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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		
24260	Grand Island, NE	\$ 222.76	\$ 175.58	\$ 67.18	\$ 514.48	\$1,158.61	0.9769	\$ 229.41	\$ 180.89	\$ 69.72	\$ 530.37	\$1,195.94	0.9842	0.7%	3.2%
30700	Lincoln, NE	\$ 229.66	\$ 181.02	\$ 69.55	\$ 529.18	\$1,193.11	1.0231	\$ 233.31	\$ 183.97	\$ 71.08	\$ 538.70	\$1,215.50	1.0097	-1.3%	1.8%
36540	Omaha, NE-IA	\$ 232.22	\$ 183.03	\$ 70.43	\$ 534.63	\$1,205.88	1.0402	\$ 239.34	\$ 188.72	\$ 73.17	\$ 551.57	\$1,245.72	1.0491	0.9%	3.2%
43580	Sioux City, IA-NE-SD	\$ 206.16	\$ 162.50	\$ 61.46	\$ 479.08	\$1,075.58	0.8657	\$ 207.65	\$ 163.74	\$ 62.18	\$ 483.92	\$1,086.85	0.8420	-2.7%	1.0%
99928	Rural Nebraska	\$ 209.25	\$ 164.93	\$ 62.53	\$ 485.67	\$1,091.04	0.8864	\$ 219.82	\$ 173.33	\$ 66.40	\$ 509.89	\$1,147.84	0.9215	4.0%	5.2%

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