

New EMA Rate - Effective March 27, 2021 (Pay Period 08-2021)

On March 10, 2021, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released the February 2021 Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which established the Private Transportation Index at 208.129, an increase from the November 2020 Index of 199.796. Therefore, based on the February 2021 CPI-W release, the Equipment Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for rural carriers will **increase** 3.0¢ to 73.0¢ per mile.

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The full EMA schedules will be posted on the [Rural Carrier EMA Rate Schedule](#) page and in a future issue of the [National Rural Letter Carrier](#) magazine when available.

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