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Financial Management Group

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Mr. Theodore Dallas, Acting Secretary
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
PO Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17110

RE: State Plan Amendment 15-0006

Dear Mr. Dallas:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-0006. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-A of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, this SPA establishes an additional DSH payment adjustment to qualifying hospitals to promote access in less urbanized areas of Pennsylvania.

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 15-0006 effective April 1, 2015. 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

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 15-0006	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 April 1, 2015	
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 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 b. FFY 2015 \$860,440	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19A, Page 27aaaa		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 4.19A, Page 27aaaa	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Additional Class of Disproportionate Share Payments			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Review and approval authority has been delegated to the Department of Human Services			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: /S/		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	
13. TYPED NAME: Theodore Dallas			
14. TITLE: Acting Secretary of Human Services			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: APR - 8 2015			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED: MAY 04 2015	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: APR 01 2015		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: /S/	
21. TYPED NAME: Kristin FAN		22. TITLE: Deputy Director, FMG	
23. REMARKS:			

ADDITIONAL CLASS OF DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENTS TO QUALIFYING DSH HOSPITALS

The Department will make an additional class of disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments to qualifying acute care general hospitals. This payment is intended to promote the availability of professional medical services to the MA population in less urbanized areas of the Commonwealth.

To qualify for these payments, a hospital must meet all the following criteria. Unless otherwise stated, the source of the information is the State Fiscal Year 2010-2011 MA cost report (MA-336).

- 1) The hospital is enrolled in Pennsylvania's (PA) MA Program as an acute care general hospital.
- 2) The hospital is located in a county of the third class with a population between 279,000 and 282,000 under the 2010 federal decennial census.
- 3) The hospital's PA MA Fee-for-Service Medical Education costs exceed \$500,000.

Payments to qualifying hospitals will be divided equally among all qualifying hospitals. 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.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015, the fiscal impact as a result of this additional class of disproportionate share hospital payment is \$1.660 million (\$0.800 million in State General Funds and \$0.860 million in Federal Funds upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services).