

TABLE 2.—LONG-TERM CARE HOSPITAL WAGE INDEX FOR RURAL AREAS FOR DISCHARGES OCCURRING FROM JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004—Continued

Nonurban Area	Full Wage Index ¹	1/5th Wage Index ²	2/5th Wage Index ³
Indiana	8755	9751	9502
Iowa	8315	9663	9326
Kansas	7900	9580	9160
Kentucky	8079	9616	9232
Louisiana	7580	9516	9032
Maine	8874	9775	9550
Maryland	8946	9789	9578
Massachusetts	1288	0258	0515
Michigan	9009	9802	9604
Minnesota	9151	9830	9660
Mississippi	7680	9536	9072
Missouri	7881	9576	9152
Montana	8481	9696	9392
Nebraska	8204	9641	9282
Nevada	9577	9915	9831
New Hampshire	9839	9968	9936
New Jersey ⁴
New Mexico	8872	9774	9549
New York	8542	9708	9417
North Carolina	8669	9734	9468
North Dakota	7788	9558	9115
Ohio	8613	9723	9445
Oklahoma	7590	9518	9036
Oregon	0259	0052	0104
Pennsylvania	8462	9692	9385
Puerto Rico	4356	8871	7742
Rhode Island ⁴
South Carolina	8607	9721	9443
South Dakota	7815	9563	9126
Tennessee	7877	9575	9151
Texas	7821	9564	9128
Utah	9312	9862	9725
Vermont	9345	9869	9738
Virginia	8504	9701	9402
Washington	0179	0036	0072
West Virginia	7975	9595	9190
Wisconsin	9162	9832	9665
Wyoming	9007	9801	9603

¹ Pre-reclassification wage index from Federal FY 2003 based on fiscal year 1999 audited acute care hospital inpatient wage data that exclude wages for services provided by teaching physicians, residents, and nonphysician anesthetists under Part B of the Medicare program.

² One-fifth of the full wage index value, applicable for LTCH's cost reporting period beginning on or after October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003 (Federal FY 2203). For example, for a LTCH's cost reporting period begins during Federal in FY 2003 and located in rural Illinois, the 1/5th of the wage index value is computed as $(0.8204 + 4)/5 = 0.9641$. For further details on the 5-year phase-in of the wage index, see section VI.C.1. of this final rule.

³ Two-fifths of the full wage index value, applicable for LTCH's cost reporting period beginning on or after October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003 (Federal FY 2004). For example, for a LTCH's cost reporting period begins during Federal in FY 2004 and located in rural Illinois, the 2/5th of the wage index value is computed as $((2 \times 0.8204) + 3)/5 = 0.9282$. For further details on the 5-year phase-in of the wage index, see section VI.C.1. of this final rule.

⁴ All counties within the State are classified as urban.

TABLE 3.—LTC—DRG RELATIVE WEIGHTS, GEOMETRIC MEAN LENGTH OF STAY, AND SHORT-STAYS OF FIVE-SIXTHS AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

LTC—DRG	Description	Relative Weight	Geo-metric Mean Length of Stay	Short-Stays of 5/6th Average Length of Stay
1	CRANIOTOMY AGE >17 W CC ⁵	1.8783	46.3	38.5
2	CRANIOTOMY AGE > 17 W/O CC ⁵	1.8783	46.3	38.5
3	CRANIOTOMY AGE 0-17 *	1.8783	46.3	38.5
4	SPINAL PROCEDURES ⁴	1.2493	31.3	26.0
5	EXTRACRANIAL VASCULAR PROCEDURES ⁴	1.2493	31.3	26.0
6	CARPAL TUNNEL RELEASE *	0.4055	16.8	14.0
7	PERIPH & CRANIAL NERVE & OTHER NERV SYST PROC W CC	1.7829	43.8	36.5
8	PERIPH & CRANIAL NERVE & OTHER NERV SYST PROC W/O CC ⁴	1.2493	31.3	26.0
9	SPINAL DISORDERS & INJURIES	1.4118	34.6	28.8
10	NERVOUS SYSTEM NEOPLASMS W CC ⁷	0.8537	24.5	20.4
11	NERVOUS SYSTEM NEOPLASMS W/O CC ⁷	0.8537	24.5	20.4