

ECHO HOME HEALTH CARE (EHHC) BENEFIT

The following example illustrates the process of calculating the maximum fiscal year benefit for ECHO Home Health Care (EHHC) as described in [Chapter 9, Section 15.1, paragraph VI.H.](#)

This example is based on the Fiscal Year 2008 rates for the Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for Fiscal Year 2008; **Final Rule** published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2007 (71 FR 43412).

STEP	DESCRIPTION	URBAN ¹	RURAL ²
1	Tables 6 and 7 Highest RUG-III Category	RUX	RUX
2	Tables 6 and 7 Labor Component of RUX	422.24	441.19
3	Tables 8 and 9 Wage Index	1.6122	1.1644
4	Adjusted Labor Component (Step 2 x Step 3)	680.71	513.72
5	Tables 6 and 7 Non-Labor Component	179.66	187.71
6	Total RUX Daily Rate (Step 4 + Step 5)	860.40	701.43
7	Total Fiscal Year EHHC Benefit (Step 6 x 365) ³	314,906.40	256,723.38
¹ Beneficiary resides in Santa Cruz, CA. ² Beneficiary resides in rural Massachusetts. ³ 366 in Leap Year.			

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