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Division of Medicaid & Children's Health, Region VI

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Our Reference: SPA-LA-09-48

Mr. Don Gregory, Interim State Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Hospitals
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Dear Mr. Gregory:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 09-48. This state plan amendment adds a supplemental payment to qualifying non-rural, non-state acute care hospitals designated as major teaching hospitals.

In the future, when the State submits a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that may impact Indians or Indian health providers, CMS will look for evidence of the State's tribal consultation process for that SPA. Pursuant to section 1902 (a) (73) of the Act added by section 5006 (e) of the Recovery and Reconstruction Act of 2009, the State must submit evidence to CMS regarding the solicitation of advice prior to submission of the SPA. This consultation must include all federally recognized tribes, Indian Health Service and Urban Indian Organizations within the state.

Transmittal Number 09-48 is approved with an effective date of October 1, 2009 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 09-48 dated December 21, 2009 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278.

Sincerely,



Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

Marks, Marsha L. (CMS/SC)

From: Marks, Marsha L. (CMS/SC)
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 10:52 AM
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Cc: Rupley, Cheryl A. (CMS/SC); Sampson, Tamara L. (CMS/CMCHO); Carter, Demetria (CMS/SC)
Subject: Approval SPA for LA 09-48

See Attached.

State: Louisiana

Brief Description: This SPA Amendment adds a supplemental payment to qualifying non-rural, non-state acute hospitals designated as major teaching hospitals. The State demonstrated that payment does not exceed the outpatient hospital services upper payment limit, and non-federal share of payment will be funded through appropriations made to the Medicaid agency and acceptable responses to funding questions was provided.

Approval Date: 18 March, 2010

Effective Date: 1 October, 2009

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PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES LISTED IN SECTION 1905(A) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN AS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Supplemental Payments for Major Teaching Hospitals

i. Qualifying Criteria

In order to qualify for the supplemental payment, a non-rural, non-state acute care hospital must:

1. be designated as a major teaching hospital by the department in state fiscal year 2009;
2. have provided at least 25,000 Medicaid acute care paid days for state fiscal year 2008 dates of service;
3. have provided at least 4,000 Medicaid distinct part psychiatric unit paid days for the state fiscal year 2008 dates of service; and
4. provided at least 20,000 Medicaid outpatient paid visits for state fiscal year 2008 dates of service.

ii. Reimbursement Methodology

Effective for the dates of service on or after October 1, 2009, a quarterly supplemental payment shall be issued to qualifying non-rural, non-state acute care hospitals for outpatient services rendered during the quarter. These payments shall be used to facilitate the development of public-private partnerships to preserve access to medically necessary services for Medicaid enrollees. Aggregate payments to qualifying hospitals shall not exceed the maximum allowable cap for the state fiscal year.

Payments shall be distributed quarterly based on Medicaid paid claims data from service dates in state fiscal year 2009.

Payments are applicable to Medicaid service dates provided during each quarter and shall be discontinued for the remainder of the state fiscal year in the event that the maximum allowable payment caps of \$25,185,636 for SFY 2010 and \$29,886,955 for SFY 2011 is reached or by June 30, 2011, whichever occurs first.

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