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State Plan Amendment (SPA)#: 18-0014

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Financial Management Group

Ms. Teresa Miller, Secretary
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
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APR 20 2018

RE: State Plan Amendment 18-0014

Dear Ms. Miller:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0014. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-A of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, the amendment authorizes an additional class of disproportionate share hospital payments that have a low commercial payment ratio, a negative trend in net patient revenue, and are located in an area of the Commonwealth with a disproportionate Medicaid need.

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 18-0014 effective March 25, 2018. 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

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
18-0014

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
March 25, 2018

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 2017 \$0
b. FFY 2018 \$322,665

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 4.19A, Page 21aa

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Attachment 4.19A, Page 21aa

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:

Teresa D. Miller

14. TITLE:

Secretary of Human Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

MAR 29 2018

16. RETURN TO:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
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17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED:

APR 20 2018

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: MAR 25 2018

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

/S/

21. TYPED NAME:

Kristin Fan

22. TITLE:

Director, Fmce

23. REMARKS:

ADDITIONAL CLASS OF DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENTS

The Department will make an additional class of disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payment to qualifying Medical Assistance (MA) enrolled acute care general hospitals that have a low commercial-payer ratio, a negative trend in their net patient revenue and are located in an area of the Commonwealth with a disproportionate need for MA services.

A hospital is eligible for this additional class of DSH payments if the hospital is an enrolled acute care hospital that meets all of the criteria listed below. Unless otherwise stated, the source of the information is the State Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014 MA-336 Hospital Cost Report.

- (1) The hospital is located in a city of the first class, as defined in the *Pennsylvania Manual* (Volume 121).
- (2) The hospital's 3-year average change in net patient revenue for FYs 2012-2015 is negative according to the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Analysis.
- (3) The hospital's commercial payer ratio, defined as 100 percent minus the hospital's Medicare share of net patient revenue for FY 2015 (expressed as a percent) minus the hospital's MA share of net patient revenue for FY 2015 (expressed as a percent), is more than one standard deviation lower than the mean for all acute care hospitals in the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Analysis.
- (4) The hospital does not qualify for payment under State Plan Amendment 4.19A, page 21z.

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

The FY 2017-2018 impact, as a result of the funding allocation for these payments, is \$0.623 million (\$0.300 million in State general funds and \$0.323 million in Federal funds).