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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		
11200	Amherst Town-Northampton, MA	\$ 223.44	\$ 176.11	\$ 67.41	\$ 515.91	\$1,161.97	0.9814	\$ 232.76	\$ 183.54	\$ 70.88	\$ 537.52	\$1,212.74	1.0061	2.5%	4.3%
12700	Barnstable Town, MA	\$ 264.35	\$ 208.36	\$ 81.50	\$ 603.13	\$1,366.56	1.2554	\$ 266.81	\$ 210.38	\$ 82.69	\$ 610.21	\$1,383.42	1.2286	-2.1%	1.2%
14454	Boston, MA	\$ 248.89	\$ 196.18	\$ 76.18	\$ 570.18	\$1,289.28	1.1519	\$ 252.32	\$ 198.95	\$ 77.67	\$ 579.27	\$1,310.77	1.1339	-1.6%	1.6%
15764	Cambridge-Newton-Framingham, MA	\$ 236.26	\$ 186.22	\$ 71.83	\$ 543.25	\$1,226.11	1.0673	\$ 248.05	\$ 195.59	\$ 76.19	\$ 570.16	\$1,289.37	1.1060	3.6%	5.1%
38340	Pittsfield, MA	\$ 225.44	\$ 177.69	\$ 68.10	\$ 520.18	\$1,171.98	0.9948	\$ 230.53	\$ 181.77	\$ 70.11	\$ 532.75	\$1,201.54	0.9915	-0.3%	2.5%
39300	Providence-Warwick, RI-MA	\$ 226.81	\$ 178.77	\$ 68.57	\$ 523.10	\$1,178.85	1.0040	\$ 234.29	\$ 184.74	\$ 71.42	\$ 540.79	\$1,220.41	1.0161	1.2%	3.5%
44140	Springfield, MA	\$ 224.80	\$ 177.18	\$ 67.88	\$ 518.81	\$1,168.77	0.9905	\$ 225.77	\$ 178.02	\$ 68.46	\$ 522.59	\$1,177.68	0.9604	-3.0%	0.7%
49340	Worcester, MA	\$ 232.41	\$ 183.18	\$ 70.50	\$ 535.04	\$1,206.85	1.0415	\$ 233.96	\$ 184.48	\$ 71.30	\$ 540.07	\$1,218.72	1.0139	-2.7%	0.9%
99922	Rural Massachusetts	\$ 246.70	\$ 194.45	\$ 75.42	\$ 565.50	\$1,278.31	1.1372	\$ 252.06	\$ 198.75	\$ 77.58	\$ 578.72	\$1,309.47	1.1322	-0.4%	2.4%

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