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Lynne A. Valenti
Cabinet Secretary
Department of Social Services
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-2291

Re: South Dakota 15-0004

Dear Ms. Valenti:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0004. Effective for services on or after July 1, 2015, this amendment updates the payment pool amount for the various payment pools for disproportionate share hospitals.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a) and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment TN 15-0004 is approved effective July 1, 2015. The CMS-179 and the amended plan pages are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Storey at (303) 844-7044.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Timothy Hill.

Timothy Hill
Director

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: SD-15-004	2. STATE: South Dakota
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2015	

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 447.298	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2015: \$ 0.00 b. FFY 2016: \$ 0.00
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-A, Pages 7-8	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 4.19-A, Pages 7-8
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: This State Plan Amendment moves disproportionate share hospital information to the Department's website.	

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

13. TYPED NAME: Lynne A. Valenti	16. RETURN TO: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES 700 GOVERNORS DRIVE PIERRE, SD 57501-2291
14. TITLE: Cabinet Secretary	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 8/5/15	

17. DATE RECEIVED:	18. DATE APPROVED: OCT 26 2015
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19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: JUL 01 2015	20. OFFICIAL:
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21. TYPED NAME: Kristen FAN	22. TITLE: Deputy Director, FMG
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23. REMARKS:

Group 2, psychiatric hospitals operated by the State of South Dakota; and
Group 3, other hospitals (any hospital not in Group 1 or 2).

Payments to Group 1 hospitals qualifying under the Medicaid inpatient utilization method are based on the standard deviation that a facility's qualifying rate exceeds the Medicaid inpatient utilization mean for all participating hospitals. Payments to Group 1 hospitals qualifying under the low-income utilization method are based on the standard deviation that a facility's qualifying rate exceeds the low-income utilization mean for all participating hospitals. Payments to Group 1 hospitals will be made according to the payment schedule on the Department's website, <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/providers/feeschedules/>, effective July 1, 2015.

The amount of payment for each hospital is calculated as follows:

The Department determines the number of facilities qualifying at greater than the mean, greater than 1 standard deviation above the mean, greater than 2 standard deviations above the mean, and greater than 3 standard deviations above the mean. The total amount of funding budgeted for disproportionate share payments is then allocated starting with those facilities qualifying at greater than the mean. Facilities qualifying at greater than 1 standard deviation, greater than 2 standard deviations, and greater than 3 standard deviations above the mean are paid double, triple, and quadruple, respectively, the amount for facilities qualifying at greater than the mean. The payment amounts are adjusted until all the budgeted funds are spent.

The proposed disproportionate share payment for each facility is then compared to the payment limit that has been established for each facility. If the payment limit is less than the proposed disproportionate share payment, then the payment limit amount will be the disproportionate share payment for that particular facility. The sum of the payments made to the facilities where the payment limit was met is then subtracted from the total amount budgeted. The remaining budgeted funds are then allocated equally among the facilities where the payment limits have not been met. The subsequent allocation again is determined to ensure that facilities qualifying at greater than 1 standard deviation, greater than 2 standard deviations, and greater than 3 standard deviations above the mean are paid double, triple, and quadruple, respectively, the amount for facilities qualifying at greater than the mean.

Payments to Group 2 hospitals qualifying under the Medicaid inpatient utilization method will be based on the standard deviation that a facility's qualifying rate exceeds the Medicaid inpatient utilization mean for all participating hospitals. Payments to Group 2 hospitals qualifying under the low-income utilization method will be based on the standard deviation that a facility's qualifying rate exceeds the low-income utilization mean for all participating hospitals.

Payments to Group 2 hospitals will be made according to the payment schedule on the Department's website, <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/providers/feeschedules/>, effective July 1, 2015.

Payments to Group 3 hospitals qualifying under the Medicaid inpatient utilization method will be based on the standard deviation that a facility's qualifying rate exceeds the Medicaid inpatient utilization mean for all participating hospitals. Payments to Group 3 hospitals qualifying under the low-income utilization method will be based on the standard deviation that a facility's qualifying rate exceeds the low-income utilization mean for all participating hospitals. Payments to Group 3 hospitals will be made according to the payment schedule on the Department's website, <http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/providers/feeschedules/>, effective July 1, 2015.

If necessary, payments to qualified hospitals will be adjusted for the projected impact of the hospital's specific disproportionate share hospital payment limit as required by OBRA '93.

The agency will make disproportionate share hospital program payments to qualifying hospitals one time during the State fiscal year. If the total of disproportionate share payments to all qualified hospitals for a year is going to exceed the State disproportionate share hospital payment limit, as established under 1923(f) of the Act, the following process will be used to prevent overspending the limit: First, the amount of over-expenditure will be determined; Then the over-expenditure amount will be deducted from the total payments to Group 2 hospitals; and Payments to individual Group 2 hospitals will be reduced based on their percentage of Group 2 total payments.