

TABLE C - IMPACT OF HOSPICE WAGE INDEX CHANGE

	Number of Hospices (1)	Number of Routine Home Care Days in Thousands (2)	Payments using FY 2003 Wage Index in Thousands (3)	Estimated Payments using FY 2004 Wage Index in Thousands (4)	Percent Change in Hospice Payments (5)
(BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION):					
ALL HOSPICES	2,154	28,090	3,775,993	3,800,264	0.6
URBAN HOSPICES	1,314	23,590	3,280,633	3,300,620	0.6
RURAL HOSPICES	840	4,500	495,360	499,645	0.9
BY REGION - URBAN:					
NEW ENGLAND	87	747	119,620	119,109	-0.4
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	163	2,576	380,516	376,322	-1.1
SOUTH ATLANTIC	183	5,155	777,378	777,871	0.1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	225	3,875	529,378	533,941	0.9
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	96	1,686	204,225	204,519	0.1
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	96	1,440	176,145	176,441	0.2
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	179	3,327	419,312	427,056	1.8
MOUNTAIN	88	1,612	234,455	236,124	0.7
PACIFIC	170	2,905	418,030	427,760	2.3
PUERTO RICO	27	267	21,575	21,477	-0.5
BY REGION - RURAL:					
NEW ENGLAND	27	84	10,337	10,357	0.2
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	34	196	23,147	22,980	-0.7
SOUTH ATLANTIC	128	940	104,853	105,942	1.0
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	133	677	75,843	75,908	0.1
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	86	780	81,929	82,694	0.9
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	178	492	54,986	55,445	0.8
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	103	714	71,014	72,875	2.6
MOUNTAIN	91	299	34,523	34,606	0.2
PACIFIC	56	290	36,483	36,706	0.6
PUERTO RICO	4	28	2,246	2,132	-5.1
ROUTINE HOME CARE DAYS:					
0-1,754 DAYS	334	301	36,887	37,350	1.3
1,754 - 4,373 DAYS	436	1,309	151,924	153,921	1.3
4,373 - 9,681 DAYS	534	3,621	436,072	441,791	1.3
9,681 + DAYS	849	22,493	3,105,116	3,120,788	0.5
TYPE OF OWNERSHIP:					
VOLUNTARY	1,301	17,331	2,344,877	2,349,041	0.2
PROPRIETARY	638	9,988	1,337,387	1,355,906	1.4
GOVERNMENT	182	662	80,489	82,036	1.9
OTHER	33	108	13,241	13,281	0.3
HOSPICE BASE:					
FREESTANDING	970	17,850	2,419,663	2,435,738	0.7
HOME HEALTH AGENCY	627	5,960	802,388	810,231	1.0
HOSPITAL	542	4,144	532,409	532,792	0.1
SKILLED NURSING FACILITY	15	136	21,533	21,503	-0.1