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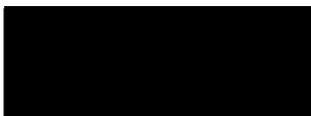
RE: TN 10-26

Dear Mr. Helgerson:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 10-26. Effective August 1, 2010, this amendment proposes to extend several disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments provisions.

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 regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. This is to inform you that New York 10-26 is approved effective August 1, 2010 and I have enclosed the HCFA-179 and the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Brady at 518-396-3810 or Rob Weaver at 410-786-5914.

  
Sincerely,  
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Cindy Mann  
Director, CMCS

Enclosures

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: <b>10-26</b>	2. STATE <b>New York</b>
<b>FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION</b>		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: <b>TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)</b>	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE <b>August 1, 2010</b>	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT <b>COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)</b>			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: <b>Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act, and 42 CFR 447</b>		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 09/01/10-09/30/10 \$0 b. FFY 10/01/10-09/30/11 \$0	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: <b>Attachment 4.19-B: Pages 144, 144(a), 144(b), 144(c), 161(b), 161(c)</b>		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): <b>Attachment 4.19-B: Pages 144, 144(a), 144(b), 144(c), 161(b), 161(c)</b>	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: <b>Indigent Care Sunset Provisions (FMAP = 61.59% based on effective date)</b>			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:		16. RETURN TO: <b>New York State Department of Health Corning Tower Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12237</b>	
13. TYPED NAME: <b>Jason A. Helgeson</b>			
14. TITLE: <b>Medicaid Director &amp; Deputy Commissioner Department of Health</b>			
15. DATE SUBMITTED:			

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17. DATE RECEIVED:	18. DATE APPROVED: <b>06-06-11</b>
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: <b>AUG - 1 2010</b>	20. [REDACTED]
21. TYPED NAME: <b>William Lasowski</b>	22. TITLE: <b>Deputy Director, CMCS</b>
23. REMARKS:	

3. For annual periods beginning on and after January 1, 2010:
- a. From regional allotments specified below, \$269.5 million shall be distributed to [non-major public] voluntary sector teaching hospitals on a regional basis to cover each eligible facility's proportional regional share of 2007 uncompensated care, as defined in the disproportionate share payment calculation provisions of this Attachment and offset by disproportionate share payments received by each facility during [calendar year 2010] the respective pool year in accordance with the disproportionate share payment calculations provisions of this Attachment.

Region	Revised Regional Distribution
Long Island	\$ 31,171,915
New York City	\$ 181,778,400
Northern Metropolitan	\$ 14,526,351
Northeast	\$ 8,130,067
Utica/Watertown	\$ 502,271
Central	\$ 10,052,989
Rochester	\$ 16,615,910
Western	\$ 6,722,096
Statewide	\$269,500,000

- b. \$25 million shall be distributed to [non-major public] voluntary sector general hospitals [having] eligible for payments based upon each facility's proportion of uninsured losses as determined according to the methodology in the High Need Indigent Care Adjustment Pool of this Attachment.
- c. \$16 million shall continue to be proportionally distributed to non-teaching hospitals based on their proportion of uninsured losses as determined according to the methodology contained in the High Need Indigent Care Adjustment Pool of this Attachment.
- d. \$25 million shall be distributed to [non-major public] voluntary sector general hospitals having Medicaid discharges of 40% or greater from data reported in each hospital's 2007 annual cost report, based on each hospital's decrease in Medicaid revenues resulting from the reductions in trend factors for 2008 and 2009 as contained in this Attachment and the inpatient and outpatient reimbursement methodology changes effective December 1, 2009.

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(l) High Need Indigent Care Adjustment Pool. Funds will be deposited as authorized and used for the purpose of making Medicaid disproportionate share payments within the limits established on an annualized basis pursuant to disproportionate share limitations, except as otherwise provided for in this section, for the period January 1, 2000 through [December 31, 2010] December 31, 2011, in accordance with the following:

(1) From the funds in the pool each year:

- (i) Each eligible rural hospital will receive a payment of \$140,000 on an annualized basis for the period January 1, 2000 through September 30, 2009. Effective on and after October 1, 2009, each eligible rural hospital will receive a payment of \$126,000 on an annualized basis, provided as a disproportionate share payment; provided, however, that if such payment pursuant to this clause exceeds a hospital's applicable disproportionate share limit, then the total amount in excess of such limit will be provided as a nondisproportionate share payment in the form of a grant directly from this pool without federal financial participation;
- (ii) Each such hospital will also receive an amount calculated by multiplying the facility's uncompensated care need by the appropriate percentage from the following scale based on hospital rankings developed in accordance with each eligible rural hospital's weight as defined by this section:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Percentage Coverage of Uncompensated Care Need</b>
1-9	60.0%
10-17	52.5%
18-25	45.0%
26-33	37.5%
34-41	30.0%
42-49	22.5%
50-57	15.0%
58+	7.5%

(iii) "Eligible rural hospital", as used in paragraph (1), will mean a general hospital classified as a rural hospital for purposes of determining payment for inpatient services provided to beneficiaries of title XVIII of the federal social security act (Medicare) or under state regulations, or a general hospital with a service area which has an average population of less than 175 persons per square mile, or a general hospital which has a service area which has an average population of less than two hundred persons per square mile measured as population density by zip code.

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The average population of the service area is calculated by multiplying annual patient discharges by the population density per square mile of the county of origin or zip code as applicable for each patient discharge and dividing by total discharges. Annual patient discharges shall be determined using discharge data for the 1997 rate year, as reported to the commissioner by October 1, 1998. Population density shall be determined utilizing United States census bureau data for 1997.

- (iv) "Eligible rural hospital weight", as used in paragraph (1), shall mean the result of adding, for each eligible rural hospital:
- (a) The eligible rural hospital's targeted need, as defined in subparagraph (ii) of this section, minus the mean targeted need for all eligible rural hospitals, divided by the standard deviation of the targeted need of all eligible rural hospitals; and
  - (b) The mean number of beds of all eligible rural hospitals minus the number of beds for an individual hospital, divided by the standard deviation of the number of beds for all eligible rural hospitals.
- (2) From the funds in the pool each year, except as otherwise provided for in this section, \$36 million on an annualized basis for the periods January 1, 2000 through September 30, 2009, and for the periods on and after October 1, 2009, \$32.4 million on an annualized basis, of the funds not distributed in accordance with paragraph (1), shall be distributed in accordance with the formula set forth in paragraph [(12)] (13) of the Medicaid disproportionate share payments section of this Attachment.
- (3) From the funds in the pool each year, any funds not distributed in accordance with paragraphs (1) or (2), shall be distributed in accordance with the formula set forth in subparagraph (d) of paragraph (10) of the Medicaid disproportionate share payments section.

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For annual periods beginning January 1, 2009 [through December 31, 2010], disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments shall be reduced to 90 percent of the amount otherwise payable. In addition, DSH payments to each general hospital will be distributed in accordance with the following:

- (a) \$13.93 million will be distributed to major government hospitals and will be allocated proportionally, based on each facility's relative uncompensated care need as determined in accordance with (c);
- (b) \$70.77 million will be distributed to general hospitals other than major government general hospitals and will be allocated proportionally, based on each facility's relative uncompensated care need as determined in accordance with (c);
- (c) each facility's relative uncompensated care need amount will be determined by multiplying inpatient units of services for all uninsured patients from the calendar year two years prior to the distribution year, excluding referred ambulatory units of services, by the applicable Medicaid inpatient rates in effect for such prior year, but not including prospective rate adjustments and rate add-ons, provided, however, that for distributions on and after January 1, 2010, the uncompensated amount for inpatient services shall utilize the inpatient rates in effect as of July 1 of the prior year; and:

by multiplying outpatient units of service for all uninsured patients from the calendar year two years prior to the distribution year, including emergency department services and ambulatory surgery services, but excluding referred ambulatory services units of service, by Medicaid outpatient rates that reflect the exclusive utilization of the ambulatory patient groups (APG) rate-setting methodology, however, for those services for which APG rates are not available the applicable Medicaid outpatient rate shall be the rate in effect for the calendar year two years prior to the distribution year.

For distributions on and after January 1, 2010, each facility's uncompensated need amount will be reduced by the sum of all payment amounts collected from such patients. The total uncompensated care need for each facility will then be adjusted by application of the existing nominal need scale.

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<b>Targeted Need Percentage</b>	<b>Percentage of Reimbursement Attributable to the Portion of Targeted Need</b>
0 – 0.5%	60%
0.5+ % -2%	65%
2+ – 3%	70%
3+ – 4%	75%
4+ – 5%	80%
5+ – 6%	85%
6+ – 7%	90%
7+ – 8%	95%
8+ %	100%

[12] 13. [For rate periods commencing January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2010, \$36 million] Payments described in paragraph 2 of the High Need Indigent Care Pool subdivision shall be distributed as high need adjustments to general hospitals, excluding major government general hospitals, with nominal payment amount in excess of 4 percent of reported costs as follows: each general hospital's share shall be based on such hospital's aggregate share of nominal payment amount above 4 percent of reported costs compared to the total aggregate nominal payment amount above 4 percent of reported costs of all eligible hospitals.

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directly to the government general hospital and indemnity or similar payments made to the person who is a payor of hospital services. The costs of services denied reimbursement, other than emergency room services, for lack of medical necessity or lack of compliance with prior authorization requirements, or provided as an employment benefit, or as a courtesy shall not be included.

9. In order to be eligible for distributions, a general hospital's targeted need must exceed one-half of one percent.
10. For rate years commencing January 1, 1991 and prior to January 1, 1997, each eligible major government general hospital shall receive a portion of its bad debt and charity care need equal to 110 percent of the result of the application of the percentage of statewide inpatient reimbursable costs excluding costs related to services provided to beneficiaries of Medicare, developed on the basis of 1985 financial and statistical reports, to the statewide resources for the rate year.
  - a. Statewide resources shall mean the sum of the result of multiplying a statewide average 5.48% by each general hospital's (including major government general hospitals and all other hospitals) rate year reimbursable inpatient costs used in the initial promulgation of rates, adjusted of case mix and volume changes, excluding inpatient costs related to services provided to beneficiaries of Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act (Medicare), and without consideration of inpatient uncollectible amounts, and including income from invested funds.
11. For rate periods commencing January 1, 1997 through December 31, [2010] 2011, each eligible major government general hospital shall receive an amount equal to the amount allocated to such major government general hospital for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996.
12. For rate periods commencing January 1, 1997 and thereafter, the balance of unallocated funds after the Medicaid disproportionate share payments are made in accordance with paragraph (10) of this section and funds are reserved for distribution as high need adjustments in accordance with paragraph ([12] 13) of this section and shall be distributed to eligible hospitals, excluding major government general hospitals, on the basis of targeted need share.
  - a. Need calculations shall be based on need data for the year two years prior to the rate year.

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