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Analysis of Home Health Medicare Payment Rates in 2026 Compared to 2025 Before Application of Provider-Specific Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Adjustment and Patient-Specific Case-Mix Weight

CBSA	CBSA Name	2025 Payment				2026 Payment				% Change
		30-Day Payment Rate	Wage Index	Sequest-ration	Adjusted Rate	30-Day Payment Rate	Wage Index	Sequest-ration	Adjusted Rate	
14540	Bowling Green, KY	\$ 2,057.35	0.8890	2%	\$ 1,848.57	\$ 2,038.22	0.8657	2%	\$ 1,796.53	-2.8%
17140	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	\$ 2,057.35	0.9331	2%	\$ 1,915.17	\$ 2,038.22	0.9523	2%	\$ 1,926.09	0.6%
17300	Clarksville, TN-KY	\$ 2,057.35	0.7460	2%	\$ 1,632.62	\$ 2,038.22	0.8317	2%	\$ 1,745.66	6.9%
21060	Elizabethtown, KY	\$ 2,057.35	0.8501	2%	\$ 1,789.83	\$ 2,038.22	0.8551	2%	\$ 1,780.67	-0.5%
26580	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	\$ 2,057.35	0.8248	2%	\$ 1,751.62	\$ 2,038.22	0.8981	2%	\$ 1,845.00	5.3%
30460	Lexington-Fayette, KY	\$ 2,057.35	0.9853	2%	\$ 1,994.00	\$ 2,038.22	0.9449	2%	\$ 1,915.02	-4.0%
31140	Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN	\$ 2,057.35	0.9068	2%	\$ 1,875.46	\$ 2,038.22	0.9145	2%	\$ 1,869.54	-0.3%
36980	Owensboro, KY	\$ 2,057.35	0.8515	2%	\$ 1,791.94	\$ 2,038.22	0.9018	2%	\$ 1,850.53	3.3%
37140	Paducah, KY-IL	\$ 2,057.35	0.8572	2%	\$ 1,800.55	\$ 2,038.22	0.8638	2%	\$ 1,793.68	-0.4%
50009	Rural Kentucky (Henderson County)	\$ 2,057.35	0.8705	2%	\$ 1,820.63	\$ 2,038.22	0.8270	2%	\$ 1,738.63	-4.5%
99918	Rural Kentucky (All Other Rural Counties)	\$ 2,057.35	0.8152	2%	\$ 1,737.13	\$ 2,038.22	0.8165	2%	\$ 1,722.92	-0.8%

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