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**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 20-0019**

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March 17, 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) 20-0019

Dear Ms. Miller:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0019. 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 facilities meeting certain LIUR and net patient revenue criteria while operating in a medically underserved area.

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 27, 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:  
20-0019

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 27, 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 \$87,095,416

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  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 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. SIGN [REDACTED] FICIAL

13. TYPED NAME  
Teresa D. Miller

14. TITLE  
Secretary of Human Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED  
December 28, 2020

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

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17. DATE RECEIVED  
December 28, 2020

18. DATE APPROVED  
3/17/21

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
December 27, 2020

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL  
[REDACTED] 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 certain qualifying hospitals that advance the Department's goal of enhanced access to multiple types of medical care in economically distressed areas of the Commonwealth.

A hospital is eligible for this additional class of DSH payments, provided it is an acute care general hospital that meets all 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 (FY) 2004-2005 MA-336 Hospital Cost Report;

(b) The hospital has a Low-Income Utilization Rate in excess of the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of the Low-Income Utilization Rate for all enrolled acute care general hospitals as reported on its FY 2004-2005 MA-336 Hospital Cost Report;

(c) The hospital's ratio of MA revenue to net patient revenue exceeds the 98<sup>th</sup> 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 94<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

The FY 2020-2021 impact, as a result of the funding allocation for these payments is \$149.136 million.