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Financial Management Group

January 18, 2019

Ms. Teresa D. Miller, Secretary
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
PO Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2675

RE: State Plan Amendment 18-0051

Dear Ms. Miller:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0051. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-A of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, the amendment continues provisions for disproportionate share hospital payments to certain acute care hospitals that further Pennsylvania's goal of enhanced access in economically distressed areas.

We conducted our review of this SPA according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(3), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are approving state plan amendment 18-0051 effective December 23, 2018. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please call Gary Knight at (304) 347-5723.

Sincerely,

/S/

Kristin Fan
Director

Enclosures

cc: Leesa M. Allen, Executive Deputy Secretary, DHS
Sally Kozak, Deputy Secretary, DHS/OMAP
Dan De Lellis, Director, DHS, Bureau of Policy, Planning, and Analysis

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
18-0051

2. STATE
Pennsylvania

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)
Title XIX

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
December 23, 2018

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One)

- NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR 447 Subpart C

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT
a. FFY 2018 \$0
b. FFY 2019 \$3,829,843

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19A, Page 27aa

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Attachment 4.19A, Page 27aa

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Disproportionate Share Payments to Qualifying Hospitals

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS
 SPECIFIED COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE: /S/ OFFICIAL

16. RETURN TO
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services
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13. TYPED NAME
Teresa D. Miller

14. TITLE
Secretary of Human Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED
DEC 21 2018

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17. DATE RECEIVED

18. DATE APPROVED
JAN 18 2019

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVAL
DEC 23 2018

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL
/S/

21. TYPED NAME
Kristin Fan

22. TITLE
Director, FMG

23. REMARKS

ADDITIONAL CLASS OF DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENTS TO QUALIFYING HOSPITALS

The Department of Human Services (Department) will make disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments to certain Medical Assistance (MA) acute care general hospitals to ensure their participation in the MA Program. This payment promotes access to inpatient hospital specialty services for MA eligible persons in the Commonwealth. These funds will be used to support the medical education and operation of an academic medical program, which will foster the supply of health care professionals to treat the MA population.

A hospital is eligible for this additional class of DSH payments if the hospital meets all criteria listed below.

- a) The hospital is enrolled in the MA Program as an acute care general hospital and is licensed to provide inpatient obstetrical and neonatal services as reported by the Pennsylvania Department of Health for the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
- b) The hospital is located in a county with a population of less than 100,000 persons, based on the 2010 Census.
- c) The hospital is accredited as an adult Level I Trauma Center by the Pennsylvania Trauma System Foundation during Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017.
- d) The hospital's ratio of total MA inpatient discharges to total inpatient discharges exceeds 20.0%, based on its State FY 2013-2014 MA-336 Hospital Cost Report available to the Department as of March 2018.
- e) The hospital's ratio of MA revenue to net patient revenue exceeds 13.0%, based on the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council *Financial Analysis 2015, Volume One*.

A hospital's payment amount for this additional class of DSH payments will be determined as follows:

- 1) Divide the hospital's MA inpatient discharges by the total MA inpatient discharges for all qualifying hospitals; and
- 2) Multiply that share by the total amount allocated for these payments.

The data used for purposes of this determination will be obtained from the FY 2013-2014 MA-336 Hospital Cost Report.

All payment limitations are still applicable, including those limitations that the Commonwealth may not exceed its aggregate annual DSH allotment and that no hospital may receive DSH payments in excess of its hospital-specific limit. The Department will not redistribute DSH payments made under this additional class of DSH payments to qualifying hospitals as a result of a qualifying hospital exceeding its hospital-specific DSH limit.

The FY 2018-2019 impact, as a result of the funding allocation for these payments, is \$7.330 million (\$3.500 million in State general funds and \$3.830 million in Federal funds).