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Analysis of *Final Corrected* Hospice Medicare Payment Rates in 2027 Compared to 2026, After Reduction for Sequestration

CBSA	CBSA Name	2026 Payment: Routine High Rate	2026 Payment: Routine Low Rate	2026 Payment: Continuous Home Care (Hourly)	2026 Payment: Inpatient Respite Care	2026 Payment: General Inpatient Care	2026 Payment: *Wage Index*	2027 *Final Corrected* Payment: Routine High Rate	2027 *Final Corrected* Payment: Routine Low Rate	2027 *Final Corrected* Payment: Continuous Home Care (Hourly)	2027 *Final Corrected* Payment: Inpatient Respite Care	2027 *Final Corrected* Payment: General Inpatient Care	2027 *Final Corrected* Payment: *Wage Index*	*Wage Index % Change*	*Average Rate % Change*
14540	Bowling Green, KY	$ 206.16	$ 162.50	$ 61.46	$ 479.08	$1,075.58	*0.8657*	$ 204.47	$ 161.22	$ 61.08	$ 477.09	$1,070.88	*0.8224*	*-5.0%*	*-0.5%*
17140	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	$ 219.09	$ 172.69	$ 65.91	$ 506.65	$1,140.25	*0.9523*	$ 219.71	$ 173.23	$ 66.37	$ 509.63	$1,147.29	*0.9221*	*-3.2%*	*0.6%*
17300	Clarksville, TN-KY	$ 201.09	$ 158.50	$ 59.71	$ 468.26	$1,050.20	*0.8317*	$ 201.05	$ 158.52	$ 59.90	$ 469.78	$1,053.71	*0.8000*	*-3.8%*	*0.3%*
21060	Elizabethtown, KY	$ 204.58	$ 161.25	$ 60.92	$ 475.71	$1,067.67	*0.8551*	$ 213.29	$ 168.17	$ 64.14	$ 495.93	$1,115.10	*0.8801*	*2.9%*	*4.4%*
26580	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	$ 211.00	$ 166.31	$ 63.13	$ 489.39	$1,099.78	*0.8981*	$ 210.39	$ 165.88	$ 63.13	$ 489.72	$1,100.54	*0.8611*	*-4.1%*	*0.0%*
30460	Lexington-Fayette, KY	$ 217.99	$ 171.82	$ 65.53	$ 504.29	$1,134.72	*0.9449*	$ 220.36	$ 173.74	$ 66.59	$ 511.01	$1,150.51	*0.9263*	*-2.0%*	*1.3%*
31140	Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN	$ 213.45	$ 168.24	$ 63.97	$ 494.61	$1,112.02	*0.9145*	$ 221.32	$ 174.50	$ 66.93	$ 513.06	$1,155.34	*0.9326*	*2.0%*	*3.8%*
36980	Owensboro, KY	$ 211.55	$ 166.75	$ 63.32	$ 490.57	$1,102.54	*0.9018*	$ 210.95	$ 166.33	$ 63.33	$ 490.93	$1,103.37	*0.8648*	*-4.1%*	*0.0%*
37140	Paducah, KY-IL	$ 205.88	$ 162.27	$ 61.36	$ 478.48	$1,074.17	*0.8638*	$ 212.99	$ 167.93	$ 64.04	$ 495.27	$1,113.57	*0.8781*	*1.7%*	*3.6%*
99918	Rural Kentucky	$ 198.82	$ 156.71	$ 58.93	$ 463.42	$1,038.85	*0.8165*	$ 203.25	$ 160.25	$ 60.66	$ 474.48	$1,064.74	*0.8144*	*-0.3%*	*2.4%*

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