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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	Sequestration	Adjusted Rate	30-Day Payment Rate	Wage Index	Sequestration	Adjusted Rate	
10780	Alexandria, LA	\$ 2,057.35	0.9248	2%	\$ 1,902.64	\$ 2,038.22	0.8816	2%	\$ 1,820.31	-4.3%
12940	Baton Rouge, LA	\$ 2,057.35	0.8375	2%	\$ 1,770.80	\$ 2,038.22	0.8046	2%	\$ 1,705.11	-3.7%
25220	Hammond, LA	\$ 2,057.35	0.7632	2%	\$ 1,658.60	\$ 2,038.22	0.7346	2%	\$ 1,600.39	-3.5%
26380	Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, LA	\$ 2,057.35	0.6831	2%	\$ 1,537.64	\$ 2,038.22	0.6960	2%	\$ 1,542.64	0.3%
29180	Lafayette, LA	\$ 2,057.35	0.7747	2%	\$ 1,675.97	\$ 2,038.22	0.8153	2%	\$ 1,721.13	2.7%
29340	Lake Charles, LA	\$ 2,057.35	0.7972	2%	\$ 1,709.94	\$ 2,038.22	0.8177	2%	\$ 1,724.71	0.9%
33740	Monroe, LA	\$ 2,057.35	0.8374	2%	\$ 1,770.65	\$ 2,038.22	0.7955	2%	\$ 1,691.50	-4.5%
35380	New Orleans-Metairie, LA	\$ 2,057.35	0.8179	2%	\$ 1,741.21	\$ 2,038.22	0.8545	2%	\$ 1,779.77	2.2%
43340	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	\$ 2,057.35	0.8474	2%	\$ 1,785.76	\$ 2,038.22	0.8149	2%	\$ 1,720.53	-3.7%
43640	Slidell-Mandeville-Covington, LA	\$ 2,057.35	0.8328	2%	\$ 1,763.71	\$ 2,038.22	0.8210	2%	\$ 1,729.65	-1.9%
99919	Rural Louisiana	\$ 2,057.35	0.6789	2%	\$ 1,531.29	\$ 2,038.22	0.6946	2%	\$ 1,540.54	0.6%

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