



**MEMORANDUM**

Date: April 16, 2010

To: Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Financial Officer

From: Alec Steele   
Director, Reimbursement Services

Subject: Disproportionate Share Hospital Data Review

**BY FACSIMILE**

A review of Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) data elements has been conducted for the Department by Myers & Stauffer. Hospitals with self-reported DSH survey data elements varying from statewide norms were required to provide detailed documentation for those items. Following a review of the detailed information, Myers & Stauffer prepared adjustments, as appropriate, to the self-reported data.

The preliminary data review results are now available on the Department's web site at [www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov) by selecting options for "Provider," "Hospital," "Indigent Care Trust Fund," and "Payments." Separate data files for eligibility measures and for DSH limit calculations are presented and reflect the impact of any financial review data changes.

Please review the information we have for your hospital to assure that accurate data will be used. Any requests for data revisions should be submitted with appropriate supporting documentation. Such requests and documentation **must be received at the Department by noon on Wednesday, April 21, 2010**, in order to be considered. Your hospital should direct this information to:

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Please note that DSH allocations can not be finalized, until we have accurate information for all eligible hospitals. A hospital's allocation amount can be impacted by changes to data elements for any other DSH eligible hospital.

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Your feedback related to the eligibility and DSH limit data elements may change individual DSH limits. Also, the amount of the state appropriations made available for nongovernmental hospitals is pending as the Department's amended budget is still being considered by the General Assembly. A final amount will not be available until the General Assembly passes the amended budget.

The Department will be able to provide immediate funding to governmental hospitals only by issuing interim payments equal to 75% of the preliminary SFY2010 DSH limit after April 21, 2010. At that time detailed information about the time schedule, payment amount and intergovernmental transfer amount will be provided on the Department's web site.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact me at (404) 657-9541