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SECTION 1: Section 75-02-07.1-21 is amended as follows:

75-02-07.1-21. Adjustment factor for direct care, indirect care, and food and plant costs.

1. The adjustment factor <u>willmust</u> be applied to adjust historical costs. The adjustment factor <u>willmust</u> be used to adjust direct care, indirect care, and food and plant costs, exclusive of bad debt expense.

- 2. Historical costs must be adjusted to December thirty-first of a report year using:
 - a. The increase, if any, in the consumer price index, urban wage earners and clerical workers, United States city average, all items, over the period ending December thirty-first of the report year, and beginning at the end of the month within which the report period ends.
 - b. The increase, if any, identified in subdivision a must be applied prior to any application of the adjustment factor.

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