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State Plan Amendment (SPA)#: 17-0008

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JUL 14 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 17-0008

Dear Mr. Dallas:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-0008. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-A of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, the SPA continues funding for disproportionate share hospital payments to certain acute care hospitals that further Pennsylvania's goal of enhanced access in economically distressed areas at increased rates for FY 2017.

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 17-0008 effective June 11, 2017. 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**

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
17-0008

2. STATE
Pennsylvania

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
June 11, 2017

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 \$ 32,647,681

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 4.19A, Page 21a

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):

Attachment 4.19A, Page 21a

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/

13. TYPED NAME:

Theodore Dallas

14. TITLE:

Secretary of Human Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

JUN 13 2017

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

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED:

JUL 14 2017

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
JUN 11 2017

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:
/S/

21. TYPED NAME:

Kristin Fan

22. TITLE:

Director, FMG

23. REMARKS:

ADDITIONAL CLASS OF DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENTS

Effective October 1, 2000, the Department of Human Services (Department) established an additional class of disproportionate share (DSH) payments to certain qualifying hospitals, which advanced the Department's goal of enhanced access to multiple types of medical care in economically distressed areas of the Commonwealth.

The Department considers a hospital eligible, provided it is an acute care general hospital that meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) The hospital provides in excess of 100,000 inpatient days to Medical Assistance (MA) eligible individuals as reported on its Fiscal Year 2004-2005 MA Hospital Cost Report (MA 336);
- (b) The hospital has a Low-Income Utilization Rate in excess of the 95th percentile of the Low-Income Utilization Rate for all enrolled acute care general hospitals as reported on its Fiscal Year 2004-2005 MA Hospital Cost Report (MA 336);
- (c) The hospital's ratio of MA revenue to net patient revenue exceeds the 98th percentile for all Commonwealth acute care general hospitals as reported in the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's 2006 Financial Analysis, Volume One;
- (d) The dollar value of the hospital's uncompensated care equals or exceeds the 94th percentile of the value to uncompensated care for all acute care general hospitals as reported in the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's 2006 Financial Analysis, Volume One;
- (e) The hospital is located in a Census tract designated by the Bureau of Primary Health Care of the Health Resource and Services Administration as a Medically Underserved Area.

For Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the total fiscal impact as a result of these payments is \$63.051 million in total funds (\$30.403 million in State general funds and \$32.648 million in Federal funds).

Payments will be divided proportionally among qualifying hospitals based on the percentage of each qualifying hospital's MA inpatient days to the total MA inpatient days of all qualifying facilities.

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.