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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 14, 2018

To: Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer

From: John Upchurch
Director, Reimbursement Services

Subject: FY 2018 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments
Redistribution of FY 2013 DSH overpayments

BY FACSIMILE and MAIL

Final DSH eligibility and payment data for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018 are now available on the Department's web site at www.dch.georgia.gov by selecting options for "Provider," "Provider Types," "Hospital Providers," then "Indigent Care Trust Fund." Please note that the final DSH data will present some changes from the preliminary data previously posted on the Department's web site in November 2017.

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 June 8, 2018. 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 Wednesday, May 30, 2018, for a payment to be issued.

In addition to the SFY 2018 DSH allocation, public hospitals will also receive a redistribution of overpayments identified in the Independent Verification of the SFY 2013 DSH payments performed by Myers and Stauffer. The intergovernmental transfer and DSH payment for public hospitals will include both the SFY 2018 amount and the SFY 2013 redistribution. The payment files posted to the DCH website provide both the 2018 and 2013 amounts.

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 May 21, 2018, 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.



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Payments scheduled for release on June 8, 2018, 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 3 or 4 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 June 14, 2018. If there has been any change to your hospital's banking information, please provide the corrected information by May 21, 2018, and send to:

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As previously noted in the memorandum dated November 8, 2017, “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.