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**State/Territory Name:** Pennsylvania

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: PA-14-0052**

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**FEB 02 2015**

Ms. Beverly D. Mackereth, Secretary  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of Public Welfare  
Office of Medical Assistance Programs  
PO Box 8046  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

RE: State Plan Amendment 14-052

Dear Ms. Mackereth:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 14-052. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-A of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, the amendment continues disproportionate share hospital payments to qualifying teaching hospitals that provide psychiatric services.

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 14-052 effective November 16, 2014. We are enclosing the HCFA-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/

Timothy Hill  
Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TH', written over the printed name and title of Timothy Hill.

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:  
14-052

2. STATE  
Pennsylvania

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

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

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
November 16, 2014

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 2014 \$0.00  
b. FFY 2015 \$259,100

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  
Attachment 4.19A, Page 21j

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):  
Attachment 4.19A, Page 21j

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Additional Class of Disproportionate Share Payments to Qualifying Teaching Hospitals

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

☐ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

☐ COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

☐ NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

☒ OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

Review and approval authority has  
been delegated to the Department of  
Human Services

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

/S/

13. TYPED NAME:  
Beverly D. Mackereth

14. TITLE:  
Secretary of Human Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

DEC 30 2014

16. RETURN TO:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of Human Services  
Office of Medical Assistance Programs  
Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning  
P.O. Box 2675  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

17. DATE RECEIVED:

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

18. DATE APPROVED:

FEB 02 2015

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

NOV 16 2014

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

/S/

21. TYPED NAME:

Kristen FAN

22. TITLE:

Deputy Director, FMC

23. REMARKS:

ADDITIONAL CLASS OF DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENT TO QUALIFYING TEACHING  
HOSPITALS

The Department of Human Services (Department) has established an additional class of disproportionate share (DSH) payments to qualifying teaching hospitals that provide psychiatric services to Medical Assistance (MA) beneficiaries. Across the Commonwealth there is a shortage of psychiatrists, notably those involved in the public health sector. The Department is working to recruit and retain psychiatrists to work in underserved rural and urban areas throughout the Commonwealth. These payments are intended to help offset the medical education costs of psychiatrists which are incurred by the hospitals providing psychiatric services to MA beneficiaries and the uninsured.

The Department will consider any psychiatric unit of a general acute care hospital enrolled in Pennsylvania (PA) MA with psychiatric medical education costs that exceed \$40,000, according to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011 MA Cost Report, eligible for this additional class of DSH payments if it meets one of the following criteria:

- 1) The hospital provides at least 40,000 psychiatric days of service to PA MA beneficiaries as reported on the FY 2010-2011 MA Cost Report.
- 2) The hospital's percentage of PA MA fee-for-service (FFS) inpatient psychiatric days to total PA MA FFS inpatient days exceeds 25% as reported on the FY 2010-2011 MA Cost Report.

Two thirds of the amount appropriated for this payment will be distributed equally to teaching hospitals qualifying under criteria 1) above. One third of the amount appropriated for this payment will be distributed equally to teaching hospitals qualifying under criteria 2) above. Hospitals that qualify under both criteria will be eligible only for payments under criteria 1).

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.

Fiscal Impact

The Fiscal Year 2014-2015 fiscal impact, as a result of this DSH payment is \$0.500 million (\$0.241 million in State General Funds and \$0.259 million in Federal Funds).