

will correct in section III of this notice. These changes are not retroactive decisions, but simply constitute corrections to typographical errors in the table.

On pages 50264 through 50273, we published table 9. There are errors in several of the entries of the table and we are correcting these errors by identifying entries that should be deleted, added, or revised. These errors were brought to our attention after the publication of the August 1, 2002 final rule. The corrections to hospitals' reclassification status are effective with discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2002. These corrections make table 9 consistent with the hospitals' actual payment designations. Therefore, they are not retroactive decisions, but simply constitute corrections to typographical errors in the table. The corrections to table 9 are specified in section III of this notice.

Appendix A—Regulatory Impact Analysis (pages 50276 through 50288) provides a detailed analysis of the impact of the final rule on hospitals included and excluded from the acute care hospital inpatient prospective payment systems. We note that there are technical and typographical errors in some of the explanatory language and the tables in sections I through VIII of the appendix, pages 50276 through 50285. These technical errors do not affect payment amounts or payment methodology. Therefore, they are not retroactive decisions, but simply constitute corrections to technical and typographical errors in the impact analysis section of the final rule. Because of the number of changes to this section, we are correcting the errors by reprinting the sections with the corrected text and providing the following list of corrections:

- On page 50276, the revisions are as follows:

- Second column, first paragraph, 13th and 14th lines, the phrase “\$0.3 billion increase” will be corrected to read “\$300 million increase”;
- Second column, third full paragraph, 4th and 5th lines, the phrase “and the effects on some may be significant” will be corrected to read “and that the effects on some hospitals may be significant”;
- Second column, fourth full paragraph, 9th through 11th lines, the phrase “mandate any requirements for State, local, or tribal governments” will be corrected to read “result in any unfunded mandates for State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector as defined by section 202”;
- Third column, second full paragraph, 6th through 9th lines, the phrase “to

adequately compensate hospitals for their legitimate costs” will be corrected to read “to compensate hospitals adequately for their legitimate costs”;

- Third column, second full paragraph, 9th line, the phrase “we share national goals” will be corrected to read “we share the national goal”;
- Third column, fourth full paragraph, 14th line, the phrase “proposed rules, we solicited comments and” will be corrected to read “proposed rules, in the May 9, 2002 proposed rule, we solicited comments and”;
- Third column, seventh full paragraph, 4th through 7th lines, the sentence “We did include overall savings estimates attributable to the provision in the preamble discussion.” will be corrected to read “We did consider overall savings estimates attributable to the provision in the preamble discussion. Furthermore, we have not provided such an analysis in the impact tables in this final rule because we have decided not to make revisions to the postacute care transfer policy at this time. As stated elsewhere in the preamble, we will continue to assess whether further expansions or refinements of the transfer policy may be warranted for FY 2004 or subsequent years, and, if so, how to design such refinements and assess their impact.”;

- On page 50277, the revisions are as follows:

- First column, first paragraph, 11th through 12th lines, the phrase “of the beneficiary and make more decisions based on solvency” will be corrected to read “on the needs of the beneficiary and force them to make more decisions based on solvency”;
- First column, first full paragraph, 6th through 9th lines, the phrase “high outlier payments hospitals are receiving in FY 2002 (approximately 7.2 percent of total DRG payments) compared to the FY 2003 estimated 5.1 percent” will be corrected to read “high total of outlier payments hospitals are receiving in FY 2002 (approximately 6.9 percent of total DRG payments) compared to the FY 2003 estimate of 5.1 percent”;
- First column, second full paragraph, 9th line, the phrase “the prospective payment method” will be corrected to read “the prospective payment methodology”;
- First column, the last paragraph, will be corrected to read as specified in section III of this notice.
- Third column, first full paragraph, 7th and 8th lines, the phrase “\$0.3 billion” will be corrected to read “\$300 million”;

—Third column, second full paragraph, 3rd line from the bottom, the phrase “available source overall” will be corrected to read “available data overall”;

- On page 50278 the revisions are as follows:

- First column, second full paragraph, 4th line, the phrase “This allows” will be corrected to read “This methodology allows”;
- First column, third full paragraph, last 3 lines, the phrase “(MDHs) is also equal to the market basket increase of 3.5 percent minus 0.55 percentage points (for an update of 2.95 percent).” will be corrected to read “(MDHs) are also equal to the market basket increase of 3.5 percent minus 0.55 percentage points (for an update of 2.95 percent). We estimate the aggregate impact of this update will be to increase hospital payments by \$500 million.”;
- First column, fourth full paragraph, 2nd line, the phrase “changes in hospitals” will be corrected to read “changes in a hospital’s”;
- First column, fourth full paragraph, last line, the line will be corrected by adding the following sentence “Because the impact of MGCRB reclassifications are budget neutral overall, the only impacts of these changes are on payments to individual hospitals and hospital groups.”
- First column, last paragraph, 3rd line, the figure “7.2” will be corrected to read “6.9”.
- Second column, first paragraph, last line, the line will be corrected by adding the following sentence “We estimate FY 2002 payments will be approximately \$1.5 billion higher than if outlier payments had been 5.1 percent of total DRG payments.”
- Second column, second full paragraph, last line, the line will be corrected by adding the following sentence “We estimate the impact of this reduction will be to decrease aggregate payments by \$1 billion.”
- Second column, seventh full paragraph, last line, the line will be corrected by adding the following sentence “We estimate the higher DSH payments will increase overall Medicare payments to hospitals by \$200 million.”
- On pages 50279 through 50280, Table I—Impact Analysis of Changes for FY 2003, Operating Prospective Payment System, we are correcting the numbering of the columns and some of the figures contained with the table. The corrected table is in section III of this notice.