

ECHO Home Health Care (EHC) Benefit

The following example illustrates the process of calculating the maximum fiscal year benefit for Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) Home Health Care (EHC) as described in [Section 15.1, paragraph 6.8](#).

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 (FY) 2008; Final Rule published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2007 (72 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	442.24	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 EHC 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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