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State Plan Amendment (SPA)#: 18-0045

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Financial Management Group

January 18, 2019

Ms. Teresa D. Miller, Secretary
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
PO Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17110-2675

RE: State Plan Amendment 18-0045

Dear Ms. Miller:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0045. 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 18-0045 effective December 16, 2018. We are enclosing the CMS-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

cc: Leesa M. Allen, Executive Deputy Secretary, DHS
Sally Kozak, Deputy Secretary, DHS/OMAP
Dan De Lellis, Director, DHS, Bureau of Policy, Planning, and Analysis

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

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
18-0045

2. STATE
Pennsylvania

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

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
December 16, 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 2018 \$0
b. FFY 2019 \$261,250

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Disproportionate Share Payments to Qualifying Teaching Hospitals

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

☐ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT ☒ OTHER, AS
☐ SPECIFIED COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
☐ NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE /S/ICIAL

13. TYPED NAME
Teresa D. Miller

14. TITLE
Secretary of Human Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED **DEC 20 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

JAN 18 2019

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
DEC 16 2018

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL
/S/

21. TYPED NAME Kristin Fan

22. TITLE Director, FM&

23. REMARKS

ADDITIONAL CLASS OF DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENTS TO QUALIFYING TEACHING HOSPITALS

The Department of Human Services (Department) will make disproportionate share hospital (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 the Pennsylvania (PA) MA Program, with psychiatric medical education costs that exceed \$40,000 according to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011 MA-336 Hospital 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-336 Hospital 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-336 Hospital 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. 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 2018-2019 impact, as a result of the funding allocation for these payments, is \$0.500 million (\$0.239 million in State general funds and \$0.261 million in Federal funds).