

vary by specific types of providers and by location.

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Table 11

Projected Impact of FY 2004 Update to the SNF PPS

	Number of facilities	Wage Index Change	Total FY 2004 change
Total	13,944	0.0%	6.4%
Urban	9,485	-0.1%	6.3%
Rural	4,459	0.5%	6.9%
Hospital based urban	1,049	-0.1%	6.3%
Freestanding urban	7,885	-0.1%	6.3%
Hospital based rural	660	0.5%	6.9%
Freestanding rural	3,500	0.5%	6.9%
Urban by region			
New England	911	0.1%	6.5%
Middle Atlantic	1,469	-0.7%	5.6%
South Atlantic	1,522	0.2%	6.6%
East North Central	1,823	-0.5%	5.8%
East South Central	410	0.4%	6.8%
West North Central	662	0.4%	6.8%
West South Central	847	0.2%	6.6%
Mountain	413	0.8%	7.2%
Pacific	1,422	0.1%	6.5%
Rural by region			
New England	129	-0.2%	6.1%
Middle Atlantic	238	-0.4%	5.9%
South Atlantic	627	0.3%	6.7%
East North Central	845	0.9%	7.3%
East South Central	479	-0.2%	6.1%
West North Central	1,045	1.7%	8.2%
West South Central	605	-0.1%	6.3%
Mountain	303	1.3%	7.7%
Pacific	188	0.4%	6.8%
Ownership			
Government	701	0.0%	6.4%
Proprietary	8,839	0.0%	6.4%
Voluntary	3,514	-0.1%	6.3%

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C. Alternatives Considered

Section 1888(e) of the Act establishes the SNF PPS for the payment of

Medicare SNF services for cost reporting periods beginning on or after July 1, 1998. This section of the statute