



Health Financial Systems

April 28th, 2017 Final FFY 2018 Wage Index PUF

Dear Hospital Clients:

CMS published the Final FY 2018 wage index and occupational mix data PUFs on their Web page April 28, 2017. Hospitals will have until May 30, 2017 to verify their data and submit correction requests to both CMS and their MAC to correct errors due to CMS or MAC mishandling of the final wage and occupational mix data.

Changes to data will be limited to situations involving errors by CMS or the MAC that the hospital could not have known about before review of the final April PUFs. NOTE: CMS emphasizes that data that were incorrect in the preliminary or January wage index data PUFs, but for which no correction request was received by the February 17, 2017, deadline, will not be changed at this stage for inclusion in the wage index. Each correction request must include all information and supporting documentation needed for CMS and the MAC to determine whether or not the hospital's request meets the criteria for a correction to their data at this point in the wage index development. The MACs and DAC will review each request upon receipt and consult to determine whether or not the request qualifies for correction of the final wage or occupational mix data.

An HFS Wage Index Verification Tool is available from the software menu under "Tools | Wage Index Verification" to assist providers in identifying any errors.

Comma separated files of the PUF and a Quick Start Guide for use with the Wage index Verification Tool are available [here](#).

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Sincerely,
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