(3) The unblocking of any property blocked pursuant to the VSR;

(4) Any transaction involving a blocked vessel; or

(5) The formation of new joint ventures or other entities in Venezuela to explore, develop, mine, extract, process, refine, or produce minerals, including gold.

(c) Any person that exports, reexports, sells, resells, or supplies goods, technology, software, or services pursuant to this general license must provide a detailed report to *Sanctions_inbox@state.gov* and *ofac_intake@doi.gov* that identifies, for each of these transactions:

(1) The parties involved;

(2) The goods, technology, software, or services involved, including quantities and values;

(3) The dates the transactions occurred; and

(4) Any taxes, fees, or other payments provided to the Government of Venezuela.

(d) Reports described in paragraph (c) are due ten days after the execution of the first of such transactions and every 90 days thereafter while such transactions are ongoing.

(e) Effective June 10, 2026, General License No. 54, dated March 27, 2026, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 54A.

Note to General License No. 54A. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with the requirements of other Federal agencies, including the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security.

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Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: June 10, 2026.

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Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Updates to the Quality Reporting Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2027; Correction

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects technical errors in the final rule that appeared in the July 31, 2026 **Federal Register** titled ''Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Updates to the Quality Reporting Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2027.''

DATES: This correction is effective October 1, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In FR Doc. 2026–15562 of July 31, 2026 (91 FR 48588 through 48654), there were a number of technical errors that are identified and corrected in this correcting document.

II. Summary of Errors

A. Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS)

Payments under the SNF PPS are adjusted for several factors, including a wage index based on data collected for the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS). Under our methodologies as finalized in the FY 2027 Inpatient Prospective Payment System, Long Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (IPPS/LTCH PPS) final rule, we exclude hospitals that have subsequently converted to rural emergency hospitals (REHs) from certain data and calculations used in the IPPS rate setting. Specifically, we stated that we exclude REHs, including hospitals that subsequently became REHs after the period from which the data were taken for purposes of developing the Medicare Severity Diagnosis-Related Group (MS–DRG) relative weights for FY 2027 (91 FR 49672) and from the calculation of the standardized amount (91 FR 50370). In addition, we stated that any hospital that is designated as a REH by 7 days prior to the publication of the preliminary wage index public use file (PUF) is excluded from the calculation of the wage index. We inadvertently treated a current IPPS hospital as a hospital that had converted to REH status, thereby erroneously excluding its data from the MS–DRG relative weight calculation and the wage index (CMS Certification Number 250078). Therefore, we restored the applicable data for this hospital for these and other rate setting calculations, which required the recalculation of the SNF wage index budget neutrality factor, unadjusted SNF PPS Federal per diem rates, and the case-mix adjusted SNF PPS rates, as discussed further in section IV. of this correcting document.

On pages 48594, 48596 through 48597, 48599, 48601, and 48602, a technical error in the calculation of the final FY 2027 SNF PPS wage indexes required us to recalculate the wage index budget neutrality factor for (1) the unadjusted SNF PPS Federal per diem rates provided in Tables 3 and 4; (2) the case-mix adjusted SNF PPS rates provided in Tables 5 and 6; (3) the wage index budget neutrality factor; (4) the computed example total; (5) the PDPM case-mix adjusted rate computation example and wage index adjusted rate computation example in Tables 8 and 9, respectively; and (6) the adjusted rate computation example in Table 10. The numbers in the impact analysis provided on pages 48645 through 48646 in Table 25 are not affected at the displayed level. Further discussions of these errors are found in section IV. of this notice.

B. Summary of Errors and Corrections Posted on the CMS Website for the SNF Wage Index

After the FY 2027 SNF PPS final rule was published, we identified issues in the SNF wage index file. As discussed in the FY 2027 SNF PPS final rule (91 FR 48597 through 48600), in developing the wage index to be applied to SNFs under the SNF PPS, we use the updated, pre-reclassified, hospital inpatient PPS (IPPS) wage data, exclusive of the occupational mix adjustment, omitting the rural floor. For FY 2027, the updated wage data are for hospital cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2022, and before October 1, 2023 (FY 2023 cost report data), as discussed in the final rule entitled ''Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care

Hospitals (IPPS) and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Policy Changes and Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Rates; Requirements for Quality Programs; Other Policy Changes; and Adoption of Updated Versions of Certain Health Information Technology Standards''(91 FR 49570) (hereinafter referred to as the FY 2027 IPPS/LTCH PPS final rule).

C. SNF Quality Reporting Program

On pages 48589, 48640, 48641, 48642, 48643, 48644, 48646, 48647, 48652, we are correcting the calculations for skilled nursing facilities used in the final rule. We inadvertently reflected the MEAN Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) wage and not the MEDIAN BLS wage, which will impact the burden numbers.

III. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

Section 1871(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires the Secretary to provide for notice of a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** and provide a period of not less than 60 days for public comment. In addition, section 1871(e)(1)(B)(i) of the Act mandates a 30-day delay in effective date after issuance or publication of a rule. Section 1871(b)(2)(C) of the Act provides an exception from the notice and 60-day comment period and delay in effective date requirements of the Act under the good cause standard set forth in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). Section 1871(e)(1)(B)(ii) of the Act provides an exception from the delay in effective date requirements of the Act as well. Section 553(b)(B) authorizes an agency to dispense with normal notice and comment rulemaking procedures for good cause if the agency makes a finding that the notice and comment process is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and includes a statement of the finding and the reasons for it in the rule. In addition, section 1871(e)(1)(B)(ii) of the Act allows the agency to avoid the 30-day delay in effective date where the waiver is necessary to comply with statutory requirements or such delay is contrary to the public interest and the agency includes in the rule a statement of the finding and the reasons for it.

We believe that this final rule correction does not constitute a rule that would be subject to the notice and comment or delayed effective date requirements. This document merely corrects technical and typographical errors in the preamble, and tables referenced in the FY 2027 SNF final rule but does not make substantive changes to the policies or payment methodologies that were adopted in the final rule. As a result, the corrections made through this document are intended to resolve inadvertent errors so that the FY 2027 SNF final rule accurately reflects the policies adopted therein.

In addition, even if this were a rule to which the notice and comment procedures and delayed effective date requirements applied, we find that there is good cause to waive such requirements. Undertaking further notice and comment procedures to incorporate the corrections in this document into the final rule or delaying the effective date would be contrary to the public interest because it is in the public's interest for providers to receive appropriate payments in as timely a manner as possible, and to ensure that the FY 2027 SNF PPS final rule accurately reflects our policies. Furthermore, such procedures would be unnecessary, as we are not altering our payment methodologies or policies, but rather, we are simply correctly implementing the methodologies and policies that we previously proposed, requested comment on, and subsequently finalized. This final rule correction is intended solely to ensure that the FY 2027 SNF PPS final rule accurately reflects these payment methodologies and policies. Therefore, we believe we have good cause to waive the notice and comment and effective date requirements.

IV. Correction of Errors

In FR Doc. 2026–15562 of July 31, 2026 (91 FR 48588 through 48654), make the following corrections:

1. On page 48589, top of the page, TABLE 1: ESTIMATED COST AND BENEFITS is corrected to read as follows:

TABLE 1: ESTIMATED COST AND BENEFITS

Updates	Estimated Total Transfers/Costs
FY 2027 SNF PPS payment rate update	The overall economic impact of this final rule is an estimated increase of $882.74 million in aggregate payments to SNFs during FY 2027.
FY 2028 SNF QRP changes due to the removal of two measures	The overall economic impact of this final rule to SNFs is an estimated decrease of $8.2 million annually to SNFs beginning with the FY 2028 SNF QRP.
FY 2031 SNF QRP changes due to the requirement to submit MDS data on each resident receiving covered skilled care regardless of payer	The overall economic impact of this final rule to those SNFs is an estimated increase of $86.0 million annually to SNFs beginning with the FY 2031 SNF QRP.
FY 2027 SNF VBP changes	The overall economic impact of the SNF VBP Program is an estimated reduction of $203.60 million in aggregate payments to SNFs during FY 2027.

2. On page 48594, middle of the page, TABLE 3: FY2027 UNADJUSTED FEDERAL RATE PER DIEM—URBAN is corrected to read:

TABLE 3: FY 2027 UNADJUSTED FEDERAL RATE PER DIEM–URBAN

Rate Component	PT	OT	SLP	Nursing	NTA	Non-Case-Mix
FY 2026 Per Diem Amount	$75.73	$70.49	$28.28	$132.00	$99.59	$118.21
FY 2027 Per Diem Amount*	$77.45	$72.10	$28.92	$135.01	$101.86	$120.90

*Reflects a 2027 SNF market basket update of 2.4 percent and the final wage index budget neutrality factor of 0.9988.

3. On page 48594, middle of the page, TABLE 4: FY2027 UNADJUSTED FEDERAL RATE PER DIEM—RURAL is corrected to read:

TABLE 4: FY 2027 UNADJUSTED FEDERAL RATE PER DIEM–RURAL

Rate Component	PT	OT	SLP	Nursing	NTA	Non-Case-Mix
FY 2026 Per Diem Amount	$86.33	$79.29	$35.63	$126.12	$95.15	$120.40
FY 2027 Per Diem Amount*	$88.30	$81.10	$36.44	$128.99	$97.32	$123.14

*Reflects a 2027 SNF market basket update of 2.4 percent and the final wage index budget neutrality factor of 0.9988.

4. On page 48596, top of page, TABLE 5: PDPM CASE–MIX ADJUSTED FEDERAL RATES AND ASSOCIATED INDEXES—URBAN is corrected to read:

TABLE 5: PDPM CASE-MIX ADJUSTED FEDERAL RATES AND ASSOCIATED INDEXES—URBAN

PDPM Group	PT CMI	PT Rate	OT CMI	OT Rate	SLP CMI	SLP Rate	Nursing CMG	Nursing CMI	Nursing Rate	NTA CMI	NTA Rate
A	1.45	$112.30	1.41	$101.66	0.64	$18.51	ES3	3.84	$518.44	3.06	$311.69
B	1.61	$124.69	1.54	$111.03	1.72	$49.74	ES2	2.90	$391.53	2.39	$243.45
C	1.78	$137.86	1.60	$115.36	2.52	$72.88	ES1	2.77	$373.98	1.74	$177.24
D	1.81	$140.18	1.45	$104.55	1.38	$39.91	HDE2	2.27	$306.47	1.26	$128.34
E	1.34	$103.78	1.33	$95.89	2.21	$63.91	HDE1	1.88	$253.82	0.91	$92.69
F	1.52	$117.72	1.51	$108.87	2.82	$81.55	HBC2	2.12	$286.22	0.68	$69.26
G	1.58	$122.37	1.55	$111.76	1.93	$55.82	HBC1	1.76	$237.62	-	-
H	1.10	$85.20	1.09	$78.59	2.70	$78.08	LDE2	1.97	$265.97	-	-
I	1.07	$82.87	1.12	$80.75	3.34	$96.59	LDE1	1.64	$221.42	-	-
J	1.34	$103.78	1.37	$98.78	2.83	$81.84	LBC2	1.63	$220.07	-	-
K	1.44	$111.53	1.46	$105.27	3.50	$101.22	LBC1	1.35	$182.26	-	-
L	1.03	$79.77	1.05	$75.71	3.98	$115.10	CDE2	1.77	$238.97	-	-
M	1.20	$92.94	1.23	$88.68	-	-	CDE1	1.53	$206.57	-	-
N	1.40	$108.43	1.42	$102.38	-	-	CBC2	1.47	$198.46	-	-
O	1.47	$113.85	1.47	$105.99	-	-	CA2	1.03	$139.06	-	-
P	1.02	$79.00	1.03	$74.26	-	-	CBC1	1.27	$171.46	-	-
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	CA1	0.89	$120.16	-	-
R	-	-	-	-	-	-	BAB2	0.98	$132.31	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-	-	BAB1	0.94	$126.91	-	-
T	-	-	-	-	-	-	PDE2	1.48	$199.81	-	-
U	-	-	-	-	-	-	PDE1	1.39	$187.66	-	-
V	-	-	-	-	-	-	PBC2	1.15	$155.26	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-	-	PA2	0.67	$90.46	-	-
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	PBC1	1.07	$144.46	-	-
Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	PA1	0.62	$83.71	-	-

5. On page 48597, top of the page, TABLE 6: PDPM CASE–MIX ADJUSTED FEDERAL RATES AND ASSOCIATED INDEXES—RURAL is corrected to read:

TABLE 6: PDPM CASE-MIX ADJUSTED FEDERAL RATES AND ASSOCIATED INDEXES—RURAL

PDPM Group	PT CMI	PT Rate	OT CMI	OT Rate	SLP CMI	SLP Rate	Nursing CMG	Nursing CMI	Nursing Rate	NTA CMI	NTA Rate
A	1.45	$128.04	1.41	$114.35	0.64	$23.32	ES3	3.84	$495.32	3.06	$297.80
B	1.61	$142.16	1.54	$124.89	1.72	$62.68	ES2	2.90	$374.07	2.39	$232.59
C	1.78	$157.17	1.60	$129.76	2.52	$91.83	ES1	2.77	$357.30	1.74	$169.34
D	1.81	$159.82	1.45	$117.60	1.38	$50.29	HDE2	2.27	$292.81	1.26	$122.62
E	1.34	$118.32	1.33	$107.86	2.21	$80.53	HDE1	1.88	$242.50	0.91	$88.56
F	1.52	$134.22	1.51	$122.46	2.82	$102.76	HBC2	2.12	$273.46	0.68	$66.18
G	1.58	$139.51	1.55	$125.71	1.93	$70.33	HBC1	1.76	$227.02	-	-
H	1.10	$97.13	1.09	$88.40	2.70	$98.39	LDE2	1.97	$254.11	-	-
I	1.07	$94.48	1.12	$90.83	3.34	$121.71	LDE1	1.64	$211.54	-	-
J	1.34	$118.32	1.37	$111.11	2.83	$103.13	LBC2	1.63	$210.25	-	-
K	1.44	$127.15	1.46	$118.41	3.50	$127.54	LBC1	1.35	$174.14	-	-
L	1.03	$90.95	1.05	$85.16	3.98	$145.03	CDE2	1.77	$228.31	-	-
M	1.20	$105.96	1.23	$99.75	-	-	CDE1	1.53	$197.35	-	-
N	1.40	$123.62	1.42	$115.16	-	-	CBC2	1.47	$189.62	-	-
O	1.47	$129.80	1.47	$119.22	-	-	CA2	1.03	$132.86	-	-
P	1.02	$90.07	1.03	$83.53	-	-	CBC1	1.27	$163.82	-	-
Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	CA1	0.89	$114.80	-	-
R	-	-	-	-	-	-	BAB2	0.98	$126.41	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-	-	BAB1	0.94	$121.25	-	-
T	-	-	-	-	-	-	PDE2	1.48	$190.91	-	-
U	-	-	-	-	-	-	PDE1	1.39	$179.30	-	-
V	-	-	-	-	-	-	PBC2	1.15	$148.34	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-	-	PA2	0.67	$86.42	-	-
X	-	-	-	-	-	-	PBC1	1.07	$138.02	-	-
Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	PA1	0.62	$79.97	-	-

6. On page 48599, third column (below Table 7), first partial paragraph, line 8, the figure ''0.9989'' is corrected to read ''0.9988''.

7. On page 48601,

a. Third column, first partial paragraph, line 2, the figure ''$23,413.26'' is corrected to read ''$23,412.69''.

b. Top of the page, TABLE 8: PDPM CASE–MIX ADJUSTED RATE COMPUTATION EXAMPLE is corrected to read:

TABLE 8: PDPM CASE-MIX ADJUSTED RATE COMPUTATION EXAMPLE

Per Diem Rate Calculation				
Component	**Component Group**	**Component Rate**	**VPD Adjustment Factor**	**VPD Adjusted Rate**
PT	N	$108.43	1.00	$108.43
OT	N	$102.38	1.00	$102.38
SLP	H	$78.08	1.00	$78.08
Nursing	N	$198.46	1.00	$198.46
NTA	C	$177.24	3.00	$531.72
Non-Case-Mix	-	$120.90	-	$120.90
Total PDPM Case-Mix Adjusted Per Diem				$1,139.97

TABLE 9: WAGE INDEX ADJUSTED RATE COMPUTATION EXAMPLE

PDPM Wage Index Adjustment Calculation						
HIPPS Code	**PDPM Case-Mix Adjusted Per Diem**	**Labor Portion**	**Wage Index**	**Wage Index Adjusted Rate**	**Non-Labor Portion**	**Total Case-Mix and Wage Index Adjusted Rate**
NHNC1	$1,139.97	$820.78	0.9344	$766.94	$319.19	$1,086.13

8. On page 48601, middle of the page ''TABLE 9: WAGE INDEX ADJUSTED RATE COMPUTATION EXAMPLE'' is corrected to read:

9. On page 48602, top of the page, TABLE 10: ADJUSTED RATE COMPUTATION EXAMPLE is corrected to read:

TABLE 9: WAGE INDEX ADJUSTED RATE COMPUTATION EXAMPLE

PDPM Wage Index Adjustment Calculation						
HIPPS Code	**PDPM Case-Mix Adjusted Per Diem**	**Labor Portion**	**Wage Index**	**Wage Index Adjusted Rate**	**Non-Labor Portion**	**Total Case-Mix and Wage Index Adjusted Rate**
NHNC1	$1,139.97	$820.78	0.9344	$766.94	$319.19	$1,086.13

TABLE 10: ADJUSTED RATE COMPUTATION EXAMPLE

Day of Stay	NTA VPD Adjustment Factor	PT/OT VPD Adjustment Factor	Case-Mix and Wage Index Adjusted Per Diem Rate
1	3.00	1.00	$1,086.13
2	3.00	1.00	$1,086.13
3	3.00	1.00	$1,086.13
4	1.00	1.00	$748.39
5	1.00	1.00	$748.39
6	1.00	1.00	$748.39
7	1.00	1.00	$748.39
8	1.00	1.00	$748.39
9	1.00	1.00	$748.39
10	1.00	1.00	$748.39
11	1.00	1.00	$748.39
12	1.00	1.00	$748.39
13	1.00	1.00	$748.39
14	1.00	1.00	$748.39
15	1.00	1.00	$748.39
16	1.00	1.00	$748.39
17	1.00	1.00	$748.39
18	1.00	1.00	$748.39
19	1.00	1.00	$748.39
20	1.00	1.00	$748.39
21	1.00	0.98	$744.37
22	1.00	0.98	$744.37
23	1.00	0.98	$744.37
24	1.00	0.98	$744.37
25	1.00	0.98	$744.37
26	1.00	0.98	$744.37
27	1.00	0.98	$744.37
28	1.00	0.96	$740.36
29	1.00	0.96	$740.36
30	1.00	0.96	$740.36
Total Payment			$23,412.69

10. On page 48640,

a. Top of the page, TABLE 18: U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR AND STATISTICS' MAY 2024 NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE ESTIMATES is corrected to read as follows:

TABLE 18: U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR AND STATISTICS' MAY 2024 NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE ESTIMATES

Occupation Title	Occupation Code	Median Hourly Wage ($/hr)	Other Indirect Costs and Fringe Benefit ($/hr)	Adjusted Hourly Wage ($/hr)
Administrative Assistants	43-6013	$21.46	$21.46	$42.92
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurse (LPN/LVN)	29-2061	$29.97	$29.97	$59.94
Occupational Therapy (OT)	29-1122	$47.28	$47.28	$94.56
Physical Therapy (PT)	29-1123	$48.57	$48.57	$97.14
Registered Nurse (RN)	29-1141	$45.00	$45.00	$90.00
Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP)	29-1127	$45.87	$45.87	$91.74

b. Third column, second full paragraph,

(1) Line 8 the figure ''$43.82'' is corrected to read ''$42.92''.

(2) Line 10 the figure ''$525.84'' is corrected to read ''$515.04''.

(3) Line 10 the figure ''$43.82'' is corrected to read ''$42.92''.

(4) Line 11 the figure ''$7,831,860.96'' is corrected to ''$7,671,005.76''.

(5). Line 12 the figure ''$525.84'' is corrected to ''$515.04''.

c. Bottom of page, the table titled ''TABLE 19: ESTIMATED BURDEN REDUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH REMOVAL OF THE HCP COVID–19 VACCINE MEASURE BEGINNING WITH THE FY 2028 SNF QRP'' is corrected to read as follows:

TABLE 19: ESTIMATED BURDEN REDUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH REMOVAL OF THE HCP COVID-19 VACCINE MEASURE BEGINNING WITH THE FY 2028 SNF QRP

Requirement	Per SNF		All SNFs	
	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost
Removal of the HCP COVID-19 Vaccine Measure	-12.00	-$515.04	-178,728.00	−$7,671,005.76

11. On page 48641,

a. Second column, first partial paragraph,

(1) Line 11, the figure ''$78.16'' is corrected to read'' $74.97''.

(2) Line 13, the figure ''$61.68'' is corrected to read ''$59.94''.

(3) Line 14,

(a) The figure ''$94.64'' is corrected to read ''$90.00''.

(b) The figure ''$78.16'' is corrected to read ''$74.97''.

b. Third column, first full paragraph,

(1) Line 6, the figure ''$78.16'' is corrected to read ''$74.97.''

(2) Line 9, the figure ''$580,416'' is corrected to read ''$556,727.22''.

(3) Line 10, the figure ''$78.16'' is corrected to read ''$74.97''.

(4) Line 14,

(a) The figure ''$38.97'' is corrected to read ''$37.38''.

(b) The figure ''$580,416'' is corrected to read ''$556,727.22''.

c. Middle of the page, the table titled ''TABLE 20: ESTIMATED BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH OMB CONTROL NUMBER (CMS–10387) RELATED TO THE SNF QRP BEGINNING WITH THE FY 2028 SNF QRP'' is corrected as follows:

TABLE 20: ESTIMATED BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH OMB CONTROL NUMBER (CMS-10387) RELATED TO THE SNF QRP BEGINNING WITH THE FY 2028 SNF QRP

Requirement	Per SNF		All SNFs	
	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimate d Change in Annual Cost	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost
Removal of the Patient/Resident COVID-19 Vaccine Status Measure (O0350)	-0.50	-$37.38	-7,426	-$556,727.22

d. Third column, third partial paragraph (under table 20), line 2,

(1) The figure ''$8,412,277.12'' is corrected to read ''$8,227,732.98''.

(2) The figure ''$564.81'' is corrected to read ''$552.42''.

e. Bottom of page, the table titled ''TABLE 21: ESTIMATED BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH SNF QRP BEGINNING WITH THE FY 2028 SNF QRP'' is corrected as follows:

TABLE 21: ESTIMATED BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH SNF QRP BEGINNING WITH THE FY 2028 SNF QRP

Requirement	Per SNF		All SNFs	
	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost
Removal of the HCP COVID-19 Vaccine Measure	-12.00	-$515.04	-178,728	-$7,671,005.76
Removal of the Patient/Resident COVID-19 Vaccine Status Measure (O0350)	-0.50	-$37.38	-7,426	-$556,727.22
Total Estimated Change in Burden Beginning with the FY 2028 SNF QRP	-12.50	-$552.42	-186,154	-$8,227,732.98

f. Bottom of page, first column, footnoted paragraph (footnote 46), the link ''*https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_stru.htm*'' is corrected to read ''*https://www.bls.gov/oes/special-requests/oesm24nat.zip.*''

12. On page 48642,

a. Second column, second full paragraph,

(1) Line 15, the figure ''$78.16'' is corrected to read ''$74.97''.

(2) Line 19, the figure ''$61.68'' is corrected to read ''$59.94''.

(3) Line 20,

(a) The figure ''$94.64'' is corrected to read ''$90.00''.

(b) The figure ''$78.16'' is corrected to read ''$74.97''.

b. Third column, first full paragraph,

(1) Line 15, the figure ''$1,238,134.12'' is corrected to read ''$1,187,601.27''.

(2) Line 16,

(a) The figure ''$78.16'' is corrected to read ''$74.97''.

(b) The figure ''$83.13'' is corrected to read ''$79.74''.

(3) Line 17, the figure ''$1,238,134.12'' is corrected to read ''$1,187,601.27''

c. Third column, second full paragraph,

(1) Line 15, the figure ''$1,741,149.22'' is corrected to read ''$1,670,086.45''.

(2) Line 16,

(a) The figure ''$78.16'' is corrected to read ''$74.97''.

(b) The figure ''$116.90'' is corrected to read ''$112.13''.

(3) Line 17, the figure ''$1,741,149.22'' is corrected to read ''$1,670,086.45''.

d. Third column, third full paragraph,

(1) Line 13, the figure ''$2,979,283.34'' is corrected to read ''$2,857,687.72''.

(2) Line 14, the figure ''$1,238,134.12'' is corrected to read ''$1,187,601.27''.

(3) Line 15,

(a) The figure ''$1,741,149.22'' is corrected to read ''$1,670,086.45''.

(b) The figure ''$200.03'' is corrected to read ''$191.87''.

(4) Line 16, the figure ''$83.13'' is corrected to read ''$79.74''.

(5) Line 17, the figure ''$116.90'' is corrected to read ''$112.13''.

13. On page 48643,

a. Top of the page, the table titled ''TABLE 22: ESTIMATED BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH OMB CONTROL NUMBER 0938–1140 (CMS–10387) RELATED TO THE SNF QRP BEGINNING WITH THE FY 2031 SNF QRP'' is corrected to read as follows:

TABLE 22: ESTIMATED BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH OMB CONTROL NUMBER 0938-1140 (CMS-10387) RELATED TO THE SNF QRP BEGINNING WITH THE FY 2031 SNF QRP

Requirement	Per SNF		All SNFs	
	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost
Submission of two new MDS items at admission and three New MDS Items at discharge.	+2.56	+$191.87	+38,117.75	+$2,857,687.72

b. Third column, first partial paragraph,

(1) Line 17, the figure ''$88.28'' is corrected to read ''$86.68''.

(2) Line 18, the figure ''$61.68'' is corrected to read ''$59.94''.

(3) Line 19,

(a) The figure ''$94.46'' is corrected to read ''$94.56''.

(b) The figure ''$98.46'' is corrected to read ''$97.14''.

(4) Line 20, the figure ''$94.64'' is corrected to read ''$90.00''.

(5) Line 21,

(a) The figure ''$92.16'' is corrected to read ''$91.74''.

(b) The figure ''$88.28'' is corrected to read ''$86.68''.

c. Third column, second full paragraph,

(1) Line 3, the figure ''$85,066,753.66'' is corrected to read ''$83,524,991.02''.

(2) Line 4, the figure ''$88.28'' is corrected to read ''$86.68''

(3) Line 6,

(a) The figure ''$5,711.48'' is corrected to read ''$5,607.96''.

(b) The figure ''$85,066,753.66'' is corrected to read ''$83,524,991.02''.

14. On page 48644,

a. Top of the page, the table titled ''TABLE 23: ESTIMATED BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH SUBMISSION OF MDS DATA ON ALL RESIDENTS ADMITTED FOR COVERED SKILLED CARE BEGINNING WITH THE FY 2031 SNF QRP'' is corrected to read as follows:

TABLE 23: ESTIMATED BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH SUBMISSION OF MDS DATA ON ALL RESIDENTS ADMITTED FOR COVERED SKILLED CARE BEGINNING WITH THE FY 2031 SNF QRP

	Per SNF		All SNFs	
Requirement	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost
Submission of MDS Data on All Residents Admitted for Covered Skilled Care	+64.70	+ $5,607.96	+963,601.65	+$83,524,991.02

b. Third column, first partial paragraph under table 23,

(1) Line 2, the figure ''$88,046,037.00'' is corrected to read ''$86,382,678.74''.

(2) Line 3, the figure ''$5,911.51'' is corrected to read ''$5,799.83''.

c. Middle of the page, the table titled ''TABLE 24: ESTIMATED BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH SNF QRP PROPOSALS BEGINNING WITH THE FY 2031 SNF QRP'' is corrected to read as follows:

TABLE 24: ESTIMATED BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH SNF QRP PROPOSALS BEGINNING WITH THE FY 2031 SNF QRP

	Per SNF		All SNFs	
Requirement	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost
Collection of two new MDS items at Admission and three new MDS Items at Discharge	+2.56	+$191.87	+38,117.75	+$2,857,687.72
Submission of MDS Data on All Residents Admitted for Covered Skilled Care	+64.70	+$5,607.96	+963,601.65	+$ 83,524,991.02
Total Estimated Change in Burden Beginning with the FY 2031 SNF QRP	+67.26	+$5,799.83	+1,001,719.40	+$86,382,678.74

15. Page 48646,

a. Second column, first partial paragraph:

(1) Line 4, the figure ''$525.84'' is corrected to read ''$515.04''.

(2) Line 7, the figure ''$7,831,860.96'' is corrected to read ''$7,671,005.76''.

(3) Line 8, the figure ''$525.84'' is corrected to read ''$515.04''.

b. Second column, first full paragraph,

(1) Line 7, the figure ''$38.97'' is corrected to read ''$37.38''.

(2) Line 9, the figure ''$580,416.16'' is corrected to read ''$556,727.22''.

(3) Line 10, the figure ''$78.16'' is corrected to read ''$74.97''.

16. Page 48647,

a. First column, first full paragraph after the heading ''(1) Impacts for Submission of Three New MDS Items Beginning With the FY 2031 SNF QRP'',

(1) Line 5, ''$1,238,134.12'' is corrected to read ''$1,187,601.27''.

(2) Line 6, ''$78.16'' is corrected to read ''$74.97''.

b. Second column, first partial paragraph,

(1) Line 4, ''$83.13'' is corrected to read ''$79.74''.

(2) Line 9, ''$1,741,149.22'' is corrected to read ''$1,670,086.45''.

(3) Line 10, ''$78.16'' is corrected to read ''$74.97''.

(4) Line 13, ''$116.90'' is corrected to read ''$112.13''.

c. Second column, first full paragraph, line 6,

(1) The figure ''$2,979,283.34'' is corrected to read ''$2,857,687.72''.

(2) The figure ''$200.03'' is corrected to read ''$191.87''.

d. Third column, first partial paragraph,

(1) Line 5, ''$85,066,753.66'' is corrected to read ''$83,524,991.02''.

(2) Line 6, ''$88.28'' is corrected to read ''$86.68''.

(3) Line 9, ''$5,711.48'' is corrected to read ''$5,607.96''.

e. Middle of the page, the table titled ''TABLE 26: ESTIMATED IMPACTS FOR THE FY 2028 SNF QRP'' is corrected to read as follows:

TABLE 26: ESTIMATED IMPACTS FOR THE FY 2028 SNF QRP

	Per SNF		All SNFs	
Estimated Impacts for the FY2028 SNF QRP	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost
Estimated Decrease in Burden Associated with Removal of the HCP COVID-19 Vaccine Measure Beginning with the FY 2028 SNF QRP	-12.00	-$515.04	-178,728	-$7,671,005.76
Estimated Decrease in Burden Associated with Removal of the Patient/Resident COVID-19 Vaccine Measure Beginning with the FY 2028 SNF QRP	-0.50	-$37.38	-7,426	-$556,727.22
Total Estimated Decrease in Burden Beginning with the FY 2028 SNF QRP	-12.50	-$552.42	-186,154	-$8,227,732.98

f. Bottom of the page, the table titled ''TABLE 27: ESTIMATED IMPACTS FOR THE FY 2031 SNF QRP'' is corrected to read as follows:

TABLE 27: ESTIMATED IMPACTS FOR THE FY 2031 SNF QRP

Estimated Impacts for the FY2031 SNF QRP	Per SNF		All SNFs	
	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost	Estimated Change in Annual Burden Hours	Estimated Change in Annual Cost
Estimated Change in Burden Associated with Collection and Submission of Two MDS Items at Admission and Discharge and One MDS Item at Discharge Beginning with the FY 2031 SNF QRP	+2.56	+$191.87	+38,117.75	+$2,857,687.72
Estimated Change in Burden Associated with Proposed Collection and Submission of MDS Data on All Residents Admitted for Covered Skilled Care Beginning with the FY 2031 SNF QRP	+64.70	+$5,607.96	+963,601.65	+$83,524,991.02
Total Estimated Change in Burden Beginning with the FY 2031 SNF QRP	+67.26	+$5,799.83	+1,001,719.40	+$86,382,678.74

17. Page 48652, bottom of the page,

a. The table titled ''TABLE 32: ACCOUNTING STATEMENT: CLASSIFICATION OF ESTIMATED SAVINGS FOR THE CHANGES TO THE FY 2028 SNF QRP'' is corrected to read as follows:

TABLE 32: ACCOUNTING STATEMENT: CLASSIFICATION OF ESTIMATED SAVINGS FOR THE CHANGES TO THE FY 2028 SNF QRP

Category	Costs
Estimated Savings to SNFs for Proposed Changes to the FY 2028 QRP	-$8.2 million

b. The table titled ''TABLE 33: ACCOUNTING STATEMENT: CLASSIFICATION OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR THE CHANGES TO THE FY 2031 SNF QRP'' is corrected to read as follows:

TABLE 33: ACCOUNTING STATEMENT: CLASSIFICATION OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR THE CHANGES TO THE FY 2031 SNF QRP

Category	Costs
Estimated Costs to SNFs for Proposed Changes to the FY 2031 QRP	$86.0 million

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Medicare Program; FY 2027 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Program Requirements; Correction

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects technical errors in the final rule that appeared in the August 3, 2026 **Federal Register** titled ''Medicare Program; FY 2027 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Program Requirements''.

DATES: This correction is effective October 1, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding the hospice wage index, contact Chantelle Caldwell, (410) 786–8743. For general questions about hospice payment policy, send your inquiry via email to: *hospicepolicy@cms.hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In FR Doc. 2026–15686 of August 3, 2026 (91 FR 49118), there were a number of technical errors that are identified and corrected in this correcting document. The provisions in this correction document are effective as