

TABLE 14.—PROJECTED IMPACT TO THE SNF PPS FOR FY 2008—Continued

	Number of facilities	Update wage data (percent)	Total FY 2008 change (percent)
Voluntary	3,472	– 0.1	3.2

¹ The Outlying region includes the following, noncontiguous jurisdictions referenced as States in §§ 1861(x) and 210(h) of the Social Security Act: Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam.

8. On page 43436, third column, lines 4–5, the figure “9.6 percent” is corrected to read “9.5 percent”.

9. On page 43446, the entry of “1.0937” that is displayed in Table 8 as the wage index value for CBSA Code 25540 (Hartford –West Hartford –East Hartford, CT) is corrected to read “1.0930”.

10. On page 43462, the entry of “1.1283” that is displayed in Table 9 as the wage index value for CBSA Code 7 (rural Connecticut) is corrected to read “1.1711”.

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 notice such as this take effect in accordance with section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). We also ordinarily provide a 30-day delay in the effective date of the provisions of a notice in accordance with section 553(d) of the APA (5 U.S.C. 553(d)). However, we can waive both the notice and comment procedure and the 30-day delay in effective date if the Secretary finds, for good cause, that a 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.

We find for good cause that it is unnecessary to undertake notice and comment rulemaking because this notice merely provides technical corrections to the regulations. We are not making substantive changes to our payment methodologies or policies, but rather, are simply implementing correctly the payment methodologies and policies that we previously proposed, received comment on, and subsequently finalized. The public has already had the opportunity to comment on these payment methodologies and policies, and this correction notice is intended solely to ensure that the FY 2008 SNF PPS final rule accurately reflects them. Therefore, we believe that undertaking further notice and comment procedures to incorporate these corrections into the update notice is

unnecessary and contrary to the public interest.

Further, we believe a delayed effective date is unnecessary because this correction notice merely corrects inadvertent technical errors. The changes noted above do not make any substantive changes to the SNF PPS payment methodologies or policies. Moreover, we regard imposing a delay in the effective date as being contrary to the public interest. We believe that it is in the public interest for providers to receive appropriate SNF PPS payments in as timely a manner as possible and to ensure that the FY 2008 SNF PPS final rule accurately reflects our payment methodologies, payment rates, and policies. Therefore, we find good cause to waive notice and comment procedures, as well as the 30-day delay in effective date.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 64

Communities Eligible for the Sale of Insurance

CFR C ec

In Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, revised as of October 1, 2006, on page 339, in § 64.4, paragraph (b), in the fourth sentence, remove the words “within the newly-month period,” and add the words “within the newly-acquired area the requirements of § 60.3(b) of this subchapter. During the six month period, ” in their place.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 0

Commission Organization

CFR C ec

In Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 0 to 19, revised as of October 1, 2006, on page 45, in § 0.406, in paragraph (b)(2), the eighth sentence, beginning with “Additional procedures applicable . . .”, is removed and a sentence is added following the sixth sentence to read as follows:

§ 0.406 The rules and regulations.

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(2) * * * Part 1, subpart E, of this chapter contains general rules and procedures applicable to common carriers. * * *

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 52

Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses

CFR C ec

In Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I (Parts 52 to 99), revised as of October 1, 2006, on page 80, in section 52.215–15, correct paragraph (b) and the source note to read as follows:

52.215–15 Pension adjustments and asset reversions.

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(b) For segment closings, pension plan terminations, or curtailment of benefits, the amount of the adjustment shall be —

(1) For contracts and subcontracts that are subject to full coverage under the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) Board rules and regulations (48 CFR Chapter 99), the amount