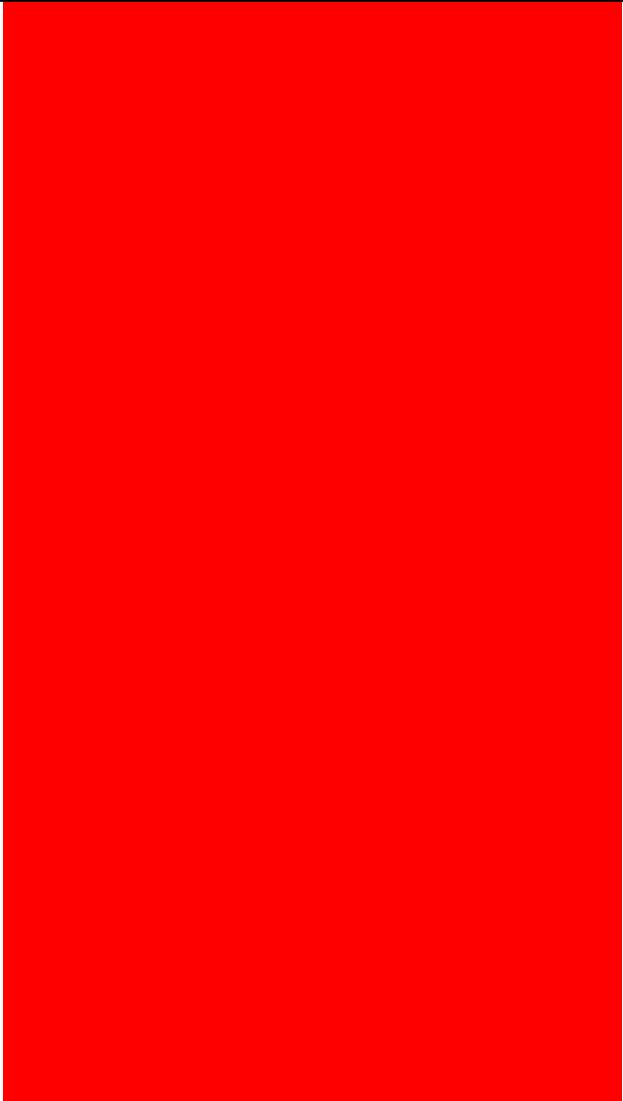


Hospitals must use this form only for submitting data for the 2025 Occupational Mix survey. For complete instructions on how to fill out the survey please see the tab titled Form CMS-10079 Instructions. Completed occupational mix surveys must be submitted to hospital's Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC), not directly to CMS, on the Excel hospital reporting form, by June 30, 2026, via email attachment.

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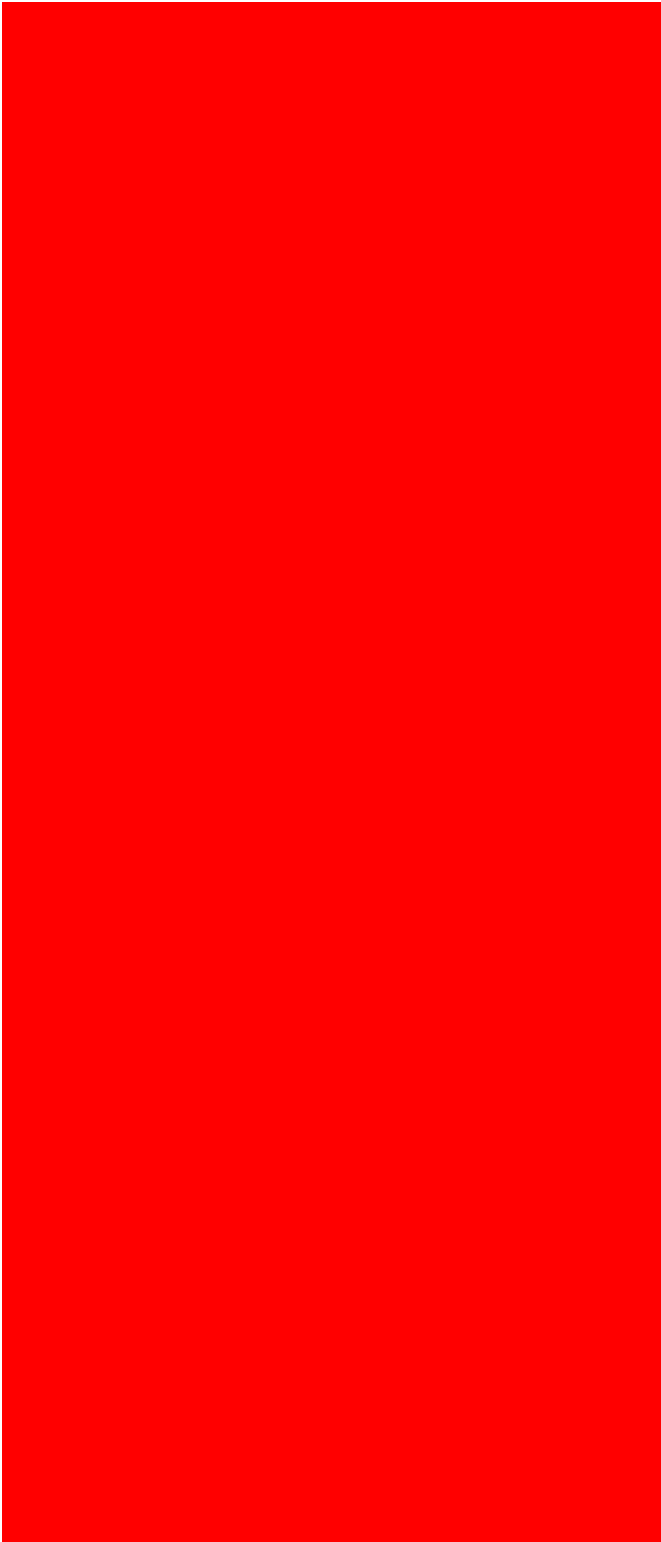




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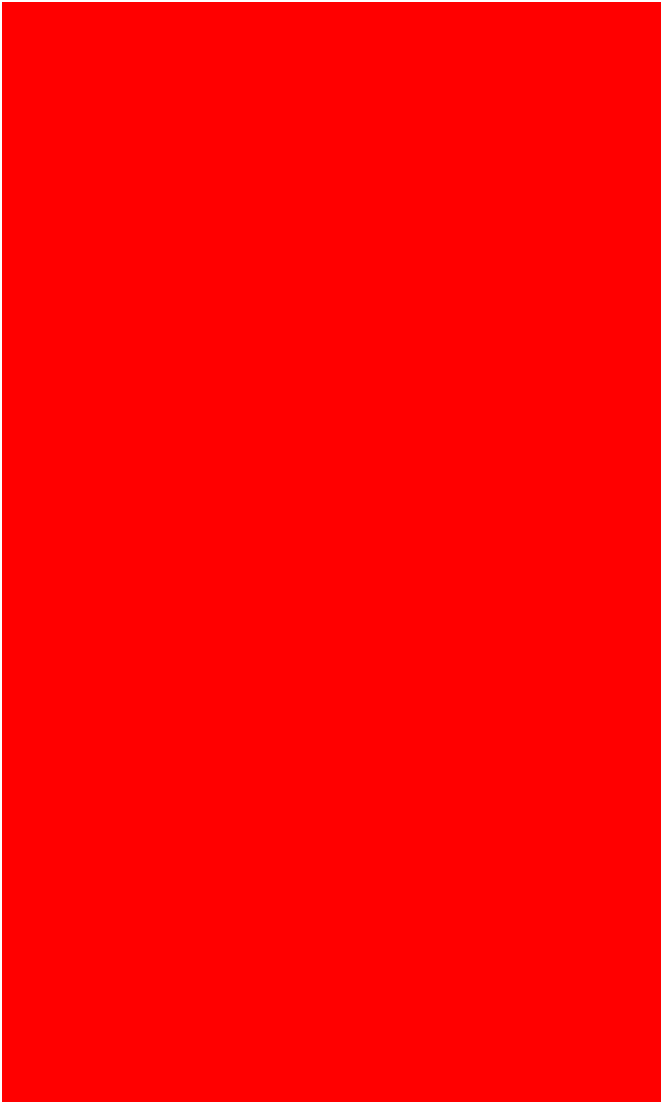
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MEDICARE WAGE INDEX OCCUPATIONAL MIX SURVEY

Introduction

Section 304(c) of Public Law 106-554 amended section 1886(d)(3)(E) of the Act to require CMS to collect data from each short-term, acute care hospital participating in the Medicare program, in order to construct an occupational mix adjustment to the wage index beginning October 1, 2004.

This survey provides for the collection of occupational mix data for a 12- month period, that is, from October 1, 2025 to be applied to the FY 2028 wage index. Specifically, the survey's begin date cannot be earlier than October 1, 2025. Complete the survey for any hospital that is subject to the inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS) if not granted a waiver. [Note: Do not complete this survey if you are a no/low Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC) to confirm your status.] It is important for hospitals to ensure the accuracy of the data through supporting documentation.

Completed occupational mix surveys must be submitted to the hospital's MAC (not directly to CMS), on the survey's attachment.

The Excel version of the occupational mix survey may be obtained from MACs or downloaded from CMS's website at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/prospective-payment-systems/acute-inpatient-pps/wage-index-files>

Instructions and definitions for the data elements and the occupational categories are below.

[1] According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information if it does not have a valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-0907. The time required to complete this information response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete the response, comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to the PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850. Please do not send applications, comments, or sensitive information to the PRA Reports Clearance Office. Please note that any correspondence not pertaining to the associated OMB control number listed on this form will not be reviewed, forwarded, or retained. If you have any questions or documents, please contact Tehila Lipschutz/ Noel Manlove, (410) 786-1344 / (410) 786-5161, tehila.lipschutz@cms.hhs.gov

[2] **Note: Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and Rural Emergency Hospitals (REHs) are not paid under the IPPS survey. Also, hospitals that terminated participation in the Medicare program before January 1, 2025, or that have not reported data for less than 11 months of data from CY 2025, are not required to complete the survey.**

Instructions and definitions for the data elements and the occupational categories MEDICARE WAGE INDEX OCCUPATIONAL MIX SURVEY

Instructions

Complete this survey for employees who are full-time and part-time, directly hired, and acquired under contract. Do not include employees who are not in the wage index, such as skilled-nursing facilities, psychiatric, or rehabilitation units or employees who provide either direct or indirect patient care services in IPPS excluded areas. Also, do not include employees who are not in the wage index, such as physician Part B, and interns and residents. Include employees who are allocated from the home office and outpatient departments of the hospital that are included in the wage index (i.e., outpatient clinic, emergency department, etc.).

Employees in the home office, related organizations, or general services costs centers (Worksheet S-3, Part II, Lines 9 and 10), provide services throughout the hospital, including the IPPS-excluded areas (Lines 9 and 10). In completing Worksheet S-3, Part II, for allocating home office and related organization costs on Worksheet S-3, Part II, and exclude from the survey only those related organization personnel provide only administrative services, report their wages and hours in the "A" category. If home office or related organization personnel that are engaged in nursing activities, they must be reported in the "Nursing" category.

Additionally, hospitals should apply the methodology that is used in the wage index calculation for allocating general service salaries and hours to excluded areas. (See Step 4 of the wage index calculation methodology at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-service-payment/acuteinpatientpps/wageindex>) although wage-related costs are included in the general service allocation methodology for Worksheet S-3, Part II, the allocation methodology for the occupational mix survey because the occupational mix survey excludes wages and salaries.

Nursing personnel working in the following cost centers as used for Medicare cost reporting purposes must be reported in the "Nursing" category. These cost centers reflect where the majority of nursing employees are assigned in hospitals and are selected to ensure that nursing personnel working in other areas of the hospital that are reimbursable under the IPPS or OPPS, or in the "All Other Occupations" category.

COST CENTER DESCRIPTIONS	
Nursing Administration	
Adults and Pediatrics (General Routine Care)	
Intensive Care Unit	
Coronary Care Unit	
Burn Intensive Care Unit	
Surgical Intensive Care Unit	
Other Special Care (specify)	
Nursery	
Operating Room	
Recovery Room	
Labor Room and Delivery Room	
Electrocardiology	
Renal Dialysis	
Ambulatory Surgical Center (Non-Distinct Part)	
Other Ancillary	
Clinics	

Emergency
Observation Beds
Note: Subscribed cost centers that would normally fall into one of these cost centers should be included on the survey.

Definitions

Paid Salaries and Paid Hours:

Paid Salaries: Include the total of paid wages and salaries for the specified category of hospital employees time-off, severance, and bonuses. Do not include fringe benefits or wage-related costs as defined in Provid

Paid Hours: Include the total paid hours for the specified category of hospital employees. Paid hours include other paid-time-off hours, and hours associated with severance pay. Do not include non-paid lunch periods; the occupational mix survey must be treated the same as on-call hours for Worksheet S-3 wage data; see P instructions). Overtime hours must be calculated as one hour when an employee is paid time and a half. No salaried employees who are paid a fixed rate must be recorded based on 40 hours per week or the number

Occupational Categories:

[The occupational categories and definitions included in this survey derive directly from the U.S. Bureau of Labor S survey at <https://data.bls.gov/oesprofile/>. The numbers in parentheses are the BLS standard occupational category occupation that requires their highest level of skill. If no measurable difference in skills, workers are to be included

Registered Nurses (RNs, SOC 29-1141): Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance ; registration required. *RNs who have specialized formal, post-basic education and who function in highly au such as staff nurse, advanced practice nurse, case manager, nursing educator, infection control nurse, perf note that the May 2023 BLS definition for Registered Nurses includes clinical nurse specialists. However, ad nurse specialists, certified nurse midwives, and certified registered nurse anesthetists) are usually paid by N be excluded from the survey if they are excluded from Worksheet S-3, Part II but should be included on the : and are included on Worksheet S-3, Part II.*

Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (LPNs, SOC 29-2061) and Surgical Technologists (SOC persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar instit Licensing required.**

Surgical Technologists: Assist in operations, under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeon count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.

Nursing Assistants (SOC 31-1131) and Orderlies (31-1132) – Nursing Assistants: Provide or assist with basic staff. Perform duties such as monitoring of health status, feeding, bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, or medication administration and other health-related tasks. Includes nursing care attendants, nursing aides, **Orderlies:** Transport patients to areas such as operating rooms or x-ray rooms using wheelchairs, stretcher transport equipment.

Medical Assistants (SOC 31-9092):** Performs administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician, including scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, billing, and coding information for insurance purposes. Clinical duties include taking vital signs, preparing patients for examination, drawing blood, and administering medications as directed by a physician. *Include only those employees who perform administrative and certain clinical functions under the direction of a physician in a hospital that are listed above. Do not include phlebotomists, information technology personnel, health information management, and general business office personnel.*

****Note: Medical Assistants and Surgical Technologists are “nursing” employees for purposes of the occupational nursing categories.** “nursing occupations”, “nursing employees”, or “nursing categories” are used with regards to the occupational nursing categories.

Note: Only nurses, surgical technologists, nursing aides/orderlies/attendants, and medical assistants, as defined on the survey, can be included in the nursing categories. Do not include other occupations that may provide similar services as nursing personnel. Instead, those occupations (if assigned to IPSPS) should be included in the All Other Occupations category. For example, hospital-based paramedics may provide services that are similar to those provided by nursing personnel; however, on the occupational survey, they are not included in the nursing categories. This is to ensure consistent reporting among hospitals.

All Other Occupations: Non-nursing employees (directly hired and under contract) in IPSPS reimbursable cost centers (i.e., outpatient clinic, emergency room) must be included in the “All Other Occupations” category. This category must not include occupations that are excluded from the wage index because their services are billable under a Part B fee schedule. Also, the “All Other Occupations” category must not include occupations that are excluded from the wage index via Worksheet S-3, Part II, Lines 9 and 10, such as skilled nursing, physical therapy assistants, equipment technologists and technicians, medical and clinical laboratory staff, pharmacists, computer specialists, dietary, and housekeeping staff are examples of employees who should be included in the All Other Occupations category. Do not include wages and hours of personnel from the home office or related organizations if they perform solely administrative functions in departments that are included in the wage index.

Note: Do not include salaries and hours for APNs (nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse midwives, or nurse anesthetists) in the All Other Occupations categories if their services are billable under Medicare Part B. The services of these nurses are excluded from the wage index because they are not paid under the hospital inpatient prospective payment system (IPSPS).

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