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Subject: Implementation of the 2007-2008 update to the Medicare Wage Index Occupational Mix Survey (Form CMS-10079 (2008))

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Section 304(c) of Public Law 106-554 amended Section 1886(d)(3)(E) of the Act requires the application of the occupational mix adjustment to the wage index beginning October 1, 2004. We are seeking to revise the 2006 survey.

New / Revised Material

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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.

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / Subsection / Title
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

SECTION A: For Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

SECTION B: For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One-Time Notification

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

Attachment – One-Time Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Background:** Section 304 (c) of Public Law 106-554 amended Section 1886(d)(3)(E) of the Act requiring the Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services (CMS) to collect data at least every 3 years on the occupational mix of employees for each short-term, acute care hospital participating in the Medicare program, in order to construct an occupational mix adjustment to the wage index, beginning October 1, 2004.

CMS collects data for the occupational mix adjustment on the Medicare Wage Index Occupational Mix Survey, Form CMS-10079. Data from the 2006 update (CR#3043) were used to calculate the FYs 2007, 2008, and 2009 wage index. In order to comply with the statutory requirement, we are administering a new survey, the 2007-2008 update, to be used in computing the wage index beginning with FY 2010.

On February 2, 2007, CMS published a notice of intent with comment regarding a new occupational mix survey (72 FR 5055). This new survey is the 2007-2008 Medicare Occupational Mix Survey (Form CMS-10079 (2008)). The final notice with comments was published on September 14, 2007 (72 FR 52568). The 2007-2008 survey provides for the collection of hospital-specific wages and hours data for a 1-year prospective reporting period (that is, from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008), additional clarifications to the survey instructions, the elimination of the RN subcategories, some refinements to the definitions for the occupational categories, and the inclusion of additional cost centers that typically provide nursing services. The survey and supporting documentation can be accessed through CMS's web site at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperWorkReductionActof1995>.

The Office of Management and Budget approved the survey on February 1, 2008 (OMB Control Number: 0938-0907).

- B. Policy:** N/A

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Use "Shall" to denote a mandatory requirement

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)
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		A / B	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
5992.1	Contractors shall immediately distribute the 2007-2008 Medicare Wage Index Occupational Mix Survey to the hospitals they service.	X		X							
5992.2	Contractors shall collect the completed survey from the hospitals by September 1, 2008.	X		X							
5992.3	Contractors shall transmit hospitals' survey data to CMS, on the Excel Contractor Data Collection Form, by September 29, 2008.	X		X							

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)										
		A / B	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER	
		M A C	M A C				F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
5992.4	Contractors shall post this entire instruction, or a direct link to this instruction, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the release of this instruction. In addition, the entire instruction must be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement it with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X		X								

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below:

Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
N/A	

Section B: For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space:

V. CONTACTS

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VI. FUNDING

Section A: For *Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Carriers, and Regional Home Health Carriers (RHHs)* use only one of the following statements: No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

Section B: For *Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)*, use the following statement: The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.