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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	
24260	Grand Island, NE	\$ 2,057.35	0.9579	2%	\$ 1,952.62	\$ 2,038.22	0.9769	2%	\$ 1,962.89	0.5%
30700	Lincoln, NE	\$ 2,057.35	0.9784	2%	\$ 1,983.58	\$ 2,038.22	1.0231	2%	\$ 2,032.01	2.4%
36540	Omaha, NE-IA	\$ 2,057.35	0.9918	2%	\$ 2,003.82	\$ 2,038.22	1.0402	2%	\$ 2,057.60	2.7%
43580	Sioux City, IA-NE-SD	\$ 2,057.35	0.8801	2%	\$ 1,835.13	\$ 2,038.22	0.8657	2%	\$ 1,796.53	-2.1%
99928	Rural Nebraska	\$ 2,057.35	0.8639	2%	\$ 1,810.67	\$ 2,038.22	0.8864	2%	\$ 1,827.49	0.9%

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