

ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN BURN CENTERS

The Department will make disproportionate share payments to certain qualifying Medical Assistance (MA) enrolled acute care general hospital burn centers, hereafter burn centers, to assure readily available and coordinated burn care of the highest quality to the MA population.

To qualify for these disproportionate share payments, the burn center must meet one of the following criteria:

- (1) Is recognized by the American Burn Association and participates in the American Burn Association's, "Burn Center Verification Program" effective July 2006.
- (2) Is certified and accredited as a Level I or Level II Trauma Center by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation and has a minimum of 70 annual patient admission in calendar year 2005, of individuals requiring burn care.

For Fiscal Year 2009-2010, the fiscal impact as a result of this additional class of disproportionate share payments is \$10.248 million (\$4.630 million in State General Funds and an anticipated \$5.616 million in Federal Funds upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service). Payments to qualified burn centers will be allocated according to the following:

- (1) 50% of the total amount available for qualifying burn centers will be allocated equally among qualified burn centers.
- (2) 50% of the total amount available for qualified burn centers will be allocated on the basis of each qualified burn center's percentage of MA and uninsured burn cases and patient days compared to the Statewide total number of MA and uninsured burn cases and patient days for all qualified burn centers. Each qualified burn center will use both In-State and out-of-State cases and patient days.
- (3) Any eligible burn center that has reached its disproportionate share limit as pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act shall receive its share of the State fund available under this act.

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