















**Quarterly Index Levels in the CMS Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospital 2002 Input Price Index using Global Insight Inc. Forecast Assumptions, by Expense Category: 1990-2018**

Expense Category	Price/Wage Variable	Base Year Weights 2002	Forecast 2018Q1	Forecast 2018Q2	Forecast 2018Q3	Forecast 2018Q4
<b>Index Levels:</b>						
Total - PPS02		100.000	1.702	1.714	1.729	1.740
Compensation		59.993	1.772	1.785	1.804	1.819
Wages	ECI- Hospital Workers (Civilian)	48.171	-	-	-	-
Benefits	ECI- Hospital Workers (Civilian)	11.822	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees						
Professional Fees	ECI- Compensation Prof. and Tech. (Private)	5.510	-	-	-	-
Utilities		1.251	1.741	1.757	1.815	1.774
Electricity	WPI - Commercial Electric Power	0.669	-	-	-	-
Fuel, Oil, Coal, etc	WPI - Commercial Natural Gas	0.206	-	-	-	-
Water & Sewerage	CPI - Water & Sewage	0.376	-	-	-	-
Prof. Liability Insurance						
Malpractice	CMS - Prof. Liab. Prem.	1.589	2.127	2.150	2.174	2.189
All Other		31.657	1.547	1.555	1.562	1.566
All Other Products		20.336	1.577	1.584	1.590	1.593
Drugs	WPI - Prescription Drugs	5.855	-	-	-	-
Food-direct purchase	WPI - Processed Foods	1.664	-	-	-	-
Food-away from home	CPI - Food Away Fr. Home	1.180	-	-	-	-
Chemicals	WPI - Industrial Chem.	2.096	-	-	-	-
Medical Instruments	WPI - Med. Inst. & Equip.	1.932	-	-	-	-
Photo Supplies	WPI - Photo Supplies	0.183	-	-	-	-
Rubber & Plastics	WPI - Rub. & Plast. Prod.	2.004	-	-	-	-
Paper Products	WPI - Convert. Paper And Paperboard	1.905	-	-	-	-
Apparel	WPI - Apparel	0.394	-	-	-	-
Machinery & Equipment	WPI - Mach. & Equipment	0.565	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Products	WPI - Finished Goods Less Food and Energy	2.558	-	-	-	-
All Other Services		11.321	1.492	1.503	1.512	1.518
Telephone	CPI - Telephone Services	0.458	-	-	-	-
Postage	CPI - Postage	1.300	-	-	-	-
All Other: Labor Intensive	ECI - Service Occupations (Private)	4.228	-	-	-	-
All Other: Non Labor Intensive	CPI - All Items (Urban)	5.335	-	-	-	-

**4 Quarter Moving Average Percent Changes in the CMS Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Hospital 2002 Input Price Index using Global Insight Inc. Forecast Assumptions, by Expense Category: 1990-2018**

Expense Category	Price/Wage Variable	Base Year Weights 2002	Forecast 2018Q1	Forecast 2018Q2	Forecast 2018Q3	Forecast 2018Q4
<b>Percent Changes</b>						
Total - PPS02		100.000	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1
Compensation		59.993	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6
Wages	ECI- Hospital Workers (Civilian)	48.171	-	-	-	-
Benefits	ECI- Hospital Workers (Civilian)	11.822	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees						
Professional Fees	ECI- Compensation Prof. and Tech. (Private)	5.510	-	-	-	-
Utilities		1.251	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9
Electricity	WPI - Commercial Electric Power	0.669	-	-	-	-
Fuel, Oil, Coal, etc	WPI - Commercial Natural Gas	0.206	-	-	-	-
Water & Sewerage	CPI - Water & Sewage	0.376	-	-	-	-
Prof. Liability Insurance						
Malpractice	CMS - Prof. Liab. Prem.	1.589	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.2
All Other		31.657	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
All Other Products		20.336	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7
Drugs	WPI - Prescription Drugs	5.855	-	-	-	-
Food-direct purchase	WPI - Processed Foods	1.664	-	-	-	-
Food-away from home	CPI - Food Away Fr. Home	1.180	-	-	-	-
Chemicals	WPI - Industrial Chem.	2.096	-	-	-	-
Medical Instruments	WPI - Med. Inst. & Equip.	1.932	-	-	-	-
Photo Supplies	WPI - Photo Supplies	0.183	-	-	-	-
Rubber & Plastics	WPI - Rub. & Plast. Prod.	2.004	-	-	-	-
Paper Products	WPI - Convert. Paper And Paperboard	1.905	-	-	-	-
Apparel	WPI - Apparel	0.394	-	-	-	-
Machinery & Equipment	WPI - Mach. & Equipment	0.565	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Products	WPI - Finished Goods Less Food and Energy	2.558	-	-	-	-
All Other Services		11.321	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Telephone	CPI - Telephone Services	0.458	-	-	-	-
Postage	CPI - Postage	1.300	-	-	-	-
All Other: Labor Intensive	ECI - Service Occupations (Private)	4.228	-	-	-	-
All Other: Non Labor Intensive	CPI - All Items (Urban)	5.335	-	-	-	-

SOURCE: GLOBAL INSIGHT, INC, 2nd Qtr, 2008; @USMACRO/CONTROL0508@CISSIM/TL0508.SIM Historical Data through 1st Qtr, 2008

market basket effective October 1, 2005