



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 6, 2024

To: Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer

From: Kim S. Morris *Kim S. Morris*
Director of Reimbursement

Subject: FY 2025 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

This is notification that the Department will issue interim payments to hospitals, and it is important to note that this initial payment is an interim estimate only. When a final payment amount has been determined, an additional payment will be issued for the difference between the final payment amount and the initial payment. If the interim payment exceeds the final payment amount, an immediate repayment will be due from the hospital for the excess amount. The Department will be able to proceed with issuing an interim payment to public hospitals only if an intergovernmental transfer (IGT), equal to the matching funds needed to obtain the federal DSH funds, is provided by the hospital authority or other governmental entity which the hospital is affiliated.

For the interim payments, attached is information about the schedule, payment, and intergovernmental transfer amount. This information will be available within the next week on the Department's web site at www.dch.georgia.gov by selecting options for "Provider," "Provider Types," "Hospital," then "Indigent Care Trust Fund." After Myers and Stauffer have reviewed the as-filed surveys and made any necessary adjustments, a separate notification from Myers & Stauffer will be sent related to your facility's data elements.

You are encouraged to review your facility's data elements to ensure the Department has accurately recorded your facility's information. If you find an error, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting Judy Hatfield of Myers & Stauffer at (800) 374-6858 or by e-mail at gadsh@mslc.com.

Please note that the required intergovernmental transfer must be received by 12 p.m. on November 20, 2024, for an interim payment to be issued. To assure that the timely receipt of intergovernmental



transfers can be confirmed, a Notice of Intent to Transfer must be submitted by November 13, 2024, to document the expected method of transfer.

The interim DSH payment to hospitals will be issued through Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS). The same system that currently processes and pays Georgia Medicaid claims.

An updated Letter of Agreement form for 2025 is also required. Before any DSH payments can be made, an updated agreement from each provider must be signed and submitted to the Department. Please review, sign, and submit the letter of agreement by November 13, 2024. Use this link ([click here](#)) to access the Letter of Agreement form.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Annetta Smith at (404) 309-0527 or asmith@dch.ga.gov.

**Georgia Department of Community Health
Interim DSH Payments for SFY 2025
Schedule of Key Events**

Wednesday	November 6, 2024	Notice to Hospitals
Wednesday	November 13, 2024	Due Letter of Agreement & Notice of Intent to Transfer forms
Wednesday	November 20, 2024	Due Intergovernmental Transfers
Thursday	December 12, 2024	Payment