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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 20, 2017

To: Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Financial Officer

From: John Upchurch   
Director, Reimbursement Services

Subject: FY 2017 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments

BY FACSIMILE and MAIL

Final DSH eligibility and payment data for State Fiscal Year 2017 are completed. The final DSH data will present some changes from the preliminary data previously posted on the Department's web site on December 6, 2016. Myers and Stauffer will post the final DSH data on its web portal. Hospitals will receive an email notification from the [GADSH@mslc.com](mailto:GADSH@mslc.com) address once the data is posted. Please note that DSH payments for private urban and private non-small rural will not be made at this time, due to the lack of availability of state funds. Information about the schedule of events, notice of intent, UPL amount and intergovernmental transfer, if applicable, are attached. Documents will be posted on the Department's web site within the next week at [www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov) by selecting options for "Provider," "Provider Types," "Hospital Providers," then "Indigent Care Trust Fund."

Detailed information about the time schedule and intergovernmental transfers are provided on the Department's web site as referenced above. DSH payments are scheduled to be released on May 8, 2017. For public hospitals, the DSH payment will be dependent on the receipt of an intergovernmental transfer from the hospital authority or other governmental entity in which the hospital is affiliated. Please note the intergovernmental transfer for public hospitals must be received by noon Friday, April 28, 2017, for a payment to be issued.

In order to assure that the timely receipt of intergovernmental transfers can be confirmed, a Notice of Intent to Transfer form must be submitted by April 26, 2017, to document the expected method of transfer. If an intergovernmental transfer is not received by the specified deadline, the associated DSH payment will be delayed until another date later this year.

A hospital's signed Letter of Agreement form for FY2017 is a condition to receive payment. The form is available on the website above. If a hospital has not submitted the required form please complete by April 26, 2017, and send to:



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The payments to be released on May 8, 2017, will be issued by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the bank account previously used for DSH or Upper Payment Limit disbursements to your facility. 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 DSH payment should post to your facility's bank account on or before May 11, 2017. If there has been any change to your hospital's banking information, please provide the corrected information by April 26, 2017 and send to:

Ms. Lisa Tolbert

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Accounting Manager

As previously noted in the memorandum dated December 6, 2016, "when a final payment amount has been determined, an additional payment could then be issued for the difference between the final payment amount and the initial payment. In the event that the interim payment should exceed the final payment amount, an immediate repayment would be due from the hospital for the excess amount." Some providers have been overpaid and therefore must return the difference to the Department. A separate notice will be sent to each provider noting the amount due.

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

Attachment