

Medicare Wage Index Occupational Mix Survey – Summary of Changes

Reporting Period

We revised the reporting period to the following: “01/01/2010 – 12/31/2010.*” The reporting period has been modified due to commenters’ recommendation.

Introduction

1. Under paragraph two, we revised the first sentence as follows:

“This survey provides for the collection of occupational mix data for a 12- month period, that is, **from pay periods ending between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010*, to be applied to the FY 2013 wage index.” The instruction for the reporting period was modified due to commenters’ recommendation.

2. Under paragraph three, we revised the first sentence as follows:

“Completed occupational mix surveys must be submitted to FIs or MACs on the Excel hospital reporting form, by July 1, 2011, via email attachment or overnight delivery. The Excel version of the occupational mix survey may be obtained from FIs or MACs or downloaded from CMS’s website...” The instructions were modified to update the survey submission date.

Footnote

We revised the footnote on page one of the instructions to state the following: “Also, hospitals that terminated participation in the Medicare program before January 1, 2011 are not required to complete the survey.” This is an update to the date for terminated providers.

Cost Center Descriptions

On page four of the instructions, we revised the list of cost centers for nursing personnel included in the 2010 occupational mix survey to also include the corresponding line

numbers from the new Medicare cost report, Form 2552-10. The list of cost centers were revised due to commenters' recommendation. The revisions are as follows:

<u>Lines for 2552-96</u>	<u>COST CENTER DESCRIPTIONS</u> <u>Cost Centers</u>	<u>Lines for 2552-10</u>
14	Nursing Administration	13
25	Adults and Pediatrics (General Routine Care)	30
26	Intensive Care Unit	31
27	Coronary Care Unit	32
28	Burn Intensive Care Unit	33
29	Surgical Intensive Care Unit	34
30	Other Special Care (specify)	35
33	Nursery	43
37	Operating Room	50
38	Recovery Room	51
39	Delivery Room and Labor Room	52
53	Electrocardiology	66
57	Renal Dialysis	71
58	Ambulatory Surgical Center (Non-Distinct Part)	72
59	Other Ancillary	73
60	Clinics	90
61	Emergency	91
62	Observation Beds	92

Survey Form

We revised the reporting period on the survey form to state the following: "Pay Periods Ending Between 01/01/2010 and 12/31/2010." The reporting period has been modified due to commenters' recommendation.