

FY 2023 Proposed Rule State/County Rate Chart FY 2023 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update

To: NHPCO Provider and State Members

From: NHPCO Policy Team

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(NHPCO did two Regulatory Alerts on the FY 2023 proposed rule – one on March 30, 2022, announcing that the rule had posted and one on April 1, 2022, with details on the proposed rule. This Regulatory Alert provides the details on rates by state and county for all levels of care. Note that these should not be considered final rates for FY 2023 and will not be final until the final rule publishes in early August 2022.)

Summary at a Glance

The FY 2023 Hospice Wage Index proposed rule went on display for public inspection on the Federal Register website on Wednesday, March 30, 2022. NHPCO has prepared the **FY 2023 Proposed Wage Index State and County Rate Chart**.

- Proposed rate increase of 2.7 percent. Rates for each level of care are available below.
- The proposed hospice aggregate cap amount for FY 2023 is **\$32,142.65**.
- NHPCO has prepared the **FY 2023 Proposed Wage Index State/County Rate Chart**, which is found on the [Regulatory & Compliance Center Billing & Reimbursement page](#).
- For a full summary of the FY 2023 proposed rule, see the [April 1 Regulatory Alert](#)

The [FY 2023 Proposed Wage Index State/County Rate chart](#) has been prepared using the proposed rule and wage index values and posted to the Regulatory & Compliance Center.

There are several rate and calculation changes to note from the proposed rule:

- **Wage index values have changed:** The wage index values for every county change every year, based on hospital cost report submissions. The wage index values may be adjusted again when the final rule publishes, with CMS using updated hospital cost report data.
- **Early budget planning:** Use the State/County Rate Chart to accurately predict your hospice's proposed rates for each level of care in each county served. These rates should not be considered final, but can be used for early budget planning. Final wage index values and rates will be published when the final rule is published in early August.
- **Percentage of Labor Component has not changed:** There is no proposed adjustment in the labor component for each level of care.
- **File for FY 2023 proposed wage index values:** The CMS files with proposed FY2023 wage index values can be found [on the CMS website](#).

- The **CMS charts showing the FY 2023 PROPOSED rates for each level of care**, both for hospices that do and do not submit quality data, are included below. They were published in the FY 2023 Hospice Wage Index and Quality Reporting proposed rule ([CMS-1773-P](#)) on April 4, 2022.

Proposed FY 2023 Hospice Payment Rates (with Quality Reporting)

Code	Description	FY 2022 Payment Rates	Wage Index Standardization Factor	Proposed FY 2023 Hospice Payment Update	Proposed FY 2023 Payment Rates
651	Routine Home Care (days 1-60)	\$203.40	X 1.0004	X 1.027	\$209.14
651	Routine Home Care (days 61+)	\$160.74	X 1.0003	X 1.027	\$165.25
652	Continuous Home Care Full rate = 24 hours of care	\$1,462.52 (\$60.94 per hour)	X 1.0024	X 1.027	\$1,505.61 (\$62.73 per hour)
655	Inpatient Respite Care	\$473.75	X 1.0007	X 1.027	\$486.88
656	General Inpatient Care	\$1,068.28	X 1.0016	X 1.027	\$1,098.88

Proposed FY2023 Hospice Payment Rates for Hospices that DO NOT Submit the Required Quality Data

Code	Description	FY 2022 Payment Rates	Wage Index Standardization Factor	Proposed FY 2023 Hospice Payment Update of 2.7% minus 2 percentage points = +0.7%	Proposed FY 2023 Payment Rates
651	Routine Home Care (days 1-60)	\$199.83	X 1.0008	X 1.007	\$205.07
651	Routine Home Care (days 61+)	\$157.87	X 1.0007	X 1.007	\$162.03
652	Continuous Home Care Full rate = 24 hours of care	\$1,437.14 (\$59.88 per hour)	X 1.0024	X 1.007	\$1,476.29 (\$61.51 per hour)
655	Inpatient Respite Care	\$465.16	X 1.0007	X 1.007	\$477.40
656	General Inpatient Care	\$1,049.43	X 1.0016	X 1.007	\$1,077.48

NHPCO members with questions should email regulatory@nhpco.org with FY23 County Wage Index in the subject line.