

upon the 2010 Decennial Census data) beginning in FY 2015. Our analysis shows that a total of 37 counties (and county equivalents) and 12 hospitals

that were once considered part of an urban CBSA would be considered to be located in a rural area, beginning in FY 2015, under these new OMB

delineations. The following chart lists the 37 urban counties that would be rural if we finalize our proposal to implement the new OMB delineations.

COUNTIES THAT WOULD LOSE URBAN STATUS

County	State	Previous CBSA number	CBSA
Greene County	IN	14020	Bloomington, IN.
Anson County	NC	16740	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC.
Franklin County	IN	17140	Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN.
Stewart County	TN	17300	Clarksville, TN-KY.
Howard County	MO	17860	Columbia, MO.
Delta County	TX	19124	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX.
Pittsylvania County	VA	19260	Danville, VA.
Danville City	VA	19260	Danville, VA.
Preble County	OH	19380	Dayton, OH.
Gibson County	IN	21780	Evansville, IN-KY.
Webster County	KY	21780	Evansville, IN-KY.
Franklin County	AR	22900	Fort Smith, AR-OK.
Ionia County	MI	24340	Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI.
Newaygo County	MI	24340	Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI.
Greene County	NC	24780	Greenville, NC.
Stone County	MS	25060	Gulfport-Biloxi, MS.
Morgan County	WV	25180	Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV.
San Jacinto County	TX	26420	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX.
Franklin County	KS	28140	Kansas City, MO-KS.
Tipton County	IN	29020	Kokomo, IN.
Nelson County	KY	31140	Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN.
Geary County	KS	31740	Manhattan, KS.
Washington County	OH	37620	Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna, WV-OH.
Pleasants County	WV	37620	Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna, WV-OH.
George County	MS	37700	Pascagoula, MS.
Power County	ID	38540	Pocatello, ID.
Cumberland County	VA	40060	Richmond, VA.
King and Queen County	VA	40060	Richmond, VA.
Louisa County	VA	40060	Richmond, VA.
Washington County	MO	41180	St. Louis, MO-IL.
Summit County	UT	41620	Salt Lake City, UT.
Erie County	OH	41780	Sandusky, OH.
Franklin County	MA	44140	Springfield, MA.
Ottawa County	OH	45780	Toledo, OH.
Greene County	AL	46220	Tuscaloosa, AL.
Calhoun County	TX	47020	Victoria, TX.
Surry County	VA	47260	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC.

We are proposing that the wage data for all hospitals located in the counties listed above would now be considered rural when calculating their respective State's rural wage index. We recognize that rural areas typically have lower area wage index values than urban areas, and hospitals located in these counties may experience a negative impact in their IPPS payment due to the proposed adoption of the new OMB delineations. We refer readers to section

III.B.2.e. of the preamble of this proposed rule for a discussion of the proposed wage index transition period, in particular, the discussion regarding the 3-year transition for hospitals located in these specific counties.

c. Rural Counties That Would Become Urban Under the New OMB Delineations

As previously discussed, we are proposing to implement the new OMB

labor market area delineations (based upon the 2010 Decennial Census data) beginning in FY 2015. Analysis of these OMB labor market area delineations shows that a total of 105 counties (and county equivalents) and 81 hospitals that were located in rural areas would be located in urban areas under the new OMB delineations. The following chart lists the 105 rural counties that would be urban if we finalize our proposal to implement the new OMB delineations.

COUNTIES THAT WOULD GAIN URBAN STATUS

County	State	New CBSA number	CBSA.
Utuaodo Municipio	PR	10380	Aguadilla-Isabela, PR.
Linn County	OR	10540	Albany, OR.
Oldham County	TX	11100	Amarillo, TX.
Morgan County	GA	12060	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA.
Lincoln County	GA	12260	Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC.