



Dear Clients,

CMS published the final FY 2016 wage index Public Use File (PUF) on May 1, 2015. CMS indicated that hospitals will have approximately 1 month 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.

The updated PUF was published at:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/Wage-Index-Files-Items/FY-2016-Wage-Index-Home-Page.html>

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 at

<http://www.hfssoft.com/iFrame/Support/iWageVerify.aspx>.

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