

New EMA Rate - Effective July 3, 2021 (Pay Period 15-2021)

On June 10, 2021, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released the May 2021 Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which established the Private Transportation Index at 229.942, an increase from the February 2021 Index of 208.129. Therefore, based on the May 2021 CPI-W release, the Equipment Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for rural carriers will **increase** 7.5¢ to 80.5¢ per mile.

This EMA rate will be effective July 3, 2021 (Pay Period 15-2021).

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.