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<b>Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 3912</b>	<b>Date: November 9, 2017</b>
	<b>Change Request 10368</b>

**SUBJECT: Off-Cycle Update to the Long Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Pricer**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This Change Request (CR) outlines changes to the FY 2018 LTCH Pricer.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017**

*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 2, 2018**

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

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**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**Recurring Update Notification**

# Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** This Change Request (CR) corrects LTCH PPS wage index values in the LTCH Pricer for Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs) 25980 through 49740. Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) received instruction prior to the release of LTCH claims, to populate the CBSA Special Pay Indicator field and the Special Wage Index value field in the FY 2018 Provider Specific File (PSF) with the correct values. This means that LTCH claims are processing with the correct wage index value and reprocessing claims is not necessary. The attached Recurring Update Notification applies to Chapter 3, Section 20.3.4.

**B. Policy:** The Pricer CBSA table used for the application of the wage index for CBSAs 25980 through 49740 for FY 2018 has been updated with correct values.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.*

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
10368.1	Medicare Contractor shall install and pay claims with the revised FY 2018 LTCH Pricer.					X				
10368.2	Medicare contractors shall ensure that the value of '1' in the CBSA Special Pay Indicator field in the FY 2018 Provider Specific File (PSF) (data element 33) and the wage index values for CBSAs 25980 through 49740 in the Special Wage Index field in the PSF (data element 38) do not carry over to FY19.	X								

## III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
	None					

#### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A**

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A**

#### V. CONTACTS

**Pre-Implementation Contact(s):** Cami DiGiacomo, cami.digiacom@cms.hhs.gov

**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

#### VI. FUNDING

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