

## **2009 Home Health PPS Rates**

### **ABSTRACT: CMS Issues Home Health Prospective Payment System Notice**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a notice to update the Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) for calendar year (CY) 2009. Medicare payments to home health agencies will increase by an estimated additional \$30 million next year as a result of a 2.9 percent increase in the annual market basket calculation of the cost of goods and services included in providing services under the HH PPS. The update also accounts for a 2.75 percent reduction to the HH PPS rates (the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 4-year phased in reduction) to account for the changes in case-mix that are unrelated to patient's health status, and an updated 2009 wage index.

A copy of the notice (CMS-1555-N) is available on the CMS website at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/hha.asp> .