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MEMORANDUM

TO: RHCFC Members

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SUBJECT: **SNF PPS Rates for FY 2010 and Final Rule for FY 2011**

ROUTE TO: Administrator, CFO

ABSTRACT: CMS issues SNF PPS rates for FY 2010 and additional changes for FY 2011.

Introduction

[NYAHS Doc. ID # n00003531](#) provided members with details on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) proposed rule for skilled nursing facility (SNF) prospective payment system (PPS) rates for federal fiscal year 2010 (FY 2010). CMS then issued their final rule for Medicare Part A rates to be effective 10/1/09 through 9/30/10 on August 11, 2009. A copy of the final rule is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFPSP/> or by [clicking here](#).

The final rule remains essentially unchanged from the proposed rule, including the net 1.1 percent reduction in rates. This memo provides members with additional information, including:

1. The FY 2010 Medicare Part A rates for each of the 14 wage index regions in the state;
2. Additional details on the FY 2010 payment provisions in the final rule; and
3. Additional details on the many clinical changes found in the FY 2011 rule.

Although the clinical and Minimum Data Set (MDS) changes do not occur in FY 2010, the scope of the changes makes it imperative that fiscal and clinical services are coordinating their preparations for these changes. In fact, CMS took the additional step of issuing the final rule for FY 2011 in conjunction with the FY 2010 rule specifically because of the number and complexity of changes, allowing providers more time to adjust their operations.

With no additional policy changes to implement, CMS would then be able to forgo the rule making process next year and simply issue the new rates for FY 2011. Members should also refer to [NYAHSAs June Fiscal Digest](#) for additional details.

Legislative Considerations

Providers should keep in mind that the current health care reform debate in Washington could have a dramatic impact on PPS rates for both SNFs and home health agencies (HHAs). Specifically, the [Medicare Payment Advisory Commission \(MedPAC\)](#) has been advocating for some time for a freeze on any increases in both SNF and HHA payments based upon their analysis showing an approximately 12 percent margin built into both sets of rates.

In the House's main version of a health care reform bill ([H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009](#)) there is provision for a freeze on Market Basket Index (MBI) increases for both types of providers. The proposed freeze would be effective 10/1/09 for SNFs. Overall, the House bill contains approximately \$500 billion in provider cuts over a ten year period, with approximately 6.4 percent of the cuts hitting SNFs and 11.4 percent hitting HHAs. If you have not already done so, please visit the AAHSA Web site (www.aahsa.org) and support our advocacy to preserve the MBI.

MBI and Recalibration

Barring any additional Congressional action, the current rule includes a 2.2 percent MBI or inflationary adjustment effective 10/1/09. Nationally, this represents an overall \$690 million increase in SNF Part A rates. As detailed in our analysis of the rule in its proposed form, however, this increase is more than offset by the *recalibration* provision, which reduces overall payments by \$1.05 billion. Over a ten year period, we estimate that recalibration will have a cumulative negative impact of approximately \$10 billion.

- ***Recalibration***

Recalibration is analogous to a case-mix “creep” adjustment. We first encountered the recalibration issue in the FY 2009 proposed rule. With strong advocacy from AAHSA and other provider groups, CMS had decided to postpone recalibration citing the need to further refine the data.

CMS is going to great lengths to explain that this is not intended to be a payment reduction. By way of background, the FY 2006 RUGs refinement, which expanded the number of categories from 44 to 53, had always been intended to be budget neutral. CMS analysis has shown, however, that the expansion of the classifications resulted in a 3.3 percent per year “overpayment” to providers. Instead of viewing the recalibration as a cut, CMS is framing it as a

parity adjustment. CMS is also emphasizing that the correction is being implemented prospectively and is not taking any action to recoup what they view as the prior years' overpayments.

MBFE

The annual update of the payment rates includes, as appropriate, an adjustment to account for market basket forecast error (MBFE). As described in the final rule for FY 2008, the threshold percentage that triggers an adjustment to account for market basket forecast error is 0.5 percentage point effective for FY 2008 and subsequent years. This adjustment takes into account the forecast error from the most recently available FY for which there is final data, and applies whenever the difference between the forecasted and actual change in the market basket exceeds a 0.5 percentage point threshold. For FY 2008 (the most recently available FY for which there is final data), the estimated increase in the market basket index was 3.3 percentage points, while the actual increase was 3.6 percentage points, resulting in a difference of 0.3 percentage points. Accordingly, as the difference between the estimated and actual amount of change does not exceed the 0.5 percentage point threshold, the payment rates for FY 2010 do not include a forecast error adjustment. Table 1 shows the forecasted and actual market basket amounts for FY 2008.

Table 1 - FY 2008 Forecast Error Correction for CMS SNF Market Basket

Index	Forecasted FY 2008 Increase	Actual FY 2008 Increase	FY 2008 Forecast Error Correction
SNF	3.3	3.6	(0.3<0.5) 0.0

Source: CMS SNF PPS Final Rule for FY 2010

Rate Components

CMS used the SNF market basket to adjust each per diem component of the Federal rates forward to reflect cost increases occurring between the midpoint of the Federal FY beginning October 1, 2008, and ending September 30, 2009, and the midpoint of the Federal FY beginning October 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2010, to which the payment rates apply. These rates are further adjusted by a wage index budget neutrality factor, as described below. Tables 2 and 3 reflect the updated components of the unadjusted Federal rates for FY 2010.

Table 2 - FY 2010 Unadjusted Federal Rate Per Diem - Urban

Rate Component	Nursing - Case-Mix	Therapy - Case-Mix	Therapy - Non-Case-mix	Non-Case-Mix
Per Diem Amount	\$155.23	\$116.93	\$15.40	\$79.22

Source: CMS SNF PPS Final Rule for FY 2010

Table 3 - FY 2010 Unadjusted Federal Rate Per Diem - Rural

Rate Component	Nursing – Case-Mix	Therapy - Case-Mix	Therapy - Non-Case-mix	Non-Case-Mix
Per Diem Amount	\$148.31	\$134.83	\$16.45	\$80.69

Source: CMS SNF PPS Final Rule for FY 2010

AAHSA Templates

This memo provides members with a listing of projected Medicare Part A rates broken down by counties (please see Appendix A). In addition, AAHSA is providing members with a Microsoft Excel™ spreadsheet that can be used to calculate FY 2009 rates and compare those rates to the FY 2008 rates. The template is available on the AAHSA Web site at: www.aahsa.org. Once on the AAHSA Web site, click on *Advocacy, Policy, and Government*; then click on *Nursing Homes*; then click on *Payment and Financing - SNF PPS Rate Calculation Tools*. The CMS Web site referenced above also provides an SNF PPS pricer tool.

Wage Index

CMS continues to utilize a hospital-based wage index in order to account for differences in regional wage levels. The wage index must be applied in a manner that does not result in aggregate payments that are greater or less than would otherwise be made in the absence of the wage adjustment. This is accomplished by applying a budget neutrality factor.

The labor related portion of the rate for FY 2010 is 69.84 percent, an increase from 69.78 percent for the FY 2009 rates. This marks the first increase after two successive years of decreases. The non-labor portion for FY 2010 is 30.16.

The 1.1 percent net reduction in rates represents a national average, and is impacted by changes in the regional wage index. For New York, 11 out of the 14 regions are seeing an increase in their wage indexes or wage indexes that are remaining essentially unchanged. This marks a positive shift from this year's final rule in which 12 out of 14 regions experienced a decrease from FY 2008. Please see the following table:

Table 4. Comparison of FY 2009 and FY 2010 Medicare Wage Indexes

Year	Region						
	Albany	Binghamton	Buffalo	Elmira	Glens Falls	Ithaca	Kingston
2009	0.8708	0.8574	0.9537	0.8247	0.8473	0.9614	0.9375
2010	0.8777	0.8780	0.9740	0.8341	0.8456	1.0112	0.9367
	Nassau	NYC	Poughkeepsie	Rochester	Syracuse	Utica	Rural
2009	1.2453	1.2885	1.0920	0.8811	0.9787	0.8404	0.8145
2010	1.2477	1.3005	1.1216	0.8724	0.9785	0.8460	0.8269

Source: CMS SNF PPS Final Rule

A significant wage index increase does act to mitigate a percentage of the negative impact from recalibration. In the case of three regions, however, Glens Falls, Kingston and Rochester, their respective wage indexes are decreasing.

- **Budget Neutrality Factor**

As noted above, the wage index must be applied in a manner that does not result in aggregate payments that are greater or less than would otherwise be made in the absence of the wage adjustment. This is accomplished by applying a budget neutrality factor. For FY 2010, that factor is 1.0010 (compared to 1.0009 for FY 2009).

Administrative Presumption

The process of administrative presumption continues under the 53-group RUG-III classification system. Under the 53-group system, patients who are correctly assigned to one of the upper 35 RUG-III categories are automatically classified as meeting the SNF level of care up to and including the assessment reference date on the 5-day Medicare required assessment. Patients falling in one lower 18 groups may still qualify for Part A coverage, but an individual level of care determination must be made.

Consolidated Billing

CMS is not making any changes to the listing of services excluded under consolidated billing for FY 2010.

AIDS Adjustment

Section 511 of the *Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003* instituted a temporary 128 percent increase in the PPS per diem payment for any SNF resident with an AIDS diagnosis code 042. (Please note that the 128 percent factor is applied by multiplying the base rate by a factor of 2.28, e.g., a base rate of \$100 would increase to \$228.) This add-on remains in effect until such time as CMS institutes an appropriate adjustment in the patient classification system that captures the additional cost of caring for these individuals. Since CMS has yet to incorporate the necessary adjustments to the RUG-III system, this add-on will continue for FY 2009. (The second set of rate sheets in Appendix A lists the regional AIDS rates.)

MDS 3.0, RUG-IV and Other FY 2011 Changes

As noted above, the MDS and other changes arising out of this rule do not take effect in FY 2010, but are included as part of the advance release of the FY 2011 rule (effective 10/1/10). The scope and breadth of the changes are such that it is critical for fiscal and clinical staff to start coordinating efforts to adapt to the new provisions. Many of these changes have already been detailed for members in the [NYAHS June Fiscal Digest](#). Following is a list of some of the most important provisions, designed to give provide an initial summary of the changes included in the rule:

- Implementation of MDS 3.0 is effective 10/1/10. Please note that with the recent New York Medicaid shift from the PRI to the MDS, this will likely have a significant impact on both Medicare and Medicaid.
- Implementation of the Staff Time and Resource Intensity Verification (STRIVE) data in resource utilization groupings (RUGs), which will significantly impact the composition of the case-mix groups, shifting weighting from the rehabilitation to the clinical categories.
- More focus on activities of daily living (ADL) scoring, with a standardized scale (0 to 16) among groups and the shift to RUG-IV with 66 groups (increasing from the current 53). There are a number of very detailed changes contained in the final rule and that providers will need to review as more information on the MDS 3.0 is released by CMS. The following categories are anticipated under RUG-IV:

Rehabilitation Plus Extensive Services; Ultra High Rehabilitation; Very High Rehabilitation; High Rehabilitation; Medium Rehabilitation; Low Rehabilitation; Extensive Services; Special Care High; Special Care Low; and, Clinically Complex.

- Extensive Category: CMS is moving forward with its recommendation to move suctioning from the Extensive Care Category to a lower RUG category.
- Special Care High and Special Care Low Categories: RUG-IV will expand and split the RUG-III Special Care Categories into the Special Care High and Special Care Low Categories.
- Clinically Complex Category: Expansion in the number of groups from 6 to 10 in the RUG-IV Clinically Complex Category.
- Pneumonia and Oxygen Therapy: Oxygen therapy with respiratory failure, rather than oxygen therapy alone, will qualify for the Special Care Low Category. Oxygen therapy alone, based on average resource time, will qualify for the Clinically Complex Category. CMS will not require a minimum number of days or amount of time for classification, and will maintain the MDS 2.0 coding instructions for oxygen therapy for use in the RUG-IV model.
- Extensive services are redefined, with Special Care expanded from 3 to 16 RUGs.
- The Cognition and Behavior RUGs are combined.
- The Look-Back period under RUG-IV is being modified to include only those services that are provided after SNF admission. Providers will still be able to code those services provided prior to admission to the SNF on the MDS 3.0 for care planning purposes.

- Therapy minutes during current therapy sessions will need to be allocated per patient. For example, under the current rules a one-hour concurrent therapy session with three patients is considered an hour of treatment for each. Under the new rules concurrent therapy is limited to a maximum of two patients and the therapist will need to allocate a percentage of the one-hour therapy time to each patient. CMS will require the therapist to track and report the three different delivery modes of therapy: Independent, Concurrent (no more than 2 patients), and Group (2 to 4 patients). The reporting of group therapy remains unallocated as long as the patient limitation and supervision requirements are met.
- MDS 3.0 also eliminates therapy projections under section T. For short-stay residents who receive less than 5 days of treatment, an average would be used to assign a score.
- When there is a new start of therapy, an Other Medicare Required Assessment (OMRA) with an assessment reference date (ARD) 5 to 7 days after treatment starts will be required, and when therapy ends an OMRA will be required with an ARD 1 to 3 days after the last treatment.
- Quarterly Nursing Staffing Reports will replace the ASPEN (OSCAR) reporting process currently included as part of the survey process. This should provide a more accurate representation of the facility's staffing during the course of the year.
- The budget neutral "parity adjustment" for nursing services is 59.4 percent. This "parity adjustment" is the difference in payments between the RUG-III and RUG-IV systems accumulated across all RUGs. Analogous to the issue that has generated the current recalibration adjustment, the intent of CMS is that the RUG-IV transition is implemented on a budget-neutral basis and this is their means for attempting to accomplish this.

It is clear that there are significant fiscal impacts to consider in these FY 2011 changes. One example, the change in concurrent therapy provisions may dramatically change the cost formula for delivering therapy services. The elimination of the look-back and the shift in weighting from rehabilitation to clinical services are two more examples that warrant serious analysis in terms of financial impact. NYAHSAs are planning additional training and education on these changes over the coming months, and members should also be referencing [NYAHSAs' ProCare™](#) consulting and training.

FY 2010 Rates

As usual, NYAHSAs are providing members with the listing of SNF PPS rates for the upcoming FY broken down by payment locality. *The first set of rates sheets (Appendix A) lists the standard Part A rates and the second set (Appendix B) lists the enhanced AIDS rates.*

Table 5 lists the current New York payment localities. Facilities should locate their payment locality based upon the county listed and then refer to the relevant appendix for their Part A rates. If a county is not specifically listed, then the payment locality is classified as **Non-Urban**. Please note that the listed rates may vary slightly from your actual rates due to rounding.

Table 5. Payment Localities

Payment Locality	Counties
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie
Binghamton	Broome, Tioga
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	Erie, Niagara
Elmira	Chemung
Glens Falls	Warren, Washington
Ithaca	Tompkins
Kingston	Ulster
Nassau-Suffolk	Nassau, Suffolk
New York	Bronx, Kings, New York, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Westchester (NJ – Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic)
Poughkeepsie	Dutchess, Orange
Rochester	Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Wayne
Syracuse	Madison, Onondaga, Oswego
Utica-Rome	Herkimer, Oneida
Non-Urban	All Other Counties

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Attachments

53-RUG III GROUP	ALBANY WAGE INDEX 0.8777	BINGHAMTON WAGE INDEX 0.8780	BUFFALO WAGE INDEX 0.9740	ELMIRA WAGE INDEX 0.8341	GLENS FALLS WAGE INDEX 0.8456	ITHACA WAGE INDEX 1.0112	KINGSTON WAGE INDEX 0.9367
RUX	\$564.36	\$564.49	\$605.86	\$545.57	\$550.53	\$621.90	\$589.79
RUL	\$499.06	\$499.17	\$535.76	\$482.44	\$486.82	\$549.93	\$521.54
RVX	\$427.68	\$427.78	\$459.13	\$413.44	\$417.20	\$471.28	\$446.95
RVL	\$399.29	\$399.38	\$428.65	\$385.99	\$389.50	\$439.99	\$417.28
RHX	\$361.80	\$361.88	\$388.41	\$349.76	\$352.93	\$398.68	\$378.10
RHL	\$353.28	\$353.36	\$379.26	\$341.52	\$344.62	\$389.30	\$369.20
RMX	\$410.35	\$410.44	\$440.52	\$396.69	\$400.29	\$452.18	\$428.83
RML	\$377.69	\$377.78	\$405.47	\$365.12	\$368.44	\$416.20	\$394.71
RLX	\$291.64	\$291.71	\$313.09	\$281.93	\$284.49	\$321.37	\$304.78
RUC	\$483.44	\$483.55	\$518.99	\$467.34	\$471.59	\$532.72	\$505.22
RUB	\$443.69	\$443.79	\$476.32	\$428.92	\$432.81	\$488.92	\$463.68
RUA	\$423.81	\$423.91	\$454.98	\$409.70	\$413.42	\$467.02	\$442.91
RVC	\$385.09	\$385.18	\$413.41	\$372.27	\$375.65	\$424.35	\$402.44
RVB	\$366.63	\$366.72	\$393.59	\$354.43	\$357.65	\$404.01	\$383.15
RVA	\$332.56	\$332.64	\$357.02	\$321.49	\$324.41	\$366.46	\$347.54
RHC	\$333.41	\$333.48	\$357.92	\$322.31	\$325.23	\$367.40	\$348.43
RHB	\$319.21	\$319.28	\$342.68	\$308.58	\$311.39	\$351.75	\$333.59
RHA	\$297.91	\$297.98	\$319.82	\$288.00	\$290.61	\$328.28	\$311.34
RMC	\$306.71	\$306.78	\$329.26	\$296.50	\$299.19	\$337.98	\$320.53
RMB	\$298.19	\$298.26	\$320.12	\$288.26	\$290.88	\$328.59	\$311.62
RMA	\$292.51	\$292.58	\$314.02	\$282.77	\$285.34	\$322.33	\$305.69
RLB	\$268.93	\$268.99	\$288.70	\$259.97	\$262.34	\$296.34	\$281.04
RLA	\$230.60	\$230.65	\$247.55	\$222.92	\$224.94	\$254.10	\$240.99
SE3	\$330.73	\$330.80	\$355.05	\$319.72	\$322.62	\$364.44	\$345.63
SE2	\$282.46	\$282.52	\$303.23	\$273.05	\$275.53	\$311.25	\$295.18
SE1	\$252.64	\$252.70	\$271.22	\$244.23	\$246.45	\$278.40	\$264.03
SSC	\$248.39	\$248.44	\$266.65	\$240.12	\$242.30	\$273.71	\$259.58
SSB	\$235.61	\$235.66	\$252.93	\$227.76	\$229.83	\$259.63	\$246.22
SSA	\$231.35	\$231.40	\$248.36	\$223.65	\$225.68	\$254.93	\$241.77
CC2	\$246.97	\$247.02	\$265.13	\$238.74	\$240.91	\$272.14	\$258.09
CC1	\$227.09	\$227.14	\$243.79	\$219.53	\$221.52	\$250.24	\$237.32
CB2	\$215.73	\$215.78	\$231.60	\$208.55	\$210.44	\$237.72	\$225.45
CB1	\$205.79	\$205.84	\$220.93	\$198.94	\$200.75	\$226.77	\$215.07
CA2	\$204.37	\$204.42	\$219.40	\$197.57	\$199.36	\$225.21	\$213.58
CA1	\$193.02	\$193.06	\$207.21	\$186.59	\$188.29	\$212.69	\$201.71
IB2	\$184.50	\$184.54	\$198.07	\$178.36	\$179.98	\$203.31	\$192.81
IB1	\$181.66	\$181.70	\$195.02	\$175.61	\$177.21	\$200.18	\$189.84
IA2	\$167.46	\$167.50	\$179.78	\$161.89	\$163.36	\$184.53	\$175.01
IA1	\$161.78	\$161.82	\$173.68	\$156.40	\$157.82	\$178.28	\$169.07
BB2	\$183.08	\$183.12	\$196.54	\$176.98	\$178.59	\$201.74	\$191.33
BB1	\$178.82	\$178.86	\$191.97	\$172.87	\$174.44	\$197.05	\$186.88
BA2	\$166.04	\$166.08	\$178.25	\$160.51	\$161.97	\$182.97	\$173.52
BA1	\$154.68	\$154.72	\$166.06	\$149.53	\$150.89	\$170.45	\$161.65
PE2	\$198.70	\$198.74	\$213.31	\$192.08	\$193.82	\$218.95	\$207.65
PE1	\$195.86	\$195.90	\$210.26	\$189.34	\$191.05	\$215.82	\$204.68
PD2	\$188.76	\$188.80	\$202.64	\$182.47	\$184.13	\$208.00	\$197.26
PD1	\$185.92	\$185.96	\$199.59	\$179.73	\$181.36	\$204.87	\$194.29
PC2	\$180.24	\$180.28	\$193.49	\$174.24	\$175.82	\$198.61	\$188.36
PC1	\$178.82	\$178.86	\$191.97	\$172.87	\$174.44	\$197.05	\$186.88
PB2	\$160.36	\$160.40	\$172.16	\$155.02	\$156.43	\$176.71	\$167.59
PB1	\$157.52	\$157.56	\$169.11	\$152.28	\$153.66	\$173.58	\$164.62
PA2	\$156.10	\$156.14	\$167.58	\$150.91	\$152.28	\$172.02	\$163.14
PA1	\$151.84	\$151.88	\$163.01	\$146.79	\$148.12	\$167.32	\$158.69

Appendix A -Listing of SNF PPS Rates for FY 2010

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53-RUG III GROUP	NASSAU- SUFFOLK	NEW YORK					
	WAGE INDEX 1.2477	METRO WAGE INDEX 1.3005	POUGHKEEPSIE WAGE INDEX 1.1216	ROCHESTER WAGE INDEX 0.8724	SYRACUSE WAGE INDEX 0.9785	UTICA WAGE INDEX 0.8460	NON-URBAN WAGE INDEX 0.8269
RUX	\$723.82	\$746.57	\$669.47	\$562.08	\$607.80	\$550.70	\$568.40
RUL	\$640.06	\$660.18	\$592.00	\$497.04	\$537.47	\$486.98	\$508.43
RVX	\$548.52	\$565.76	\$507.34	\$425.95	\$460.60	\$417.33	\$425.81
RVL	\$512.10	\$528.20	\$473.65	\$397.67	\$430.02	\$389.62	\$399.73
RHX	\$464.02	\$478.61	\$429.19	\$360.34	\$389.65	\$353.04	\$355.76
RHL	\$453.10	\$467.34	\$419.08	\$351.85	\$380.48	\$344.73	\$347.94
RMX	\$526.29	\$542.83	\$486.77	\$408.69	\$441.93	\$400.41	\$396.89
RML	\$484.41	\$499.64	\$448.04	\$376.17	\$406.77	\$368.55	\$366.90
RLX	\$374.04	\$385.80	\$345.96	\$290.46	\$314.09	\$284.58	\$280.97
RUC	\$620.03	\$639.52	\$573.48	\$481.48	\$520.65	\$471.74	\$494.08
RUB	\$569.05	\$586.94	\$526.32	\$441.89	\$477.84	\$432.95	\$457.58
RUA	\$543.56	\$560.64	\$502.75	\$422.10	\$456.43	\$413.55	\$439.32
RVC	\$493.89	\$509.42	\$456.81	\$383.53	\$414.73	\$375.77	\$386.70
RVB	\$470.22	\$485.00	\$434.92	\$365.15	\$394.85	\$357.76	\$369.75
RVA	\$426.52	\$439.93	\$394.50	\$331.21	\$358.16	\$324.51	\$338.46
RHC	\$427.61	\$441.05	\$395.50	\$332.06	\$359.07	\$325.34	\$329.68
RHB	\$409.40	\$422.27	\$378.66	\$317.92	\$343.78	\$311.48	\$316.65
RHA	\$382.09	\$394.10	\$353.40	\$296.71	\$320.85	\$290.70	\$297.09
RMC	\$393.37	\$405.73	\$363.83	\$305.47	\$330.32	\$299.28	\$301.71
RMB	\$382.44	\$394.46	\$353.73	\$296.98	\$321.14	\$290.97	\$293.89
RMA	\$375.16	\$386.95	\$346.99	\$291.33	\$315.03	\$285.43	\$288.67
RLB	\$344.91	\$355.75	\$319.02	\$267.84	\$289.63	\$262.42	\$260.11
RLA	\$295.75	\$305.05	\$273.54	\$229.66	\$248.35	\$225.01	\$224.90
SE3	\$424.17	\$437.51	\$392.33	\$329.39	\$356.19	\$322.72	\$309.65
SE2	\$362.26	\$373.65	\$335.07	\$281.32	\$304.20	\$275.62	\$265.32
SE1	\$324.03	\$334.21	\$299.70	\$251.62	\$272.09	\$246.53	\$237.94
SSC	\$318.56	\$328.58	\$294.65	\$247.38	\$267.50	\$242.37	\$234.03
SSB	\$302.18	\$311.68	\$279.49	\$234.65	\$253.74	\$229.90	\$222.30
SSA	\$296.71	\$306.04	\$274.44	\$230.41	\$249.16	\$225.75	\$218.38
CC2	\$316.74	\$326.70	\$292.96	\$245.97	\$265.98	\$240.99	\$232.73
CC1	\$291.25	\$300.41	\$269.38	\$226.17	\$244.57	\$221.59	\$214.47
CB2	\$276.68	\$285.38	\$255.91	\$214.86	\$232.34	\$210.51	\$204.04
CB1	\$263.94	\$272.24	\$244.12	\$204.96	\$221.63	\$200.81	\$194.92
CA2	\$262.12	\$270.36	\$242.44	\$203.55	\$220.11	\$199.43	\$193.61
CA1	\$247.55	\$255.33	\$228.97	\$192.24	\$207.87	\$188.34	\$183.18
IB2	\$236.63	\$244.07	\$218.86	\$183.75	\$198.70	\$180.03	\$175.36
IB1	\$232.98	\$240.31	\$215.49	\$180.92	\$195.64	\$177.26	\$172.75
IA2	\$214.78	\$221.53	\$198.65	\$166.78	\$180.35	\$163.41	\$159.71
IA1	\$207.49	\$214.02	\$191.91	\$161.13	\$174.24	\$157.87	\$154.50
BB2	\$234.81	\$242.19	\$217.18	\$182.34	\$197.17	\$178.65	\$174.06
BB1	\$229.34	\$236.55	\$212.12	\$178.10	\$192.58	\$174.49	\$170.14
BA2	\$212.96	\$219.65	\$196.97	\$165.37	\$178.82	\$162.02	\$158.41
BA1	\$198.39	\$204.63	\$183.49	\$154.06	\$166.59	\$150.94	\$147.98
PE2	\$254.83	\$262.85	\$235.70	\$197.89	\$213.99	\$193.89	\$188.40
PE1	\$251.19	\$259.09	\$232.33	\$195.06	\$210.93	\$191.11	\$185.79
PD2	\$242.09	\$249.70	\$223.91	\$187.99	\$203.29	\$184.19	\$179.27
PD1	\$238.45	\$245.94	\$220.54	\$185.17	\$200.23	\$181.42	\$176.66
PC2	\$231.16	\$238.43	\$213.81	\$179.51	\$194.11	\$175.88	\$171.45
PC1	\$229.34	\$236.55	\$212.12	\$178.10	\$192.58	\$174.49	\$170.14
PB2	\$205.67	\$212.14	\$190.23	\$159.71	\$172.71	\$156.48	\$153.19
PB1	\$202.03	\$208.38	\$186.86	\$156.89	\$169.65	\$153.71	\$150.59
PA2	\$200.21	\$206.50	\$185.18	\$155.47	\$168.12	\$152.33	\$149.28
PA1	\$194.75	\$200.87	\$180.13	\$151.23	\$163.53	\$148.17	\$145.37

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RUX	\$1,286.75	\$1,287.04	\$1,381.37	\$1,243.91	\$1,255.21	\$1,417.92	\$1,344.72
RUL	\$1,137.85	\$1,138.11	\$1,221.52	\$1,099.96	\$1,109.96	\$1,253.85	\$1,189.11
RVX	\$975.11	\$975.34	\$1,046.82	\$942.65	\$951.21	\$1,074.52	\$1,019.04
RVL	\$910.37	\$910.58	\$977.32	\$880.06	\$888.06	\$1,003.18	\$951.39
RHX	\$824.91	\$825.10	\$885.57	\$797.44	\$804.69	\$909.00	\$862.07
RHL	\$805.48	\$805.67	\$864.72	\$778.67	\$785.74	\$887.60	\$841.77
RMX	\$935.59	\$935.81	\$1,004.39	\$904.44	\$912.66	\$1,030.97	\$977.74
RML	\$861.14	\$861.34	\$924.47	\$832.47	\$840.03	\$948.93	\$899.94
RLX	\$664.95	\$665.10	\$713.85	\$642.81	\$648.65	\$732.73	\$694.91
RUC	\$1,102.24	\$1,102.49	\$1,183.30	\$1,065.54	\$1,075.22	\$1,214.61	\$1,151.90
RUB	\$1,011.61	\$1,011.84	\$1,086.00	\$977.93	\$986.81	\$1,114.73	\$1,057.18
RUA	\$966.29	\$966.51	\$1,037.35	\$934.12	\$942.60	\$1,064.80	\$1,009.83
RVC	\$878.00	\$878.21	\$942.57	\$848.77	\$856.48	\$967.51	\$917.56
RVB	\$835.92	\$836.12	\$897.40	\$808.09	\$815.43	\$921.14	\$873.59
RVA	\$758.24	\$758.41	\$814.00	\$732.99	\$739.65	\$835.53	\$792.40
RHC	\$760.17	\$760.34	\$816.07	\$734.86	\$741.53	\$837.66	\$794.42
RHB	\$727.80	\$727.96	\$781.32	\$703.57	\$709.96	\$801.99	\$760.59
RHA	\$679.24	\$679.40	\$729.19	\$656.63	\$662.59	\$748.49	\$709.85
RMC	\$699.29	\$699.46	\$750.72	\$676.01	\$682.15	\$770.58	\$730.80
RMB	\$679.87	\$680.03	\$729.87	\$657.24	\$663.21	\$749.18	\$710.50
RMA	\$666.93	\$667.08	\$715.97	\$644.72	\$650.58	\$734.91	\$696.97
RLB	\$613.16	\$613.30	\$658.25	\$592.74	\$598.13	\$675.66	\$640.78
RLA	\$525.76	\$525.88	\$564.42	\$508.25	\$512.87	\$579.36	\$549.45
SE3	\$754.06	\$754.23	\$809.51	\$728.96	\$735.58	\$830.93	\$788.03
SE2	\$644.00	\$644.15	\$691.36	\$622.56	\$628.22	\$709.66	\$673.02
SE1	\$576.03	\$576.16	\$618.39	\$556.85	\$561.91	\$634.75	\$601.98
SSC	\$566.32	\$566.45	\$607.96	\$547.46	\$552.44	\$624.05	\$591.83
SSB	\$537.19	\$537.31	\$576.69	\$519.30	\$524.02	\$591.95	\$561.39
SSA	\$527.47	\$527.60	\$566.26	\$509.91	\$514.55	\$581.25	\$551.24
CC2	\$563.08	\$563.21	\$604.49	\$544.33	\$549.28	\$620.48	\$588.45
CC1	\$517.76	\$517.88	\$555.84	\$500.53	\$505.07	\$570.55	\$541.09
CB2	\$491.87	\$491.98	\$528.04	\$475.49	\$479.81	\$542.01	\$514.03
CB1	\$469.21	\$469.32	\$503.71	\$453.59	\$457.71	\$517.04	\$490.35
CA2	\$465.97	\$466.08	\$500.24	\$450.46	\$454.55	\$513.48	\$486.97
CA1	\$440.08	\$440.18	\$472.44	\$425.43	\$429.29	\$484.94	\$459.90
IB2	\$420.66	\$420.75	\$451.59	\$406.65	\$410.34	\$463.54	\$439.61
IB1	\$414.18	\$414.28	\$444.64	\$400.39	\$404.03	\$456.41	\$432.84
IA2	\$381.81	\$381.90	\$409.89	\$369.10	\$372.45	\$420.74	\$399.01
IA1	\$368.86	\$368.95	\$395.99	\$356.58	\$359.82	\$406.47	\$385.48
BB2	\$417.42	\$417.51	\$448.11	\$403.52	\$407.19	\$459.97	\$436.23
BB1	\$407.71	\$407.80	\$437.69	\$394.13	\$397.71	\$449.27	\$426.08
BA2	\$378.58	\$378.66	\$406.41	\$365.97	\$369.30	\$417.17	\$395.63
BA1	\$352.68	\$352.76	\$378.62	\$340.94	\$344.04	\$388.63	\$368.57
PE2	\$453.03	\$453.13	\$486.34	\$437.94	\$441.92	\$499.21	\$473.44
PE1	\$446.55	\$446.65	\$479.39	\$431.68	\$435.61	\$492.07	\$466.67
PD2	\$430.37	\$430.47	\$462.01	\$416.04	\$419.82	\$474.24	\$449.76
PD1	\$423.89	\$423.99	\$455.06	\$409.78	\$413.50	\$467.11	\$442.99
PC2	\$410.95	\$411.04	\$441.16	\$397.26	\$400.87	\$452.84	\$429.46
PC1	\$407.71	\$407.80	\$437.69	\$394.13	\$397.71	\$449.27	\$426.08
PB2	\$365.63	\$365.71	\$392.52	\$353.45	\$356.67	\$402.90	\$382.10
PB1	\$359.15	\$359.24	\$385.57	\$347.20	\$350.35	\$395.77	\$375.34
PA2	\$355.92	\$356.00	\$382.09	\$344.07	\$347.19	\$392.20	\$371.95
PA1	\$346.21	\$346.29	\$371.67	\$334.68	\$337.72	\$381.50	\$361.80

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	WAGE INDEX 1.2477	WAGE INDEX 1.3005	WAGE INDEX 1.1216	WAGE INDEX 0.8724	WAGE INDEX 0.9785	WAGE INDEX 0.8460	WAGE INDEX 0.8269
RUX	\$1,650.31	\$1,702.19	\$1,526.40	\$1,281.54	\$1,385.79	\$1,255.60	\$1,295.95
RUL	\$1,459.34	\$1,505.21	\$1,349.77	\$1,133.24	\$1,225.43	\$1,110.30	\$1,159.21
RVX	\$1,250.62	\$1,289.94	\$1,156.73	\$971.17	\$1,050.17	\$951.51	\$970.85
RVL	\$1,167.59	\$1,204.30	\$1,079.93	\$906.69	\$980.45	\$888.34	\$911.39
RHX	\$1,057.98	\$1,091.24	\$978.54	\$821.57	\$888.40	\$804.94	\$811.13
RHL	\$1,033.07	\$1,065.54	\$955.50	\$802.22	\$867.49	\$785.99	\$793.29
RMX	\$1,199.93	\$1,237.66	\$1,109.84	\$931.81	\$1,007.61	\$912.94	\$904.90
RML	\$1,104.45	\$1,139.17	\$1,021.53	\$857.66	\$927.43	\$840.30	\$836.53
RLX	\$852.82	\$879.63	\$788.79	\$662.26	\$716.13	\$648.85	\$640.60
RUC	\$1,413.67	\$1,458.11	\$1,307.53	\$1,097.78	\$1,187.09	\$1,075.56	\$1,126.51
RUB	\$1,297.43	\$1,338.22	\$1,200.02	\$1,007.51	\$1,089.47	\$987.12	\$1,043.28
RUA	\$1,239.31	\$1,278.27	\$1,146.26	\$962.38	\$1,040.67	\$942.90	\$1,001.66
RVC	\$1,126.08	\$1,161.48	\$1,041.53	\$874.45	\$945.59	\$856.75	\$881.67
RVB	\$1,072.11	\$1,105.81	\$991.61	\$832.54	\$900.27	\$815.69	\$843.02
RVA	\$972.47	\$1,003.04	\$899.46	\$755.17	\$816.60	\$739.88	\$771.68
RHC	\$974.95	\$1,005.60	\$901.75	\$757.09	\$818.68	\$741.77	\$751.68
RHB	\$933.43	\$962.78	\$863.35	\$724.85	\$783.82	\$710.18	\$721.95
RHA	\$871.16	\$898.54	\$805.75	\$676.49	\$731.53	\$662.80	\$677.36
RMC	\$896.87	\$925.07	\$829.54	\$696.46	\$753.12	\$682.37	\$687.90
RMB	\$871.97	\$899.38	\$806.50	\$677.12	\$732.21	\$663.42	\$670.06
RMA	\$855.36	\$882.25	\$791.14	\$664.23	\$718.26	\$650.78	\$658.17
RLB	\$786.40	\$811.12	\$727.36	\$610.67	\$660.35	\$598.31	\$593.04
RLA	\$674.31	\$695.51	\$623.68	\$523.63	\$566.23	\$513.03	\$512.78
SE3	\$967.11	\$997.52	\$894.50	\$751.01	\$812.10	\$735.81	\$706.00
SE2	\$825.96	\$851.93	\$763.95	\$641.40	\$693.58	\$628.42	\$604.93
SE1	\$738.78	\$762.01	\$683.31	\$573.70	\$620.37	\$562.09	\$542.51
SSC	\$726.33	\$749.16	\$671.79	\$564.03	\$609.91	\$552.61	\$533.59
SSB	\$688.96	\$710.62	\$637.24	\$535.01	\$578.53	\$524.18	\$506.83
SSA	\$676.51	\$697.78	\$625.72	\$525.34	\$568.08	\$514.71	\$497.92
CC2	\$722.17	\$744.88	\$667.95	\$560.80	\$606.42	\$549.45	\$530.62
CC1	\$664.05	\$684.93	\$614.20	\$515.67	\$557.62	\$505.23	\$489.00
CB2	\$630.84	\$650.67	\$583.48	\$489.88	\$529.73	\$479.96	\$465.22
CB1	\$601.78	\$620.70	\$556.60	\$467.31	\$505.33	\$457.85	\$444.41
CA2	\$597.63	\$616.42	\$552.76	\$464.09	\$501.84	\$454.69	\$441.44
CA1	\$564.42	\$582.16	\$522.04	\$438.30	\$473.95	\$429.42	\$417.65
IB2	\$539.51	\$556.47	\$499.00	\$418.95	\$453.04	\$410.47	\$399.82
IB1	\$531.21	\$547.90	\$491.32	\$412.51	\$446.06	\$404.16	\$393.87
IA2	\$489.69	\$505.08	\$452.92	\$380.27	\$411.20	\$372.57	\$364.15
IA1	\$473.08	\$487.96	\$437.57	\$367.37	\$397.26	\$359.94	\$352.26
BB2	\$535.36	\$552.19	\$495.16	\$415.73	\$449.55	\$407.31	\$396.85
BB1	\$522.90	\$539.34	\$483.64	\$406.06	\$439.09	\$397.84	\$387.93
BA2	\$485.54	\$500.80	\$449.08	\$377.04	\$407.72	\$369.41	\$361.17
BA1	\$452.33	\$466.55	\$418.37	\$351.25	\$379.83	\$344.14	\$337.39
PE2	\$581.02	\$599.29	\$537.40	\$451.19	\$487.90	\$442.06	\$429.54
PE1	\$572.72	\$590.73	\$529.72	\$444.74	\$480.92	\$435.74	\$423.60
PD2	\$551.96	\$569.32	\$510.52	\$428.62	\$463.49	\$419.95	\$408.74
PD1	\$543.66	\$560.75	\$502.84	\$422.18	\$456.52	\$413.63	\$402.79
PC2	\$527.05	\$543.62	\$487.48	\$409.28	\$442.58	\$401.00	\$390.90
PC1	\$522.90	\$539.34	\$483.64	\$406.06	\$439.09	\$397.84	\$387.93
PB2	\$468.93	\$483.67	\$433.73	\$364.15	\$393.77	\$356.78	\$349.28
PB1	\$460.63	\$475.11	\$426.05	\$357.70	\$386.80	\$350.46	\$343.34
PA2	\$456.48	\$470.83	\$422.21	\$354.48	\$383.31	\$347.30	\$340.36
PA1	\$444.02	\$457.98	\$410.69	\$344.81	\$372.85	\$337.83	\$331.45