

**To: All Hospitals**  
**From: CareFirst of Maryland, Inc. – Medicare Part A**  
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**Subject: Provider Reimbursement Manual, Section 2231 – Regional Medicare Swing-Bed Rates**

Transmittal 425 of the Provider Reimbursement Manual adds Table 15 to update the Medicare payment rates for routine SNF-type services by swing-bed hospitals during calendar year 2004. These rates should be used to carve out swing-bed costs on the hospital cost report. Effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 2004.

TABLE 15

Medicare Swing-Bed Rates – For Services Furnished During CALENDAR Year 2004

<u>Region</u>	<u>Routine Payment</u>
1	182.11
2	169.07
3	156.63
4	153.97
5	136.57
6	145.42
7	133.58
8	159.48
9	173.00