

4142. WORKSHEET H-1, PART I - COST ALLOCATION HHA GENERAL SERVICE  
COST AND WORKSHEET H-1, PART II - COST ALLOCATION - HHA -  
STATISTICAL BASIS

Worksheet H-1, Part I, provides for the allocation of the expenses of each HHA general service cost center to those cost centers which receive the services. The cost centers serviced by the general service cost centers include all cost centers within the home health agency, i.e., other general service cost centers, reimbursable cost centers, and nonreimbursable cost centers. Obtain the total direct expenses from Worksheet H, column 10. To facilitate transferring amounts from Worksheet H to Worksheet H-1, Part I, the same cost centers with corresponding line numbers (lines 1 through 25) are listed on both worksheets.

Worksheet H-1, Part II, provides for the proration of the statistical data needed to equitably allocate the expenses of the home health agency general service cost centers on Worksheet H-1, Part I. If there is a difference between the total accumulated costs reported on the Part II statistics and the total accumulated costs calculated on Part I, use the reconciliation column on Part II for reporting any adjustments. See §4120 for the appropriate usage of the reconciliation columns. For componentized A&G cost centers, the accumulated cost center line number must match the reconciliation column number.

To facilitate the allocation process, the general format of Parts I and II are identical. The column and line numbers for each general service cost center are identical on both parts. In addition, the line numbers for each general, reimbursable, and nonreimbursable cost centers are identical on the two parts of the worksheet. The cost centers and line numbers are also consistent with Worksheet H.

The statistical bases shown at the top of each column on Worksheet H-1, Part II, are the recommended bases of allocation of the cost centers indicated. If a different basis of allocation is used, the provider must indicate the basis of allocation actually used at the top of the column.

Most cost centers are allocated on different statistical bases. However, for those cost centers where the basis is the same (e.g., square feet), the total statistical base over which the costs are to be allocated will differ because of the prior elimination of cost centers that have been closed.

When closing the general service cost center, first close those cost centers that render the most services to and receive the least services from other cost centers. The cost centers are listed in this sequence from left to right on the worksheet. However, the circumstances of an agency may be such that a more accurate result is obtained by allocating to certain cost centers in a sequence different from that followed on these worksheets.

**NOTE:** A change in order of allocation and/or allocation statistics is appropriate for the current cost reporting period if received by the contractor, in writing, within 90 days prior to the end of the cost reporting period. The contractor has 60 days to make a decision or the change is automatically accepted. The change must be shown to more accurately allocate the overhead cost, or if the change is as accurate, should be changed due to simplification of maintaining the statistics. The provider must include with the request all supporting documentation and a thorough explanation of why the alternative approach should be used. If a change in statistics is requested, the provider must maintain both sets of statistics until an approval is made. If the request is denied, the provider must use the previously approved methodology. (See CMS Pub. 15-1, §2313)