

**FY 2023 LTCH PPS Proposed Rule**  
**Alternative Considered Public Use File (PUF) Description**

As discussed in Appendix A of the FY 2023 IPPS/LTCH PPS proposed rule, we are soliciting comments on an alternative approach based on our usual methodologies (without our proposed modifications to account for the anticipated decline in COVID-19 hospitalizations of Medicare beneficiaries at LTCHs in FY 2023 as compared to FY 2021).

Under this alternative approach, we would calculate the relative weights using our usual methodology for FY 2023 by including all COVID-19 claims in the FY 2021 data with no averaging of the relative weights as calculated with and without the COVID-19 cases to determine the proposed FY 2023 relative weight values. We would also use the same data we would ordinarily use for purposes of this FY 2023 rulemaking to compute the charge inflation factors and CCR adjustment factors in determining the FY 2023 outlier fixed-loss amount for LTCH PPS standard Federal payment rate cases.

1. **File Name:** LTCH BN Factors and Other Factors - Alternative Considered.zip  
**Description:** This file presents LTCH PPS adjustment factors, the LTCH PPS standard Federal rate, and the fixed-loss amount for LTCH PPS standard Federal payment rate cases based on our usual methodologies.
2. **File Name:** MS-LTC-DRGs- Alternative Considered.zip  
**Description:** This file presents the MS-LTC-DRGs and their respective relative weights, geometric mean length of stay, and short-stay outlier (SSO) threshold based on our usual methodologies.
3. **File Name:** MS-LTC-DRG Relative Weights Development - Alternative Considered.zip  
**Description:** This file provides information related to intermediate calculations used in determining the alternative considered FY 2023 MS-LTC-DRG relative weights and geometric mean length of stays. This data is based on our usual methodologies.
4. **File Name:** LTCH Impact File - Alternative Considered.zip  
**Description:** This file presents the LTCH impact data based on our usual methodologies. This file contains only the variables where one or more values differ from those in the FY 2023 Proposed Rule LTCH PPS Impact File.