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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	Anchorage, AK. Ann Arbor, MI	1.1254		Ascension, LA. East Baton Rouge, LA.	
Nevada	0.9232		Lenawee, MI. Livingston, MI.			Livingston, LA. West Baton Rouge, LA.	
New Hampshire	0.9845		Washtenaw, MI.		0840	Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX.	0.8744
New Jersey ¹		0450	Anniston, AL	0.8284		Hardin, TX. Jefferson, TX.	
New Mexico	0.8479		Calhoun, AL.			Orange, TX.	
New York	0.8499	0460	Appleton-Oshkosh- Neenah, WI.	0.9052	0860	Bellingham, WA	1.1439
North Carolina	0.8441		Calumet, WI.		0870	Benton Harbor, MI	0.8671
North Dakota	0.7716		Outagamie, WI.		0875	Berrien, MI. Bergen-Passaic, NJ	1.1848
Ohio	0.8670		Winnebago, WI.			Bergen, NJ. Passaic, NJ.	
Oklahoma	0.7491	0470	Arecibo, PR	0.4525	0880	Billings, MT	0.9585
Oregon	1.0132		Arecibo, PR.		0920	Yellowstone, MT.	
Pennsylvania	0.8578		Camuy, PR.			Biloxi-Gulfport- Pascagoula, MS.	0.8236
Puerto Rico	0.4264		Hatillo, PR.		0960	Hancock, MS. Harrison, MS.	
Rhode Island ¹		0480	Asheville, NC	0.9516		Jackson, MS. Binghamton, NY	0.8690
South Carolina	0.8370		Buncombe, NC.		1000	Broome, NY. Tioga, NY.	
South Dakota	0.7570		Madison, NC.			Birmingham, AL	0.8452
Tennessee	0.7838	0500	Athens, GA	0.9739		Blount, AL. Jefferson, AL.	
Texas	0.7502		Clarke, GA.			St. Clair, AL. Shelby, AL.	
Utah	0.9037		Madison, GA.		1010	Bismarck, ND	0.7705
Vermont	0.9274		Oconee, GA.		1020	Burleigh, ND. Morton, ND.	
Virginia	0.8189		Atlanta, GA	1.0096	1040	Bloomington, IN	0.8733
Virgin Islands	0.6306	0520	Barrow, GA.			Monroe, IN. Bloomington-Normal, IL	0.9095
Washington	1.0434		Bartow, GA.		1080	McLean, IL. Boise City, ID	0.9006
West Virginia	0.8231		Carroll, GA.			Ada, ID. Canyon, ID.	
Wisconsin	0.8880		Cherokee, GA.		1123	Boston-Worcester-Law- rence-Lowell-Brock- ton, MA-NH.	1.1160
Wyoming	0.8817		Clayton, GA.			Bristol, MA. Essex, MA.	
¹ All counties within the State are classified as urban.			Cobb, GA.			Middlesex, MA. Norfolk, MA.	
Addendum B—FY 2001 Wage Index For Urban Areas—Pre-floor and Pre- reclassified			Coweta, GA.			Plymouth, MA. Suffolk, MA.	
MSA	Urban area (Con- stituent counties)	Wage index	DeKalb, GA.		1125	Worcester, MA. Hillsborough, NH.	0.9731
0040	Abilene, TX	0.8240	Douglas, GA.		1145	Merrimack, NH. Rockingham, NH.	0.8658
	Taylor, TX.		Fayette, GA.		1150	Strafford, NH.	
0060	Aguadilla, PR	0.4391	Forsyth, GA.			Boulder-Longmont, CO	
	Aguada, PR.		Fulton, GA.			Boulder, CO.	
	Aguadilla, PR.		Gwinnett, GA.			Brazoria, TX	0.8658
	Moca, PR.		Henry, GA.			Brazoria, TX.	
0080	Akron, OH	0.9736	Newton, GA.			Bremerton, WA	1.0975
	Portage, OH.		Paulding, GA.			Kitsap, WA.	
	Summit, OH.		Pickens, GA.			Brownsville-Harlingen- San Benito, TX.	0.8722
0120	Albany, GA	0.9933	Rockdale, GA.				
	Dougherty, GA.		Spalding, GA.				
	Lee, GA.		Walton, GA.				
0160	Albany-Schenectady- Troy, NY.	0.8549	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ	1.1182			
	Albany, NY.		Atlantic, NJ				
	Montgomery, NY.		Cape May, NJ				
	Rensselaer, NY.		Auburn-Opelka, AL	0.8106			
	Saratoga, NY.		Lee, AL.				
	Schenectady, NY.		Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC	0.9160			
	Schoharie, NY.		Columbia, GA.				
0200	Albuquerque, NM	0.9136	McDuffie, GA.				
	Bernalillo, NM.		Richmond, GA.				
	Sandoval, NM.		Aiken, SC.				
	Valencia, NM.		Edgefield, SC.				
0220	Alexandria, LA	0.8123	Austin-San Marcos, TX	0.9577			
	Rapides, LA.		Bastrop, TX.				
0240	Allentown-Bethlehem- Easton, PA.	0.9925	Caldwell, TX.				
	Carbon, PA.		Hays, TX.				
	Lehigh, PA.		Travis, TX.				
	Northampton, PA.		Williamson, TX.				
0280	Altoona, PA	0.9346	Bakersfield, CA	0.9678			
	Blair, PA.		Kern, CA.				
			Baltimore, MD	0.9365			
			Anne Arundel, MD.				
			Carroll, MD.				
			Harford, MD.				
			Howard, MD.				
			Queen Anne's, MD.				
			Bangor, ME	0.9561			

MSA	Urban area (Con- stituent counties)	Wage index	MSA	Urban area (Con- stituent counties)	Wage index	MSA	Urban area (Con- stituent counties)	Wage index	
1260	Cameron, TX. Bryan-College Station, TX.	0.8237		Boone, KY. Campbell, KY. Gallatin, KY.		2030	Volusia, FL. Decatur, AL	0.8534	
1280	Brazos, TX. Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY.	0.9580		Grant, KY. Kenton, KY. Pendleton, KY.		2040	Lawrence, AL. Morgan, AL. Decatur, IL	0.8125	
1303	Erie, NY. Niagara, NY. Burlington, VT	1.0735		Brown, OH. Clermont, OH. Hamilton, OH.		2080	Macon, IL. Denver, CO	1.0181	
	Chittenden, VT. Franklin, VT. Grand Isle, VT.		1660	Warren, OH. Clarksville-Hopkinsville, TN-KY.	0.8204		Adams, CO. Arapahoe, CO. Denver, CO.		
1310	Caguas, PR	0.4562		Christian, KY. Montgomery, TN.		2120	Douglas, CO. Jefferson, CO. Des Moines, IA	0.9118	
	Caguas, PR. Cayey, PR. Cidra, PR.		1680	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH.	0.9597		Dallas, IA. Polk, IA. Warren, IA.		
	Gurabo, PR. San Lorenzo, PR.			Ashtabula, OH. Cuyahoga, OH.		2160	Detroit, MI	1.0510	
1320	Canton-Massillon, OH	0.8584		Geauga, OH. Lake, OH. Lorain, OH.			Lapeer, MI. Macomb, MI. Monroe, MI.		
1350	Casper, WY	0.8724		Medina, OH.			Oakland, MI. St. Clair, MI.		
1360	Natrona, WY.		1720	Colorado Springs, CO	0.9697		Wayne, MI.		
1400	Cedar Rapids, IA	0.8736	1740	El Paso, CO.	0.8961	2180	Dothan, AL	0.7943	
	Linn, IA.	0.9198		Columbia, MO	0.9554		Dale, AL. Houston, AL.		
1440	Champaign-Urbana, IL		1760	Boone, MO.		2190	Dover, DE	1.0078	
	Champaign, IL.			Columbia, SC	0.8568		Kent, DE.		
	Charleston-North Charleston, SC.	0.9038		Lexington, SC.		2200	Dubuque, IA	0.8746	
	Berkeley, SC.		1800	Richland, SC.		2240	Dubuque, IA	1.0032	
1480	Charleston, SC.	0.9240		Columbus, GA-AL			Duluth-Superior, MN-WI.		
	Charleston, WV			Russell, AL.			St. Louis, MN.		
1520	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC.	0.9391		Chattahoochee, GA.	0.9619	2281	Douglas, WI.		
	Cabarrus, NC.			Harris, GA.			Dutchess County, NY ..	1.0249	
	Gaston, NC.			Fairfield, OH.		2290	Dutchess, NY.		
	Lincoln, NC.			Licking, OH.			Eau Claire, WI	0.8790	
	Mecklenburg, NC.			Madison, OH.			Chippewa, WI.		
	Rowan, NC.		1880	Pickaway, OH.		2320	Eau Claire, WI.		
	Stanly, NC.			Corpus Christi, TX	0.8726		El Paso, TX	0.9346	
	Union, NC.			Nueces, TX.		2330	El Paso, TX.		
	York, SC.		1890	San Patricio, TX.	1.1326		Elkhart-Goshen, IN	0.9145	
1540	Charlottesville, VA	1.0789		Corvallis, OR		2335	Elkhart, IN.		
	Albemarle, VA.		1900	Benton, OR.	0.8369		Elmira, NY	0.8546	
	Charlottesville City, VA.			Cumberland, MD-WV		2340	Chemung, NY.		
	Fluvanna, VA.			Allegany, MD.			Enid, OK	0.8610	
	Greene, VA.		1920	Mineral, WV.	0.9913	2360	Garfield, OK.		
1560	Chattanooga, TN-GA	0.9833		Dallas, TX			Erie, PA	0.8985	
	Catoosa, GA.			Collin, TX.		2400	Erie, PA.		
	Dade, GA.			Dallas, TX.			Eugene-Springfield, OR.	1.0965	
	Walker, GA.			Denton, TX.		2440	Lane, OR.		
	Hamilton, TN.			Ellis, TX.			Evansville-Henderson, IN-KY.	0.8173	
	Marion, TN.			Henderson, TX.			Posey, IN.		
1580	Cheyenne, WY	0.8308		Hunt, TX.			Vanderburgh, IN.		
	Laramie, WY.			Kaufman, TX.			Warrick, IN.		
1600	Chicago, IL	1.1146	1950	Rockwall, TX.	0.8589		Henderson, KY.		
	Cook, IL.			Danville, VA		2520	Fargo-Moorhead, ND-MN.	0.8749	
	DeKalb, IL.		1960	Danville City, VA.	0.8898		Clay, MN.		
	DuPage, IL.			Pittsylvania, VA.			Cass, ND.		
	Grundy, IL.			Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL.		2560	Fayetteville, NC	0.8655	
	Kane, IL.			Scott, IA.			Cumberland, NC.		
	Kendall, IL.			Henry, IL.		2580	Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR.	0.7910	
	Lake, IL.		2000	Rock Island, IL.	0.9442		Benton, AR.		
	McHenry, IL.			Dayton-Springfield, OH			Washington, AR.		
1620	Will, IL.	0.9918		Clark, OH.		2620	Flagstaff, AZ-UT	1.0686	
	Chico-Paradise, CA			Greene, OH.			Cocconino, AZ.		
1640	Butte, CA.			Miami, OH.					
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	0.9415		Montgomery, OH.					
	Dearborn, IN.		2020	Daytona Beach, FL	0.9200				
	Ohio, IN.			Flagler, FL.					

MSA	Urban area (Con- stituent counties)	Wage index	MSA	Urban area (Con- stituent counties)	Wage index	MSA	Urban area (Con- stituent counties)	Wage index
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	Florence, AL	0.7616		Alamance, NC. Davidson, NC. Davie, NC.		3500	Iowa City, IA	0.9657
2655	Colbert, AL. Lauderdale, AL. Florence, SC	0.8777		Forsyth, NC. Guilford, NC. Randolph, NC. Stokes, NC.		3520	Jackson, MI	0.9134
2670	Florence, SC. Fort Collins-Loveland, CO.	1.0647		Yadkin, NC. Greenville, NC		3560	Jackson, MI. Jackson, MS	0.8812
2680	Larimer, CO. Ft. Lauderdale, FL	1.0121	3150	Pitt, NC.	0.9384		Hinds, MS. Madison, MS. Rankin, MS.	
2700	Broward, FL. Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL.	0.9247	3160	Greenville- Spartanburg-Ander- son, SC.	0.9003	3580	Jackson, TN	0.8796
2710	Lee, FL. Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL.	0.9538		Anderson, SC. Cherokee, SC. Greenville, SC.		3600	Chester, TN. Jacksonville, FL	0.9208
2720	Martin, FL. St. Lucie, FL. Fort Smith AR-OK	0.8052		Pickens, SC. Spartanburg, SC. Hagerstown, MD	0.9409		Clay, FL. Duval, FL. Nassau, FL.	
2750	Crawford, AR. Sebastian, AR. Sequoyah, OK.		3180	Washington, MD. Hamilton-Middletown, OH.	0.9061	3605	St. Johns, FL. Jacksonville, NC	0.7777
2760	Fort Walton Beach, FL Okaloosa, FL.	0.9607	3200	Butler, OH. Harrisburg-Lebanon- Carlisle, PA.	0.9386	3610	Onslow, NC. Jamestown, NY	0.7818
	Fort Wayne, IN	0.8665	3240	Cumberland, PA. Dauphin, PA. Lebanon, PA. Perry, PA.		3620	Chautauqua, NY. Janesville-Beloit, WI ...	0.9585
2800	Allen, IN. De Kalb, IN. Huntington, IN. Wells, IN. Whitley, IN. Fort Worth-Arlington, TX.	0.9527	3283	Hartford, CT	1.1373	3640	Rock, WI. Jersey City, NJ	1.1502
	Hood, TX. Johnson, TX. Parker, TX. Tarrant, TX.		3285	Hartford, CT. Litchfield, CT. Middlesex, CT. Tolland, CT.		3660	Hudson, NJ. Johnson City-Kings- port-Bristol, TN-VA. Carter, TN. Hawkins, TN. Sullivan, TN. Unicoi, TN.	0.8272
2840	Fresno, CA	1.0104		Hattiesburg, MS	0.7490		Washington, TN. Bristol City, VA. Scott, VA.	
2880	Fresno, CA. Madera, CA. Gadsden, AL	0.8423	3290	Forrest, MS. Lamar, MS. Hickory-Morganton- Lenoir, NC.	0.9008	3680	Washington, VA. Johnstown, PA	0.8846
2900	Etowah, AL. Gainesville, FL	1.0074		Alexander, NC. Burke, NC. Caldwell, NC. Catawba, NC.		3700	Cambria, PA. Somerset, PA. Jonesboro, AR	0.7832
2920	Alachua, FL. Galveston-Texas City, TX.	0.9918	3320	Honolulu, HI	1.1863	3710	Craighead, AR. Joplin, MO	0.8148
2960	Galveston, TX. Gary, IN	0.9454	3350	Honolulu, HI. Houma, LA	0.8086	3720	Jasper, MO. Newton, MO. Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI.	1.0453
2975	Lake, IN. Porter, IN. Glens Falls, NY	0.8361	3360	Lafourche, LA. Terrebonne, LA. Houston, TX	0.9732		Calhoun, MI. Kalamazoo, MI. Van Buren, MI.	
2980	Warren, NY. Washington, NY. Goldsboro, NC	0.8423		Chambers, TX. Fort Bend, TX. Harris, TX. Liberty, TX.		3740	Kankakee, IL	0.9902
2985	Wayne, NC. Grand Forks, ND-MN Polk, MN.	0.8816		Montgomery, TX. Waller, TX. Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH.	0.9876	3760	Kankakee, IL. Kansas City, KS-MO ...	0.9527
2995	Grand Forks, ND. Grand Junction, CO	0.9109	3400	Boyd, KY. Carter, KY. Greenup, KY. Lawrence, OH.			Johnson, KS. Leavenworth, KS. Miami, KS. Wyandotte, KS.	
3000	Mesa, CO. Grand Rapids-Mus- kegon-Holland, MI.	1.0248		Wayne, WV. Huntsville, AL	0.8932		Cass, MO. Clay, MO. Clinton, MO. Jackson, MO. Lafayette, MO.	
3040	Allegan, MI. Kent, MI. Muskegon, MI. Ottawa, MI.		3440	Madison, AL. Indianapolis, IN	0.9787	3800	Platte, MO. Ray, MO. Kenosha, WI	0.9611
3060	Great Falls, MT	0.9065	3480	Boone, IN. Hamilton, IN.		3810	Kenosha, WI. Killeen-Temple, TX	1.0119
3080	Cascade, MT. Greeley, CO	0.9814					Bell, TX.	
	Weld, CO.							
	Green Bay, WI	0.9225						

MSA	Urban area (Constituent counties)	Wage index	MSA	Urban area (Constituent counties)	Wage index	MSA	Urban area (Constituent counties)	Wage index
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	5140	Scott, MN. Sherburne, MN. Washington, MN. Wright, MN. Pierce, WI. St. Croix, WI. Missoula, MT Missoula, MT.	0.9274
3850	Kokomo, IN Howard, IN. Tipton, IN.	0.9518	4600	Oldham, KY. Lubbock, TX Lubbock, TX.	0.8838	5160	Mobile, AL Baldwin, AL. Mobile, AL.	0.8163
3870	La Crosse, WI-MN Houston, MN. La Crosse, WI.	0.9211	4640	Lynchburg, VA Amherst, VA. Bedford, VA.	0.8867	5170	Modesto, CA Stanislaus, CA.	1.0396
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	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ Monmouth, NJ. Ocean, NJ.	1.1278
3920	Lafayette, IN Clinton, IN. Tippecanoe, IN.	0.8834	4720	Houston, GA. Jones, GA. Peach, GA. Twiggs, GA.	1.0271	5200	Monroe, LA Ouachita, LA. Montgomery, AL Autauga, AL. Elmore, AL. Montgomery, AL.	0.8396
3960	Lake Charles, LA Calcasieu, LA.	0.7399	4800	Madison, WI Dane, WI. Mansfield, OH Crawford, OH.	0.8690	5240	Muncie, IN Delaware, IN.	1.0969
3980	Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL. Polk, FL.	0.9239	4840	Richland, OH. Mayaguez, PR Anasco, PR. Cabo Rojo, PR. Hormigueros, PR. Mayaguez, PR. Sabana Grande, PR. San German, PR.	0.4589	5280	Myrtle Beach, SC Horry, SC.	0.8440
4000	Lancaster, PA Lancaster, PA.	0.9259	4880	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX. Hidalgo, TX.	0.8566	5330	Naples, FL Collier, FL.	0.9661
4040	Lansing-East Lansing, MI. Clinton, MI. Eaton, MI. Ingham, MI.	0.9934	4890	Medford-Ashland, OR Jackson, OR.	1.0344	5345	Nashville, TN Cheatham, TN. Davidson, TN. Dickson, TN. Robertson, TN. Rutherford TN. Sumner, TN. Williamson, TN. Wilson, TN.	0.9490
4080	Laredo, TX Webb, TX.	0.8168	4900	Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL. Brevard, FL.	0.9688	5360	Nassau-Suffolk, NY Nassau, NY. Suffolk, NY.	1.3932
4100	Las Cruces, NM Dona Ana, NM.	0.8658	4920	Memphis, TN-AR-MS Crittenden, AR. DeSoto, MS.	0.8723	5380	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Waterbury-Danbury, CT. Fairfield, CT. New Haven, CT.	1.2297
4120	Las Vegas, NV-AZ Mohave, AZ. Clark, NV. Nye, NV.	1.0796	4940	Fayette, TN. Shelby, TN. Tipton, TN.	0.9646	5483	New London-Norwich, CT. New London, CT.	1.2063
4150	Lawrence, KS Douglas, KS.	0.8190	5000	Merced, CA Merced, CA.	1.0059	5523	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
4200	Lawton, OK Comanche, OK.	0.8996	5015	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ. Hunterdon, NJ. Middlesex, NJ. Somerset, NJ.	1.1075	5560	St. Tammany, LA. New York, NY Bronx, NY. Kings, NY. New York, NY. Putnam, NY. Queens, NY. Richmond, NY. Rockland, NY. Westchester, NY.	1.4651
4243	Lewiston-Auburn, ME .. Androscoggin, ME.	0.9036	5080	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI. Milwaukee, WI. Ozaukee, WI. Washington, WI. Waukesha, WI.	0.9767	5600	Newark, NJ Essex, NJ. Morris, NJ. Sussex, NJ. Union, NJ.	1.1837
4280	Lexington, KY Bourbon, KY. Clark, KY. Fayette, KY. Jessamine, KY. Madison, KY. Scott, KY. Woodford, KY.	0.8866	5120	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI. Anoka, MN. Carver, MN. Chisago, MN. Dakota, MN. Hennepin, MN. Isanti, MN. Ramsey, MN.	1.1017			
4320	Lima, OH Allen, OH. Auglaize, OH.	0.9320						
4360	Lincoln, NE Lancaster, NE.	0.9626						
4400	Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR. Faulkner, AR. Lonoke, AR. Pulaski, AR. Saline, AR.	0.8906						
4420	Longview-Marshall, TX Gregg, TX. Harrison, TX. Upshur, TX.	0.8922						
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	Orange, NY. Pike, PA. Norfolk-Virginia Beach- Newport News, VA- NC.	0.8412	6200	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	0.9669		Charles City County, VA.	
	Currituck, NC.		6240	Maricopa, AZ.			Chesterfield, VA.	
	Chesapeake City, VA.			Pinal, AZ.			Colonial Heights City, VA.	
	Gloucester, VA.		6280	Pine Bluff, AR	0.7791		Dinwiddie, VA.	
	Hampton City, VA.			Jefferson, AR.			Goochland, VA.	
	Isle of Wight, VA.			Pittsburgh, PA	0.9741		Hanover, VA.	
	James City, VA.			Allegheny, PA.			Henrico, VA.	
	Mathews, VA.			Beaver, PA.			Hopwell City, VA.	
	Newport News City, VA.			Butler, PA.			New Kent, VA.	
	Norfolk City, VA.			Fayette, PA.			Petersburg City, VA.	
	Poquoson City, VA.		6323	Washington, PA.			Powhatan, VA.	
	Portsmouth City, VA.			Westmoreland, PA.			Prince George, VA.	
	Suffolk City, VA.		6340	Pittsfield, MA	1.0288		Richmond City, VA.	
	Virginia Beach City VA.			Berkshire, MA.		6780	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA.	1.1239
	Williamsburg City, VA.		6360	Pocatello, ID	0.9076		Riverside, CA.	
	York, VA.			Bannock, ID.			San Bernardino, CA.	
5775	Oakland, CA	1.4983		Ponce, PR	0.5006	6800	Roanoke, VA	0.8750
	Alameda, CA.			Guayanilla, PR.			Botetourt, VA.	
	Contra Costa, CA.			Juana Diaz, PR.			Roanoke, VA.	
5790	Ocala, FL	0.9243		Penuelas, PR.			Roanoke City, VA.	
	Marion, FL.			Ponce, PR.			Salem City, VA.	
5800	Odessa-Midland, TX ...	0.9205	6403	Villalba, PR.		6820	Rockchester, MN	1.1315
	Ector, TX.			Yauco, PR.			Olsted, MN.	
	Midland, TX.			Portland, ME	0.9748	6840	Rochester, NY	0.9182
5880	Oklahoma City, OK	0.8822		Cumberland, ME.			Genesee, NY.	
	Canadian, OK.		6440	Sagadahoc, ME.			Livingston, NY.	
	Cleveland, OK.			York, ME.	1.0910		Monroe, NY.	
	Logan, OK.			Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA.			Ontario, NY.	
	McClain, OK.			Clackamas, OR.			Orleans NY.	
	Oklahoma, OK.			Columbia, OR.			Wayne, NY.	
	Pottawatomie, OK.			Multnomah, OR.		6880	Rockford, IL	0.8819
5910	Olympia, WA	1.0677		Washington, OR.			Boone, IL.	
	Thurston, WA.			Yamhill, OR.			Ogle, IL.	
5920	Omaha, NE-IA	0.9572	6483	Clark, WA.		6895	Winnebago, IL.	
	Pottawattamie, IA.			Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket, RI.	1.0864		Rocky Mount, NC	0.8849
	Cass, NE.			Bristol, RI.			Edgecombe, NC.	
	Douglas, NE.			Kent, RI.		6920	Nash, NC.	
	Sarpy, NE.			Newport, RI.			Sacramento, CA	1.1950
	Washington, NE.			Providence, RI.			El Dorado, CA.	
5945	Orange County, CA	1.1467	6520	Washington, RI.			Placer, CA.	
	Orange, CA.			Provo-Orem, UT	1.0029	6960	Sacramento, CA.	
5960	Orlando, FL	0.9610	6560	Utah, UT.			Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, MI.	0.9575
	Lake, FL.			Pueblo, CO	0.8815		Bay, MI.	
	Orange, FL.		6580	Pueblo, CO.			Midland, MI.	
	Osceola, FL.			Punta Gorda, FL	0.9613		Saginaw, MI.	
	Seminole, FL.			Charlotte, FL.				
5990	Owensboro, KY	0.8159	6600	Racine, WI	0.9246	6980	St. Cloud, MN	1.0016
	Daviess, KY.			Racine, WI.			Benton, MN.	
6015	Panama City, FL	0.9010	6640	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC.	0.9646		Stearns, MN.	
	Bay, FL.			Chatham, NC.		7000	St. Joseph, MO	0.9071
6020	Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH.	0.8274		Durham, NC.			Andrew, MO.	
	Washington, OH.			Franklin, NC.		7040	Buchanan, MO.	
	Wood, WV.			Johnston, NC.			St. Louis, MO-IL	0.9049
6080	Pensacola, FL	0.8176		Orange, NC.			Clinton, IL.	
	Escambia, FL.			Wake, NC.			Jersey, IL.	
	Santa Rosa, FL.		6660	Rapid City, SD	0.8865		Madison, IL.	
6120	Peoria-Pekin, IL	0.8645	6680	Pennington, SD.			Monroe, IL.	
	Peoria, IL.			Reading, PA	0.9152		St. Clair, IL.	
	Tazewell, IL.			Berks, PA.			Franklin, MO.	
	Woodford, IL.		6690	Redding, CA	1.1664		Jefferson, MO.	
6160	Philadelphia, PA-NJ ...	1.0937	6720	Shasta, CA.			Lincoln, MO.	
	Burlington, NJ.			Reno, NV	1.0550		St. Charles, MO.	
	Camden, NJ.			Washoe, NV.			St. Louis, MO.	
	Gloucester, NJ.		6740	Richland-Kennewick-Pasco, WA.	1.1460		St. Louis City, MO.	
	Salem, NJ.			Benton, WA.			Warren, MO.	
	Bucks, PA.							

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

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