

REQUEST FOR AN ALTERNATIVE STANDARDIZED COST OF LIVING INDEX

If an MHP determines that the IHS Global Inc. CMS Market Basket Index does not adequately capture a hospital's increased costs from the audited CMS 2552 to the rate year, it may propose an alternative cost of living index to DHCS for evaluation. To request and use an alternative standardized cost of living index, please submit this form to SDMCRates@dhcs.ca.gov. Please include Alternative Cost of Living Index in the subject line of the e-mail. If DHCS agrees with the proposed index, DHCS will engage CMS to request approval to use the proposed index. If CMS approves an alternative standardized cost of living index for one or all hospitals located in the county, the MHP must continue to use that cost-of-living index and may not change to another cost-of-living index in subsequent years.

Cost of Living Index:	
Justification:	