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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		
13740	Billings, MT	\$ 210.89	\$ 166.23	\$ 63.09	\$ 489.17	\$1,099.25	0.8974	\$ 225.46	\$ 177.78	\$ 68.35	\$ 521.94	\$1,176.14	0.9584	6.8%	7.0%
14580	Bozeman, MT	\$ 221.06	\$ 174.24	\$ 66.59	\$ 510.85	\$1,150.10	0.9655	\$ 224.13	\$ 176.73	\$ 67.89	\$ 519.10	\$1,169.47	0.9497	-1.6%	1.6%
24500	Great Falls, MT	\$ 206.77	\$ 162.98	\$ 61.67	\$ 480.39	\$1,078.65	0.8698	\$ 215.76	\$ 170.13	\$ 64.99	\$ 501.23	\$1,127.51	0.8950	2.9%	4.5%
25740	Helena, MT	\$ 196.35	\$ 154.77	\$ 58.08	\$ 458.17	\$1,026.53	0.8000	\$ 207.12	\$ 163.31	\$ 61.99	\$ 482.77	\$1,084.17	0.8385	4.8%	5.6%
33540	Missoula, MT	\$ 216.14	\$ 170.36	\$ 64.90	\$ 500.34	\$1,125.46	0.9325	\$ 217.84	\$ 171.77	\$ 65.71	\$ 505.67	\$1,137.94	0.9086	-2.6%	1.0%
99927	Rural Montana	\$ 247.61	\$ 195.16	\$ 75.73	\$ 567.44	\$1,282.86	1.1433	\$ 245.00	\$ 193.19	\$ 75.13	\$ 563.66	\$1,274.10	1.0861	-5.0%	-0.7%

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