

**Wage Index Factors for Episodic Payment System  
Certified Home Health Agencies**

**Effective October 1, 2015**

**NOTE: Wage Index Factors will be applied to 77% of calculated reimbursement amount.**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Wage Index Factor</b>	<b>Counties</b>	<b>Single Adjustment Factor *</b>
Capital	0.869539	Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, Washington	0.89955
Central New York	0.990693	Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego	0.99283
Finger Lakes	1.056595	Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates	1.04358
Hudson Valley	1.067407	Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester	1.05190
Long Island	1.124795	Nassau, Suffolk	1.09609
Mohawk Valley	0.945668	Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, Schoharie	0.95816
New York City	0.992441	Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond	0.99418
North Country	0.950988	Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence	0.96226
Southern Tier	0.942684	Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins	0.95587
Western New York	0.929943	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara	0.94606

Regional wage factors are based on the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, as reported by the New York State Department of Labor as of May 1, 2015. Wage factors for the five occupational groups applicable to Certified Home Health Agencies are weighted according to Medicaid utilization reported in the CHHA certified cost reports for 2013 and are adjusted to achieve revenue neutrality.

**\* The eMedNY payment system applies a "Single Adjustment Factor" (SAF) to all CHHA episodic payments. The SAF is derived from the Wage Index Factor and is applied to 100% of the total reimbursement amount.**