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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		
12580	Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	\$ 218.87	\$ 172.51	\$ 65.84	\$ 506.17	\$1,139.13	0.9508	\$ 219.82	\$ 173.33	\$ 66.40	\$ 509.89	\$1,147.84	0.9215	-3.1%	0.7%
23224	Frederick-Gaithersburg-Bethesda, MD	\$ 222.27	\$ 175.19	\$ 67.01	\$ 513.43	\$1,156.15	0.9736	\$ 221.82	\$ 174.91	\$ 67.09	\$ 514.17	\$1,157.89	0.9346	-4.0%	0.1%
25180	Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV	\$ 212.91	\$ 167.82	\$ 63.79	\$ 493.47	\$1,109.33	0.9109	\$ 220.75	\$ 174.06	\$ 66.72	\$ 511.88	\$1,152.52	0.9276	1.8%	3.8%
30500	Lexington Park, MD	\$ 215.31	\$ 169.71	\$ 64.61	\$ 498.59	\$1,121.36	0.9270	\$ 214.08	\$ 168.80	\$ 64.41	\$ 497.64	\$1,119.07	0.8840	-4.6%	-0.3%
41540	Salisbury, MD	\$ 201.12	\$ 158.52	\$ 59.72	\$ 468.32	\$1,050.35	0.8319	\$ 239.37	\$ 188.75	\$ 73.18	\$ 551.64	\$1,245.87	1.0493	26.1%	18.6%
47764	Washington, DC-MD	\$ 237.22	\$ 186.97	\$ 72.16	\$ 545.29	\$1,230.89	1.0737	\$ 241.28	\$ 190.26	\$ 73.84	\$ 555.72	\$1,255.46	1.0618	-1.1%	1.9%
48864	Wilmington, DE-MD-NJ	\$ 239.17	\$ 188.52	\$ 72.83	\$ 549.46	\$1,240.67	1.0868	\$ 245.26	\$ 193.39	\$ 75.22	\$ 564.21	\$1,275.41	1.0878	0.1%	2.7%
99921	Rural Maryland	\$ 208.12	\$ 164.04	\$ 62.14	\$ 483.25	\$1,085.37	0.8788	\$ 210.29	\$ 165.81	\$ 63.09	\$ 489.54	\$1,100.05	0.8592	-2.2%	1.3%

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