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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*
12580	Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	$ 218.87	$ 172.51	$ 65.84	$ 506.17	$1,139.13	*0.9508*	$ 219.58	$ 173.13	$ 66.32	$ 509.34	$1,146.60	*0.9212*	*-3.1%*	*0.6%*
23224	Frederick-Gaithersburg-Bethesda, MD	$ 222.27	$ 175.19	$ 67.01	$ 513.43	$1,156.15	*0.9736*	$ 221.58	$ 174.70	$ 67.02	$ 513.62	$1,156.64	*0.9343*	*-4.0%*	*0.0%*
25180	Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV	$ 212.91	$ 167.82	$ 63.79	$ 493.47	$1,109.33	*0.9109*	$ 220.51	$ 173.86	$ 66.64	$ 511.33	$1,151.28	*0.9273*	*1.8%*	*3.7%*
30500	Lexington Park, MD	$ 215.31	$ 169.71	$ 64.61	$ 498.59	$1,121.36	*0.9270*	$ 213.84	$ 168.61	$ 64.33	$ 497.10	$1,117.86	*0.8837*	*-4.7%*	*-0.4%*
41540	Salisbury, MD	$ 201.12	$ 158.52	$ 59.72	$ 468.32	$1,050.35	*0.8319*	$ 222.54	$ 175.46	$ 67.35	$ 515.67	$1,161.47	*0.9406*	*13.1%*	*10.5%*
47764	Washington, DC-MD	$ 237.22	$ 186.97	$ 72.16	$ 545.29	$1,230.89	*1.0737*	$ 241.02	$ 190.04	$ 73.76	$ 555.13	$1,254.13	*1.0615*	*-1.1%*	*1.8%*
48864	Wilmington, DE-MD-NJ	$ 239.17	$ 188.52	$ 72.83	$ 549.46	$1,240.67	*1.0868*	$ 245.00	$ 193.17	$ 75.14	$ 563.62	$1,274.06	*1.0875*	*0.1%*	*2.6%*
99921	Rural Maryland	$ 208.12	$ 164.04	$ 62.14	$ 483.25	$1,085.37	*0.8788*	$ 210.05	$ 165.62	$ 63.02	$ 489.01	$1,098.85	*0.8589*	*-2.3%*	*1.2%*

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