

WAGE INDEX CHANGES AHEAD!

Background: The Medicare "wage index" is a critical component of a hospital's PPS payment. This index adjusts Federal Prospective Payment System payments to local market rates – as local markets are defined by the OMB. In the fiscal year 2014

Medicare proposed inpatient rule, changes to the "local market" definition are discussed. *These changes, when implemented, may have a significant impact on your payment determination.*

BNN's Solution

- Provide an assessment of current "wage index" rule compared to OMB revisions
- Provide a geographic view of market definitions
- Assist with evaluation of "geographic reclassification" assessments
- Assist with development of comments to CMS relative to the proposal (*if applicable*)

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