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March 8, 2021

Ms. Teresa D. Miller, Secretary
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning
P.O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675

RE: State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0020

Dear Ms. Miller:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0020. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-A of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, the amendment continues an additional class of disproportionate share hospital payment to qualifying facilities that promote access to comprehensive inpatient 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 Pennsylvania's State plan amendment with an effective date of December 13, 2020. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please call Gary Knight at (304) 347-5723.

Sincerely,

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For

Rory Howe
Acting Director

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
20-0020

2. STATE
Pennsylvania

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

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 13, 2020

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 2020 \$0
b. FFY 2021 \$54,518,478

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19A, Page 21cc

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Attachment 4.19A, Page 21cc

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Additional class of Disproportionate Share Payments to Qualifying 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.  NCY OFFICIAL

13. TYPED NAME

Teresa D. Miller

14. TITLE

Secretary of Human Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED

December 11, 2020

16. RETURN TO
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

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17. DATE RECEIVED
December 11, 2020

18. DATE APPROVED
3/8/21

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

December 13, 2020

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For

21. TYPED NAME

Rory Howe

22. TITLE

Acting Director, Financial Management Group

23. REMARKS

ADDITIONAL CLASS OF DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENTS TO QUALIFYING HOSPITALS

The Department of Human Services (Department) will make an additional class of disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments to qualifying Medical Assistance (MA) hospitals to promote access to comprehensive inpatient services for MA eligible persons by assuring an adequate supply of health care professionals, who have been trained in high volume MA enrolled hospital settings.

A hospital is eligible for this additional class of DSH payments if the hospital meets all criteria listed below. Unless otherwise stated, the source of the information is the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014 MA-336 Hospital Cost Report available to the Department as of October 2016.

- a) The hospital is enrolled in the Pennsylvania MA Program as a general acute care hospital.
- b) The hospital provides acute, psychiatric and medical rehabilitation services to MA eligible individuals.
- c) The total number of MA inpatient days provided by the hospital in FY ending 2014 exceeded the 99th percentile for all acute care hospitals in the Commonwealth.
- d) The hospital had more than 700 full-time equivalent residents in programs approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

A hospital's payment amount for these disproportionate share payments will be determined by dividing the hospital's MA inpatient days by the total MA inpatient days for all qualifying hospitals and multiplying that percentage by the total amount allocated for these payments. The data used for purposes of this determination will be from the FY 2013-2014 MA-336 Hospital Cost Report.

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 2020-2021 impact, as a result of the funding allocation for these payments, is \$93.354 million.