

PART 300—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 300 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1321(c)(2); 42 U.S.C. 9601–9657; E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; E.O. 12580, 52 FR 2923, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193.

■ 2. Table 1 of Appendix B to part 300 is amended by adding the following sites in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Appendix B to Part 300—National Priorities List

TABLE 1.—GENERAL SUPERFUND SECTION

State	Site name	City/county	Notes ^(a)
CA.....	AMCO Chemical.....	Oakland.	*
CO.....	Captain Jack Mill.....	Ward.	*
IL.....	Matthiessen and Hegeler Zinc Company.	LaSalle.	*
MO.....	Madison County Mines.....	Fredericktown.	*
MO.....	Newton County Mine Tailings	Newton County.	*
NC.....	Ram Leather Care.....	Charlotte.	*
NH.....	Troy Mills Landfill.....	Troy.	*
NJ.....	Rolling Knolls Landfill	Chatham Township.	*
OH.....	Lammers Barrel.....	Beavercreek.	*
OR.....	Harbor Oil.....	Portland.	*
TX.....	Conroe Creosoting Company.....	Conroe.	*
TX.....	Jones Road Ground Water Plume	Harris County.	*

(a) A = Based on issuance of health advisory by Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (if scored, HRS score need not be ≤28.50).
 C = Sites on Construction Completion list.
 S = State top priority (included among the 100 top priority sites regardless of score).
 P = Sites with partial deletion(s).

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Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Correction

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Correction of final rule.

SUMMARY: This document corrects technical errors that appeared in the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on August 4, 2003, entitled

“Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities.”

EFFECTIVE DATE: This correction is effective October 1, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In FR Doc. 03–19677 of August 4, 2003 (68 FR 46036), there were a number of technical errors that are identified and corrected in the “Correction of Errors” section below. The provisions in this correction document are effective as if they had been included in the document published August 4, 2003. Accordingly, the corrections are effective October 1, 2003.

In previous years, we have issued correction notices with respect to payment rates under the prospective payment system (PPS) for skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), reflecting minor adjustments to the hospital wage index relating to specific Metropolitan

Statistical Areas (MSAs). For example, for fiscal year (FY) 2003, we issued a correction notice (December 27, 2002, 67 FR 79123) to update two MSA wage indexes. We did not recalculate the SNF budget neutrality factor as a result of these minor revisions.

However, it was recently determined that computational errors in the hospital wage index calculation process for FY 2004 were of sufficient magnitude to affect all of the published PPS payment rates for inpatient hospital services. A description of those computational errors will be included in a notice specific to the hospital inpatient PPS. As we explained in the August 4, 2003 final rule, the SNF wage index values reflect the wage data used in the FY 2004 inpatient hospital PPS rates, and therefore, we believe it would be appropriate to incorporate corrections to the inpatient hospital wage index. The scope of the resulting corrections to the hospital wage index will, in turn, necessitate revising the budget neutrality factor for the SNF PPS for FY 2004 as well. We note that correcting these computational errors is a purely