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FY 2026 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY (SNF)
PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM FINAL RULE (CMS-1827-F)

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

To comply with statutory requirements, CMS must update Medicare payment policies and rates for SNFs on an annual basis.

CMS-1827-F finalizes changes and updates to the policies and payment rates used under the SNF PPS for fiscal year 2026 and updates requirements for the SNF Quality Reporting Program and the SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program.

A summary of the changes and updates finalized for each of the three programs is available for review at: FY 2026 Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System Final Rule (CMS-1827-F) | CMS

Related References:

- **SNF Wage Index (ZIP):** The SNF wage index file (ZIP) contains the proposed urban and rural Core-Based Statistical Area FY 2026 SNF wage index table.
- **PDPM Case-Mix** - Tables 5 and 6 show the FY 2026 PDPM case-mix adjusted federal rates and associated indexes (ZIP) for urban and rural SNFs.
- **FY 2026 PDPM ICD-10 Mapping** - PDPM ICD-10 code mapping (ZIP) for the purposes of resident classification under the Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) for Medicare Part A SNF stays.

If you have any questions, please contact RCSpolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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