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Analysis of *Proposed* Hospice Medicare Payment Rates in 2027 Compared to 2026, After Reduction for Sequestration

CBSA	CBSA Name	2026 Payment						2027 <i>Proposed</i> Payment						Wage Index % Change	Average Rate % Change
		Routine High Rate	Routine Low Rate	Continuous Home Care (Hourly)	Inpatient Respite Care	General Inpatient Care	Wage Index	Routine High Rate	Routine Low Rate	Continuous Home Care (Hourly)	Inpatient Respite Care	General Inpatient Care	Wage Index		
14540	Bowling Green, KY	\$ 206.16	\$ 162.50	\$ 61.46	\$ 479.08	\$1,075.58	0.8657	\$ 204.65	\$ 161.37	\$ 61.14	\$ 477.51	\$1,071.82	0.8224	-5.0%	-0.4%
17140	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	\$ 219.09	\$ 172.69	\$ 65.91	\$ 506.65	\$1,140.25	0.9523	\$ 217.87	\$ 171.80	\$ 65.72	\$ 505.74	\$1,138.09	0.9088	-4.6%	-0.3%
17300	Clarksville, TN-KY	\$ 201.09	\$ 158.50	\$ 59.71	\$ 468.26	\$1,050.20	0.8317	\$ 201.23	\$ 158.67	\$ 59.95	\$ 470.20	\$1,054.63	0.8000	-3.8%	0.4%
21060	Elizabethtown, KY	\$ 204.58	\$ 161.25	\$ 60.92	\$ 475.71	\$1,067.67	0.8551	\$ 213.53	\$ 168.37	\$ 64.21	\$ 496.46	\$1,116.31	0.8804	3.0%	4.5%
26580	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	\$ 211.00	\$ 166.31	\$ 63.13	\$ 489.39	\$1,099.78	0.8981	\$ 210.62	\$ 166.08	\$ 63.21	\$ 490.25	\$1,101.73	0.8614	-4.1%	0.1%
30460	Lexington-Fayette, KY	\$ 217.99	\$ 171.82	\$ 65.53	\$ 504.29	\$1,134.72	0.9449	\$ 220.60	\$ 173.94	\$ 66.67	\$ 511.55	\$1,151.75	0.9266	-1.9%	1.4%
31140	Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN	\$ 213.45	\$ 168.24	\$ 63.97	\$ 494.61	\$1,112.02	0.9145	\$ 224.06	\$ 176.67	\$ 67.87	\$ 518.94	\$1,169.09	0.9492	3.8%	5.1%
36980	Owensboro, KY	\$ 211.55	\$ 166.75	\$ 63.32	\$ 490.57	\$1,102.54	0.9018	\$ 211.19	\$ 166.52	\$ 63.40	\$ 491.46	\$1,104.57	0.8651	-4.1%	0.1%
37140	Paducah, KY-IL	\$ 205.88	\$ 162.27	\$ 61.36	\$ 478.48	\$1,074.17	0.8638	\$ 213.22	\$ 168.13	\$ 64.11	\$ 495.81	\$1,114.77	0.8784	1.7%	3.7%
99918	Rural Kentucky	\$ 198.82	\$ 156.71	\$ 58.93	\$ 463.42	\$1,038.85	0.8165	\$ 203.48	\$ 160.44	\$ 60.73	\$ 475.00	\$1,065.91	0.8147	-0.2%	2.5%

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