



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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April 14, 2010

Bruce Goldberg, MD, Director  
Division of Human Services  
500 Summer Street Northeast, E-15  
Salem, Oregon 97301-1097

RE: Oregon State Plan Amendment 09-017

Dear Dr. Goldberg:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) National Institutional Reimbursement Team (NIRT) recently approved Oregon State Plan Amendment (SPA) 09-017.

Although the NIRT Team has already sent the State a copy of the approval for this SPA, the Seattle Regional office is following up with an additional copy for the reason that we were in receipt of the original, signed amendment request.

Therefore, enclosed you will find a copy of the official CMS form 179, amended page(s), and copy of the approval letter from the NIRT Team for your records.

If you have any questions concerning the Seattle Regional office role in the processing of this state plan amendment, please contact Daphne Hicks at (206) 615-2400 or [daphne.hicks@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:daphne.hicks@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Carol J.C. Peverly.

Carol J.C. Peverly  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health  
Operations

Enclosure

Cc: Judy Mohr Peterson, Administrator

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:  
**09-17**

2. STATE  
**Oregon**

**FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION**

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

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
**October 1, 2009**

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:  
**1902(a)(13)(A), 1923 of the SSA**

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:  
a. FFY 2010 \$ 6,130,540  
b. FFY 2011 \$

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  
**Attachment 4.19-A, Pages 10, 13, 14, 19 & 20**

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):  
**Attachment 4.19-A, Pages 10, 13, 14, 19 & 20**

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: This transmittal is being revised (Attachment 4.19-A) to reflect an increase in the Unit Value component of the formula that reimburses hospitals for inpatient services paid on a Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) basis. It will also increase the reimbursement percentage paid for outpatient services.

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 OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: **Judy Mohr-Peterson**

16. RETURN TO:  
Division of Medical Assistance Programs  
Department of Human Services  
500 Summer Street NE E-35  
Salem, OR 97301  
  
ATTN: Jesse Anderson, Title XIX Coordinator

13. TYPED NAME **Judy Mohr-Peterson** **Bruce Goldberg, MD**

14. TITLE: **Administrator, DMAP** **Director, DHS**

15. DATE SUBMITTED:  
**11-24-09**

**FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY**

17. DATE RECEIVED: **NOV 24 2009**

18. DATE APPROVED: **APR 08 2010**

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: **OCT 01 2009**

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: **[Signature]**

21. TYPED NAME: **Carol J.C. Peverly**

22. TITLE: **Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid &  
Children's Health**

23. REMARKS:

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APR - 8 2010

RE: OR 09-017


Dear Secretary Goldberg:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-017. This amendment updates the State plan by increasing payments to hospitals reimbursed under the State's Diagnostic-Related Group (DRG) reimbursement method.

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 09-015 is approved effective October 1, 2009. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended pages.

If you have any questions concerning this State plan amendment, please call Joe Fico of the National Institutional Reimbursement Team at (206) 615-2380.

Sincerely,

  
Cindy Mann  
Director

Center for Medicaid and State Operations (CMSO)

Enclosures

cc: Judy Mohr-Peterson, Administrator, DMAP

(5) UNIT VALUE

Per Oregon Administrative Rule 410-125-0141 effective as of October 1, 2009 as it relates to the unit value for hospitals larger than 50 beds, reimbursed using the Diagnosis Related Grouper (DRG), the Unit Value rebased methodology effective for services beginning on or after October 1, 2009 has been established as a percentage of the current year published Medicare Unit Value (Labor and Non-Labor), update each October thereafter.

The Unit Value plus the Capital amount multiplied by the claim assigned DRG relative weight is the hospital's Operational Payment.

Effective for services provided on or after March 1, 2004, the Unit Value for DRG hospitals will be determined according to subsection (5). The Department of Human Services, as informed by the Legislative Assembly, Emergency Board, or the Department of Administrative Services, will determine the aggregate reduction or increase required to adjust the Unit Value. The adjustment percentage of Medicare's Unit Value will be determined by dividing the aggregate reduction or increase by the current hospital budget. The current Unit Value for each hospital will then be multiplied by the adjustment percentage to determine the net amount of decrease or increase in the hospital's current Unit Value. This amount will be applied to each hospital's current Unit Value to determine the new Unit Value for the individual hospital. The Department, in accordance with 42 CFR 447.205, will make public notice of changes whenever a Unit Value adjustment is made under the provision of this subsection. Public notice of changes will be made in accordance with 42 CFR 447.205 whenever a unit value adjustment is made under the provisions of this subsection.

(8) CAPITAL

The capital payment is a reimbursement to in-state hospitals for capital costs associated with the delivery of services to Title XIX, non-Medicare persons. Oregon's Medical Assistance Programs uses the Medicare definition and calculation of capital costs. Effective October 1, 2009, the Division of Medical Assistance Programs will use the current federal fiscal year Medicare reimbursement capital cost per discharge methodology and rate for Oregon Medicaid discharges.

Capital cost per discharge is calculated as follows:

- a. The capital cost reimbursement rate is established as 100% of the published Medicare capital rate for the current federal fiscal year .
- b. The capital cost is added to the Unit Value and paid per discharge. Reimbursement of capital at time of claim payment enhances hospital financial health.

(9) GRADUATE DIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION (GDME)

The direct medical education payment is a reimbursement to in-state hospitals for direct medical education costs associated with the delivery of services to Title XIX eligible persons. The Medical Assistance Programs uses the Medicare definition and calculation of direct medical education costs. These costs are taken from the Hospital Statement of Reimbursable Cost (Medicare Report). Direct Medical Education is included in the capitation rates paid to managed care plans under the Oregon Health Plan 1115 Demonstration Project.

Direct Medical Education cost per discharge is calculated as follows:

The direct medical education cost proportional to the number of Title XIX non-Medicare discharges during the period from July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987 is divided by the number of Title XIX non-Medicare. This is the Title XIX Direct Medical Education Cost per discharge.

The Title XIX Direct Medical Education cost per discharge for this period is inflated forward to January 1, 1992, using the compounded CMS DRI market basket adjustment.

Direct Medical Education Payment Per Discharge

The number of Title XIX non-Medicare discharges from each hospital for the quarterly period is multiplied by the inflated Title XIX cost per discharge. This determines the current quarter's Direct Medical Education costs. This amount is then multiplied by 85%.

The Direct Medical Education Payment per Discharge will be adjusted at an inflation factor determined by the Department in consideration of inflationary trends, hospital productivity and other relevant factors. All inflationary increases will be submitted through amendments to the State plan.

Payment is made within thirty days of the end of the quarter.

(10) GRADUATE INDIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION (GIME)

The indirect medical education payment is a reimbursement made to in-state hospitals for indirect medical education costs associated with the delivery of services to Title XIX non-Medicare clients. Indirect Medical Education is included in the capitation rates paid to managed care plans under the Oregon Health Plan 1115 Demonstration Project.

Indirect medical education costs are those indirect costs identified by Medicare as resulting from the effect of teaching activity on operating costs.

Indirect medical education payments are made to in-state hospitals determined by Medicare to be eligible for such payments. The indirect medical education factor in use by Medicare for each of these eligible hospitals at the beginning of the State's fiscal year is the Medical Assistance Programs indirect medical education factor. This factor is used for the entire Oregon fiscal year.

The calculation for the Indirect Medical Education Factor is as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Total relative weights from claims paid during the quarter} & & \\ \text{X} & \text{Indirect Medical Education Factor} & \\ \text{=} & \text{Indirect Medical Education Payment} & \end{array}$$

This determines the current quarters Indirect Medical Education payment. Indirect medical education payments are made quarterly to each eligible hospital. Payment for indirect medical education costs will be made within thirty days of the end of the quarter.

Information on total inpatient days is taken from the most recent Medicare Cost Report.

Information on total paid Medicaid days is taken from DMAP reports of paid claims for the same fiscal period as the Medicare Cost Report.

d. Disproportionate Share Payment Calculations

Eligibility Under Criteria 1

The quarterly DSH payments to hospitals eligible under Criteria I is the sum of DRG weights for paid Title XIX non-Medicare claims for the quarter multiplied by a percentage of the hospital-specific Unit Value in effect for the current federal fiscal year. This determines the hospital's DSH payment for the current quarter. The Unit Value used for eligible Type A and Type B hospitals is the current Unit Value set at the 50th percentile. The calculation is as follows:

- (1) For eligible hospitals more than one standard deviation and less than two standard deviations above the mean, the disproportionate share percentage is 5%. The total of all relative weights is multiplied by the hospital's unit value. This amount is multiplied by 5 % to determine the DSH payment.
- (2) For eligible hospitals more than two and less than three standard deviations above the mean, the percentage is 10%. The total of all relative weights is multiplied by the hospital's unit value. This amount is multiplied by 10% to determine the DSH payment.
- (3) For eligible hospitals more than three standard deviations above the mean, the percentage is 25%. The total of all relative weights is multiplied by the hospital's unit value. This amount is multiplied by 25 % to determine the DSH payment.

## Eligibility under Criteria 2

For hospitals eligible under Criteria 2 (Low Income Utilization Rate), the quarterly DSH payment is the sum of DRG weights for claims paid by OMAP in the quarter, multiplied by the hospital's disproportionate share adjustment percentage established under Section 1886(d)(5)(F)(iv) of the Social Security Act multiplied by the hospital's current federal fiscal year unit value. The Unit Value used for eligible Type A and Type B hospitals is the current Unit Value set at the 50th percentile.

## Out-of-state hospitals

For out-of-state hospitals, the quarterly DSH payment is 5% of the out-of-state unit value multiplied by the sum of the Oregon Medicaid DRG weights for the quarter. Out-of-state hospitals which have entered into agreements with DMAP are reimbursed according to the terms of the agreement or contract. The rate is negotiated on a provider-by-provider basis at a rate sufficient to secure necessary services. In general, the rate paid by State of Oregon is the rate paid by the Medicaid program of the state in which the provider is located. In all instances, the negotiated rate is a discounted rate.

### e. Additional Disproportionate Share Adjustments

Public academic medical centers that meet the following eligibility standards are deemed eligible for additional DSH payments up to 175% through June 30, 2005 and then revert to 100% thereafter of their uncompensated care costs for serving Medicaid clients, and indigent and uninsured patients:

- (1) The hospital must have at least two obstetricians with staff privileges at the hospital who have agreed to provide obstetric services to individuals who are entitled to medical assistance for such services; and
- (2) The hospital must be located within the State of Oregon (border hospitals are excluded); and
- (3) The hospital provides a major medical teaching program, defined as a hospital with more than 200 residents or interns.

Uncompensated care costs for hospitals qualifying for this DSH adjustment will be determined using the following sources: