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FY 2018 Updated Wage Index PUF Now Available

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CMS published an updated Public Use File (PUF) for the FY 2018 wage index and occupational mix on 1/30/2017. This file reflects the Worksheet S-3, Parts II and III wage data from cost reports for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 (FY Beginning from 10/1/13 to 9/30/2014). These data will have been desk reviewed and verified by the MACs before being published.

February 17, 2017 is the deadline for hospitals to submit requests (including supporting documentation) for:

1. corrections to errors in the January PUFs due to CMS or MAC mishandling of the wage index data, or
2. revisions of desk review adjustments to their wage index data as included in the January PUFs (and to provide documentation to support the request).

MACs must receive the requests and supporting documentation by this date. No new requests for wage index and occupational mix data revisions will be accepted by the MACs at this point, as it is too late in the process for MACs to handle data that is new in a timely manner.

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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