



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 18, 2011

To: Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer

From: G. Alec Steele
Director, Reimbursement Services
Division of Financial Management

Subject: SFY 2011 UPL Hospital Payments

BY FACSIMILE AND MAIL

The Department has received approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to proceed with issuing Upper Payment Limit (UPL) payments to hospitals for State Fiscal Year 2011. Information about the schedule of events, notice of intent, UPL payment amount and intergovernmental transfer, if applicable, are provided on the Department's web site at www.dch.georgia.gov by selecting options for "Providers," "Hospital," and "Supplemental Reimbursement." UPL calculations were based on updated 2009 HS&R report data and hospital 2009 cost report data.

As indicated in the web site information, UPL payments to Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) are scheduled to be made on June 7, 2011. For hospitals other than CAHs, the UPL payment will depend on the receipt of an IGT from the governmental entity affiliated with your hospital. Please note that, except for Critical Access Hospitals, the intergovernmental transfer must be received by noon on Friday, May 27, 2011, for payment to be issued on June 7, 2011.

In order to assure that the timely receipt of intergovernmental transfers can be confirmed, a Notice of Intent to Transfer **must be submitted** by Wednesday, May 25, 2011, to document the expected method of transfer. If an IGT is not received by May 27, 2011, the associated UPL payment will be delayed until later this year. **Please note we will not accept checks or any late IGT payments.**

With regard to the payment to be made on June 7, 2011, it will be issued by EFT to the bank account previously used for UPL disbursements to your facility. If there has been any change to your facility's banking information, please provide the corrected information by May 25, 2011 to:

Ms. Lanika Dancy
Accounts Payable Paraprofessional
(404) 656-6277 or
Fax to (866) 879-8718

Typically, there is a 2 or 3-day delay between when EFT transactions are initiated and when the funds are deposited into a provider's bank account. Allowing for such a delay, the UPL payment should post to your facility's bank account on or before June 10, 2011.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Annetta Smith at (404) 463-6669.