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§ 391.4 Laboratory services rate.

For each calendar year, FSIS will calculate the laboratory services rate, per hour per program employee, provided pursuant to §§350.7, 350.9, 352.5, 354.101, 355.12, 362.5, and 381.38 of this chapter, using the following formula:

(a) For each calendar year, FSIS will calculate the laboratory services rate, per hour per program employee, provided pursuant to §§350.7, 350.9, 352.5, 354.101, 355.12, 362.5, and 381.38 of this chapter, using the following formula:

(1) Benefits rate. The quotient of dividing the previous fiscal year’s benefits costs by the previous fiscal year’s total hours (regular, overtime, and holiday), plus the quotient multiplied by the calendar year’s percentage cost of living increase. Some examples of direct benefits are health insurance, retirement, life insurance, and Thrift Savings Plan basic and matching contributions.

(2) Travel and operating rate. The quotient of dividing the previous fiscal year’s total direct travel and operating costs by the previous fiscal year’s total hours (regular, overtime, and holiday), plus the quotient multiplied by the calendar year’s percentage of inflation.

(3) Overhead rate. The quotient of dividing the previous fiscal year’s indirect costs plus the previous fiscal year’s information technology (IT) costs in the Public Health Data Communication Infrastructure System Fund plus the previous fiscal year’s Office of Management Program cost in the Reimbursable and Voluntary Funds plus the provision for the operating balance less any Greenbook costs (i.e., costs of USDA support services prorated to the service component for which the fees are charged) that are not related to food inspection, by the previous fiscal year’s total hours (regular, overtime, and holiday) worked across all funds, plus the quotient multiplied by the calendar year’s percentage of inflation.

(4) Allowance for bad debt rate. Previous fiscal year’s allowance for bad debt (for example, debt owed that is not paid in full by plants and establishments that declare bankruptcy) divided by the previous fiscal year’s total hours (regular, overtime, and holiday) worked.

(c) The calendar year’s cost of living increases and percentage of inflation factors used in the formulas in this section are based on the Office of Management and Budget’s Presidential Economic Assumptions.

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