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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	Routine Low Rate	Continuous Home Care (Hourly)	Inpatient Respite Care	General Inpatient Care	*Wage Index*	2027 *Final Corrected* Payment: Routine High Rate	Routine Low Rate	Continuous Home Care (Hourly)	Inpatient Respite Care	General Inpatient Care	*Wage Index*	*Wage Index % Change*	*Average Rate % Change*
10780	Alexandria, LA	$ 208.54	$ 164.37	$ 62.28	$ 484.14	$1,087.46	*0.8816*	$ 213.40	$ 168.26	$ 64.18	$ 496.15	$1,115.64	*0.8808*	*-0.1%*	*2.5%*
12940	Baton Rouge, LA	$ 197.04	$ 155.31	$ 58.32	$ 459.63	$1,029.96	*0.8046*	$ 201.05	$ 158.52	$ 59.90	$ 469.78	$1,053.71	*0.8000*	*-0.6%*	*2.2%*
25220	Hammond, LA	$ 196.35	$ 154.77	$ 58.08	$ 458.17	$1,026.53	*0.8000*	$ 201.05	$ 158.52	$ 59.90	$ 469.78	$1,053.71	*0.8000*	*0.0%*	*2.6%*
26380	Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, LA	$ 196.35	$ 154.77	$ 58.08	$ 458.17	$1,026.53	*0.8000*	$ 201.05	$ 158.52	$ 59.90	$ 469.78	$1,053.71	*0.8000*	*0.0%*	*2.6%*
29180	Lafayette, LA	$ 198.64	$ 156.57	$ 58.87	$ 463.04	$1,037.95	*0.8153*	$ 201.05	$ 158.52	$ 59.90	$ 469.78	$1,053.71	*0.8000*	*-1.9%*	*1.5%*
29340	Lake Charles, LA	$ 199.00	$ 156.85	$ 58.99	$ 463.80	$1,039.74	*0.8177*	$ 202.73	$ 159.84	$ 60.48	$ 473.37	$1,062.14	*0.8110*	*-0.8%*	*2.1%*
33740	Monroe, LA	$ 196.35	$ 154.77	$ 58.08	$ 458.17	$1,026.53	*0.8000*	$ 201.05	$ 158.52	$ 59.90	$ 469.78	$1,053.71	*0.8000*	*0.0%*	*2.6%*
35380	New Orleans-Metairie, LA	$ 204.49	$ 161.18	$ 60.89	$ 475.52	$1,067.22	*0.8545*	$ 202.85	$ 159.94	$ 60.52	$ 473.63	$1,062.75	*0.8118*	*-5.0%*	*-0.5%*
43340	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	$ 198.58	$ 156.52	$ 58.85	$ 462.91	$1,037.65	*0.8149*	$ 205.01	$ 161.64	$ 61.27	$ 478.24	$1,073.56	*0.8259*	*1.3%*	*3.4%*
43640	Slidell-Mandeville-Covington, LA	$ 199.49	$ 157.24	$ 59.16	$ 464.85	$1,042.21	*0.8210*	$ 201.05	$ 158.52	$ 59.90	$ 469.78	$1,053.71	*0.8000*	*-2.6%*	*1.0%*
99919	Rural Louisiana	$ 196.17	$ 154.62	$ 58.02	$ 457.79	$1,025.63	*0.7988*	$ 199.63	$ 157.40	$ 59.40	$ 466.75	$1,046.58	*0.7907*	*-1.0%*	*2.0%*

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