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**State Plan Amendment (SPA)#:** 16-0047

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**Financial Management Group**

MAR 10 2017

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

RE: State Plan Amendment 16-0047

Dear Mr. Dallas:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 16-0047. 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 16-0047 effective December 11, 2016. 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/

Kristin Fan  
Director

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:  
16-0047

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  
December 11, 2016

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 2016 \$0  
b. FFY 2017 \$1,932,891

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  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):

☐ 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/

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 17105-2675

13. TYPED NAME:

Theodore Dallas

14. TITLE:

Secretary of Human Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

DEC 13 2016

**FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY**

17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED:

MAR 10 2017

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

DEC 11 2016

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

/S/

21. TYPED NAME:

Kristin Fan

22. TITLE:

Director, FMCo

23. REMARKS:



**ADDITIONAL CLASS OF DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENTS TO QUALIFYING DSH HOSPITALS**

The Department will make 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. The Department will not redistribute DSH payments made under this additional class of DSH payments to qualifying hospitals as a result of a qualifying hospital exceeding its hospital-specific DSH limit

For Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the fiscal impact as a result of this additional class of disproportionate share hospital payment, is \$3.733 million (\$1.800 million in State general funds and \$1.933 million in Federal funds) upon approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.