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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		
11700	Asheville, NC	\$ 209.00	\$ 164.73	\$ 62.44	\$ 485.13	\$1,089.77	0.8847	\$ 217.69	\$ 171.65	\$ 65.66	\$ 505.35	\$1,137.17	0.9076	2.6%	4.3%
15500	Burlington, NC	\$ 207.09	\$ 163.23	\$ 61.78	\$ 481.05	\$1,080.21	0.8719	\$ 220.52	\$ 173.88	\$ 66.64	\$ 511.39	\$1,151.37	0.9261	6.2%	6.5%
16740	Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC	\$ 217.31	\$ 171.29	\$ 65.30	\$ 502.86	\$1,131.36	0.9404	\$ 223.86	\$ 176.51	\$ 67.80	\$ 518.51	\$1,168.09	0.9479	0.8%	3.2%
20500	Durham-Chapel Hill, NC	\$ 222.60	\$ 175.45	\$ 67.12	\$ 514.13	\$1,157.79	0.9758	\$ 226.47	\$ 178.58	\$ 68.70	\$ 524.10	\$1,181.21	0.9650	-1.1%	2.0%
22180	Fayetteville, NC	\$ 218.23	\$ 172.01	\$ 65.62	\$ 504.80	\$1,135.92	0.9465	\$ 216.41	\$ 170.64	\$ 65.21	\$ 502.60	\$1,130.73	0.8992	-5.0%	-0.5%
24140	Goldsboro, NC	\$ 213.07	\$ 167.95	\$ 63.84	\$ 493.82	\$1,110.16	0.9120	\$ 215.40	\$ 169.84	\$ 64.86	\$ 500.45	\$1,125.67	0.8926	-2.1%	1.3%
24660	Greensboro-High Point, NC	\$ 213.79	\$ 168.51	\$ 64.09	\$ 495.35	\$1,113.74	0.9168	\$ 218.99	\$ 172.68	\$ 66.11	\$ 508.12	\$1,143.69	0.9161	-0.1%	2.6%
24780	Greenville, NC	\$ 199.97	\$ 157.61	\$ 59.33	\$ 465.87	\$1,044.60	0.8242	\$ 223.54	\$ 176.26	\$ 67.68	\$ 517.83	\$1,166.48	0.9458	14.8%	11.6%
25860	Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC	\$ 204.28	\$ 161.01	\$ 60.81	\$ 475.07	\$1,066.18	0.8531	\$ 215.17	\$ 169.66	\$ 64.78	\$ 499.96	\$1,124.52	0.8911	4.5%	5.4%
27340	Jacksonville, NC	\$ 196.35	\$ 154.77	\$ 58.08	\$ 458.17	\$1,026.53	0.8000	\$ 201.23	\$ 158.67	\$ 59.95	\$ 470.20	\$1,054.63	0.8000	0.0%	2.7%
38240	Pinehurst-Southern Pines, NC	\$ 199.67	\$ 157.38	\$ 59.23	\$ 465.23	\$1,043.10	0.8222	\$ 206.77	\$ 163.04	\$ 61.87	\$ 482.02	\$1,082.40	0.8362	1.7%	3.7%
39580	Raleigh-Cary, NC	\$ 224.05	\$ 176.59	\$ 67.62	\$ 517.21	\$1,165.04	0.9855	\$ 231.19	\$ 182.29	\$ 70.34	\$ 534.16	\$1,204.83	0.9958	1.0%	3.4%
40580	Rocky Mount, NC	\$ 206.98	\$ 163.14	\$ 61.74	\$ 480.83	\$1,079.69	0.8712	\$ 218.21	\$ 172.06	\$ 65.84	\$ 506.46	\$1,139.78	0.9110	4.6%	5.5%
47260	Virginia Beach-Chesapeake-Norfolk, VA-NC	\$ 210.42	\$ 165.85	\$ 62.93	\$ 488.15	\$1,096.86	0.8942	\$ 221.52	\$ 174.67	\$ 66.98	\$ 513.51	\$1,156.35	0.9326	4.3%	5.4%
48900	Wilmington, NC	\$ 224.20	\$ 176.71	\$ 67.67	\$ 517.53	\$1,165.78	0.9865	\$ 228.00	\$ 179.78	\$ 69.23	\$ 527.36	\$1,188.88	0.9750	-1.2%	1.9%
49180	Winston-Salem, NC	\$ 215.70	\$ 170.02	\$ 64.75	\$ 499.42	\$1,123.30	0.9296	\$ 226.17	\$ 178.34	\$ 68.60	\$ 523.44	\$1,179.67	0.9630	3.6%	5.0%
99934	Rural North Carolina	\$ 198.17	\$ 156.20	\$ 58.71	\$ 462.05	\$1,035.64	0.8122	\$ 210.25	\$ 165.79	\$ 63.08	\$ 489.47	\$1,099.89	0.8590	5.8%	6.2%

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