

EPA APPROVED NONREGULATORY PROVISIONS AND QUASI-REGULATORY MEASURES IN THE TEXAS SIP

Name of SIP provision	Applicable geographic or non-attainment area	State approval/ submittal date	EPA approval date	Comments
* Houston-Galveston-Brazoria 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS Attainment Demonstration SIP and its MECT and HECT air pollution control program revisions, VMEP measures and TCMs, 2018 MVEB, RACM demonstration, and Failure to attain contingency measure plan.	* Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX.	* 4/6/2010 5/6/2013	* 1/2/2014 [Insert FR page number where document begins].	*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[EPA-HQ-SFUND-1990-0010; FRL 9903-67-Region 9]

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Partial Deletion of the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station Superfund Site; Correction

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency published in the **Federal Register** on November 19, 2013, a document concerning the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Partial Deletion of the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station Superfund Site. Inadvertently, that publication included the incorrect docket number for this Site. This document corrects that error.

DATES: This correction is effective on January 21, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Aycock, U.S. EPA Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX; Telephone: (415) 972-3289; Fax: (415) 947-3528; Email: Aycock.Mary@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA published a document in the **Federal Register** on November 19, 2013 (78 FR 69302) that included the incorrect docket number for the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Partial Deletion of the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station Superfund Site. This correction corrects the

incorrect docket number published on November 19, 2013.

In rule FR Doc. 13-27724 published on November 19, 2013, (78 FR 69302) make the following corrections.

1. On page 69302, in the second column, correct the docket number for the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Partial Deletion of the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station Superfund Site to read:

[EPA-HQ-SFUND-1990-0010; FRL 9902-79-Region 9]

2. On page 69302, in the third column, correct the first clause of the **ADDRESSES** caption to read:

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID no. EPA-HQ-SFUND-1990-0010, by one of the following methods:

3. On page 69302, in the third column, correct the first sentence of the "Instructions" caption to read:

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID no. EPA-HQ-SFUND-1990-0010.

Dated: December 19, 2013.

Jared Blumenfeld,
Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

42 CFR Parts 412, 482, 485, and 489

[CMS-1599 & 1455-CN3]

RINs 0938-AR53 and 0938-AR73

Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2014 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Hospital Conditions of Participation; Payment Policies Related to Patient Status; Corrections

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notification of correction to tables.

SUMMARY: This document corrects technical errors in the final rules that appeared in the August 19, 2013 **Federal Register** titled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2014 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Hospital Conditions of Participation; Payment Policies Related to Patient Status."

DATES: *Effective Date:* This correcting document is effective on January 2, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tzvi Hefter (410) 786-4487.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In FR Doc. 2013-18956, which appeared in the August 19, 2013 **Federal Register** (78 FR 50496) entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute

Care Hospitals and the Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2014 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Hospital Conditions of Participation; Payment Policies Related to Patient Status” (hereinafter referred to as the FY 2014 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule), there were a number of technical and typographical errors. Therefore, in the October 3, 2013 **Federal Register** (78 FR 61197), we published a correcting document to correct those errors. The provisions of the correcting document were effective as if they had been included in the FY 2014 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule that appeared in the August 19, 2013 **Federal Register**. Accordingly, those corrections were effective October 1, 2013.

We have learned of an additional technical error that appeared in FY 2014 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule. Specifically, the wage data of provider 220153 in core-based statistical area (CBSA) 44140, Springfield, MA should not have been included in the wage index data. The inclusion of this data resulted in an error in the pre-reclassified, unadjusted wage index, which is used in the IPPS, for CBSA 44140 as well as to determine the LTCH PPS wage index, which is computed using wage data from inpatient acute care hospitals without regard to reclassification under section 1886(d)(8) or section 1886(d)(10) of the Act. Section 412.64(k) of the regulations provides for making midyear corrections to the wage index. Under this provision, we make a midyear correction to the wage index for an area only if a hospital can show that the—(1) intermediary or CMS made an error in tabulating its data; and (2) hospital could not have known about the error or did not have the opportunity to correct the error before the beginning of the Federal fiscal year (that is, October 1). A midyear correction to the wage index is effective prospectively from the date the change is made to the wage index rather than retroactively to the beginning of the Federal fiscal year, unless several conditions are met, including the requirement, under § 412.64(k)(2)(ii)(C), that CMS agreed before October 1st that the fiscal intermediary or CMS made an error in tabulating the hospital’s wage data and the wage index should be corrected. CMS did not agree that there was an error in the IPPS wage index until after October 1, 2013; therefore, under the authority of § 412.64(k), the effective date of this correction is prospective, January 2, 2014.

Furthermore, as the IPPS wage data is also used to compute the LTCH PPS wage index, these corrections will also

apply prospectively to the LTCH PPS wage index as of January 2, 2014.

II. Summary of Errors and Corrections to Tables Posted on the CMS Web Site

A. Errors in and Corrections to the IPPS Tables

We are correcting the errors in the following IPPS tables that are listed on 78 FR 51002 of FY 2014 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule and are available on the Internet on the CMS Web site at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/FY2014-IPPS-Final-Rule-Home-Page.html>.

In Table 2—Acute Care Hospitals Case-Mix Indexes for Discharges Occurring in Federal Fiscal Year 2012; Hospital Wage Indexes for Federal Fiscal Year 2014; Hospital Average Hourly Wages for Federal Fiscal Years 2012 (2008 Wage Data), 2013 (2009 Wage Data), and 2014 (2010 Wage Data); and 3-Year Average of Hospital Average Hourly Wages. We inadvertently included the wage data of provider 220153 in CBSA 44140, Springfield, MA in the FY 2014 wage index. Therefore, we are correcting Table 2 by removing the wage data for provider 220153.

In Table 3A—FY 2014 and 3-Year Average Hourly Wage for Acute Care Hospitals in Urban Areas by CBSA. We inadvertently included provider 220153 in the wage index of CBSA 44140. Therefore, we are correcting the FY 2014 average hourly wage and the 3-year average hourly wage for CBSA 44140, Springfield, MA by removing the wage data for provider 220153, and recomputing the FY 2014 average hourly wage and the 3-year average hourly wage for CBSA 44140.

B. Error in and Correction to a LTCH PPS Table

We are also correcting the error in the following LTCH PPS table that is listed on 78 FR 51002 of the FY 2014 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule and is available on the Internet on the CMS Web site at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/LongTermCareHospitalPPS/index.html>.

Table 12A—LTCH PPS Wage Index for Urban Areas for Discharges Occurring from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. Due to a technical error found in the data of a provider in CBSA 44140, we are correcting the LTCH PPS wage index value for that CBSA.

III. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking and Delay of Effective Date

We ordinarily publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal**

Register to provide a period for public comment before the provisions of a rule take effect in accordance with section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). However, we can waive this notice and comment procedure if the Secretary finds, for good cause, that the notice and comment process is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and incorporates a statement of the finding and the reasons therefore in the notice.

Section 553(d) of the APA ordinarily requires a 30-day delay in effective date of final rules after the date of their publication in the **Federal Register**. This 30-day delay in effective date can be waived, however, if an agency finds for good cause that the delay is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and the agency incorporates a statement of the findings and its reasons in the rule issued.

In our view, this correcting document does not constitute a rule that would be subject to the APA notice and comment or delayed effective date requirements. This correcting document corrects technical errors in tables posted on the CMS Web site but does not make substantive changes to the policies or payment methodologies that were adopted in the final rule. As a result, this correcting document is intended to ensure that the tables posted on the CMS Web site accurately reflect the policies adopted in that final rule.

In addition, even if this were a rule to which the notice and comment procedures and delayed effective date requirements applied, we find that there is good cause to waive such requirements. Undertaking further notice and comment procedures to incorporate the corrections in this document into the final rule or delaying the effective date would be contrary to the public interest because it is in the public’s interest for providers to receive appropriate payments in as timely a manner as possible, and to ensure that the FY 2014 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule accurately reflects our payment methodologies, payment rates, and policies. Furthermore, such procedures would be unnecessary, as we are not altering our payment methodologies or policies, but rather, we are simply implementing correctly the payment methodologies and policies that we previously proposed, received comment on, and subsequently finalized. This correcting document is intended solely to ensure that the FY 2014 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule accurately reflects these payment methodologies and policies. Therefore, we believe we have good

cause to waive the notice and comment and effective date requirements.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.778, Medical Assistance Program)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: December 26, 2013.

Oliver Potts,

Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

42 CFR Parts 413 and 424

[CMS–1446–CN2]

RIN 0938–AR65

Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2014; Correction

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects a technical error that appeared in the final rule published in the August 6, 2013 *Federal Register* entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for FY 2014.”

DATES: *Effective Date:* This correction is effective January 2, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Kane, (410) 786–0557.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On October 3, 2013, we published a correction notice (FR Doc. 2013–24080, 78 FR 61202) to correct a number of technical errors that appeared in the FY 2014 Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System (SNF PPS) final rule on August 6, 2013 (FR Doc. 2013–18776, 78 FR 47936). In this notice, we are correcting an additional technical error in the wage index values. Specifically, we have determined that in the process of developing the most recent hospital wage index, the wage data of a hospital in Core-Based Statistical Area (CBSA) 44140, Springfield, MA, was inadvertently

included in that CBSA, though it should not have been included in the wage index data. Accordingly, we are removing the wage data for this provider from CBSA 44140. In Table A, “FY 2014 Wage Index for Urban Areas Based on CBSA Labor Market Areas,” we are revising the wage index value for CBSA 44140 Springfield, MA from 1.0378 to the corrected value of 1.0383, in order to reflect the removal of the hospital in question from the wage data for that CBSA. As we are revising the entry for only that one particular CBSA, we are not republishing the lengthy Table A in its entirety in this notice. We note that the corrected version of this table is available online on the SNF PPS Web site, at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/WageIndex.html>.

In a correction notice for inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS) hospitals and long-term care hospitals (LTCHs) that is being published concurrently in this issue of the *Federal Register* (Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2014 Rates; Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Hospital Conditions of Participation; Payment Policies Related to Patient Status; Corrections (CMS–1599 & 1455–CN3)), we are making a similar midyear correction to the IPPS hospital wage index to reflect the removal of the wage index data of the hospital referenced above. As discussed in that correction notice, this IPPS wage index correction is being made prospectively. Since the implementation of the SNF PPS, we have used the pre-floor, pre-reclassified, no occupational mix IPPS hospital wage data in developing a wage index to be applied to SNFs. Thus, this correction will also apply prospectively to the SNF PPS wage index to conform the published SNF PPS wage index values to the corresponding, prospectively revised IPPS wage index values. We note that a more detailed discussion of the correction to the IPPS hospital wage index and its effective date is included in CMS–1599 & 1455–CN3 referenced above.

The correction in this document appears below in the “Correction of Errors” section. The provisions in this correction notice are effective as of January 2, 2014.

II. Summary of Errors

The wage data of a hospital in CBSA 44140, Springfield, MA, was inadvertently included in that CBSA, though it should not have been included

in the wage index data. In Table A, “FY 2014 Wage Index for Urban Areas Based on CBSA Labor Market Areas,” we are revising the wage index value for CBSA 44140 Springfield, MA from 1.0378 to the corrected value of 1.0383, in order to reflect the removal of the hospital in question from the wage data for that CBSA.

III. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking and Delayed Effective Date

We ordinarily publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the *Federal Register* to provide a period for public comment before the provisions of a rule take effect in accordance with section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). However, we can waive this notice and comment procedure if the Secretary finds, for good cause, that the notice and comment process is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and incorporates a statement of the finding and the reasons therefor in the notice.

Section 553(d) of the APA ordinarily requires a 30-day delay in effective date of final rules after the date of their publication in the *Federal Register*. This 30-day delay in effective date can be waived, however, if an agency finds for good cause that the delay is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and the agency incorporates a statement of the findings and its reasons in the rule issued.

In our view, this correcting document does not constitute a rule that would be subject to the APA notice and comment or delayed effective date requirements. This correcting document simply corrects a single technical error in Table A of the FY 2014 SNF PPS final rule, and does not make substantive changes to the policies or payment methodologies that were adopted in the final rule. As a result, this correcting document is intended to ensure that the information set forth in Table A of the FY 2014 SNF PPS final rule (and posted on the CMS Web site) accurately reflects the policies adopted in that final rule.

In addition, even if this correcting document were a rule to which the notice and comment and delayed effective date requirements applied, we find that there is good cause to waive such requirements. Undertaking further notice and comment procedures to incorporate the correction in this document into the final rule or delaying the effective date would be contrary to the public interest, because it is in the public’s interest for providers to receive appropriate SNF PPS payments in as timely a manner as possible and to ensure that the FY 2014 SNF PPS final