any interested party may send written comments by mail, fax, or electronically. We will accept written testimony, questions, or other statements, not to exceed (4) single-spaced, typed pages, before the meeting, and up until August 10, 2001. Send written testimony, questions or other statements to: Sheila Blackstock, Quality Improvement Group, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, S3-021-01, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila Blackstock, (410) 786-3502 or Lana Reed, (410) 786-6875. You may also send inquiries about this meeting via email to www.querymtg@hcfa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 1866(a)(1)(F) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR Part 476.71(a) require PROs to perform a number of review activities, including DRG validation review of inpatient hospital prospective payment system cases to make determinations as appropriate, in accordance with the terms of their contracts.

Section 4130 of the PRO Manual directs PROs to:

- Review medical records to ensure that the record and the information on the claim submitted by the hospital agree;

- Base DRG validation upon accepted principles of coding practice; and
- Verify a hospital's coding in accordance with the coding principles reflected in the current edition of the ICD-9-CM coding manual.

In January, 2001, we issued a policy memorandum to PROs directing them not to accept coding summary forms (physician query forms) as documentation in the medical record following DRG validation procedures specified in section 4130 of the PRO Manual. While this memorandum did not mandate an outright prohibition of the use of summary forms, it did prohibit PROs from using coding summary forms *as a substitute for documentation in the medical record*.

The policy memorandum generated a high level of public interest. Subsequently, we recognized that there are varied interpretations of what constitutes proper supplemental usage of coding summary forms. As a result, in March 2001, we issued a second policy memorandum that suspended implementation of the January 2001 memorandum until October 1, 2001. We now seek individual input from interested parties so that it may be considered as we re-evaluate this policy.

II. Meeting Format

The initial portion of the meeting will be a presentation of our policy and our concerns with the use of physician query forms. The remainder of the meeting will be reserved for individual statements from interested parties.

Time for participants to make a statement will be limited according to the number of registered participants. Therefore, individuals who wish to make a statement must contact the individuals identified in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**, above, as soon as possible to sign up to make a statement. Participants will be permitted to speak in the order in which they sign up. Comments from individuals not registered to speak will be heard after scheduled statements only if time permits.

Written submissions will also be accepted.

III. Registration Instructions

The Office of Clinical Standards and Quality is coordinating meeting registration. While there is no registration fee, individuals must register to attend. You may register by sending a fax to the attention of Lana Reed or Sheila Blackstock. The fax number is (410) 786-8532. Please include your name, address, telephone number, and, if available, email address and fax number. You will receive a