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February 12, 2011 Deadline to Protest FY 2011 Wage Index Data

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A hospital that wishes to challenge its FY 2011 Medicare wage index as published in the August 16, 2010 Federal Register, must file an appeal at the Provider Reimbursement Review Board (PRRB) by February 12, 2011. The current PRRB Rules and Model Forms necessary to file an appeal can be found at www.cms.gov/PRRBReview/02_PRRB_Instructions.asp#TopOfPage. Even if your hospital does not object to your own wage data that was used to compute your area's wage index, you should strongly consider joining any other hospital in your wage index area that is appealing regarding corrections to its own wage data, in order to gain the benefit of a higher wage index, should the other hospital be successful in its appeal.