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HFS News

FY 2015 Preliminary Public Use File (PUF)

The Preliminary Public Use File (PUF) for the FY 2015 wage index and occupational mix has been published on the CMS website at:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/Wage-Index-Files-Items/FY-2015-Wage-Index-Home-Page.html?DLPage=1&DLSort=1&DLSortDir=descending>

This file reflects the Worksheet S-3, Parts II and III wage data from cost reports for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 (FY Begin Dates from 10/1/10 to 9/30/2011). °Hospitals will have until November 21, 2013 to request revisions to the wage data posted in the September PUF.

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>

NOTE: The FY 2015 wage index timeline is also posted at the link below. It is important to note that the deadline for providers to request revisions to the PUF data has been moved up by approximately two weeks from FY 2014 to November 21, 2013. In addition, the deadline for MACs to complete the desk reviews has been moved up to January, 29, 2014.

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/Downloads/FY2015-WI-Timeline.pdf>