



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 18, 2020

To: Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer

From: Kim S. Morris
Director of Reimbursement

Subject: FY 2021 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

This is notification that the Department will issue interim payments to state-owned and non-state governmental owned hospitals equal to 35% of SFY2018 final DSH allotment for Georgia from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). 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 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.

No interim payments can be provided to private hospitals now due to the unavailability of a state matching fund source. The Department requires state appropriations to match available federal DSH funds for private hospitals, so private hospital DSH payments are pending the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly in the amended FY 2021 Appropriations Act.

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 has 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 30, 2020, 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 23, 2020, to document the expected method of transfer.

The interim DSH payment to governmental 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 2021 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 23, 2020, to DCH Supplemental email address DCH.Supplemental@dch.ga.gov.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Annetta Smith at (404) 463-6669 or asmith@dch.ga.gov.

**Georgia Department of Community Health
Interim DSH Payments for SFY 2021
Schedule of Key Events**

Wednesday	November 18, 2020	Notice to Hospitals
Monday	November 23, 2020	Due Letter of Agreement & Notice of Intent to Transfer forms
Monday	November 30, 2020	Due Intergovernmental Transfers
Tuesday	December 22, 2020	Payment

LETTER OF AGREEMENT
For the Benefit of
The Georgia Department of Community Health and the Hospital

Hospital Name: _____ (the "Hospital")

As a Medicaid-designated disproportionate share hospital provider, the Hospital understands that it may receive a payment adjustment pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 111-3-6 of the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Community Health Division of Medical Assistance, Indigent Care Trust Fund.

By signing this Letter of Agreement, the Hospital acknowledges that:

- (a) This agreement is effective for state fiscal year 2021.
- (b) The hospital has reviewed a copy of the rules governing the Indigent Care Trust Fund as posted on the Secretary of State's website (<http://rules.sos.state.ga.us>, Chapter 111-3-6) and the policies and procedures of the ICTF Program in Appendix Q of Part II Policies and Procedures for Hospital Services (posted on www.ghp.georgia.gov) and understands that it must fully comply with such rules and policies and procedures in order to participate in the Indigent Care Trust Fund program.
- (c) A transfer of funds through intergovernmental transfer (IGT) to the Indigent Care Trust Fund is not a condition of receipt of a payment adjustment. The use of IGTs to fund the non-federal share of DSH is only available to eligible public, state-owned or non-state-government-owned hospitals. For these publicly owned hospitals, signing this form is an attestation that the hospital will operate under the auspices of a local hospital authority, developmental authority or other governmental entity **at the time of the transfer of funds**.
- (d) It will comply with all requests for information relating to the expenditure of Indigent Care Trust Fund monies from the Department of Community Health or its agent(s).
- (e) As a condition of eligibility, the hospital must have a Medicaid inpatient hospital utilization rate of at least one percent and **must currently** have two obstetricians with staff privileges who agree to provide obstetric services to Medicaid recipients. In rural areas, the term "obstetrician" includes any physician who has staff privileges to perform non-emergency obstetric procedures at the hospital. The obstetrical requirement does not apply if the hospital provides services primarily to individuals less than 18 years of age, or if the hospital did not provide non-emergency obstetric services as of December 22, 1987.
- (f) By signing this agreement, Hospital agrees that no funds will be distributed to outside investors in the form of dividends or bonuses to contractors, sub-contractors or employees at any point while the hospital has any outstanding financial obligations to the State of Georgia and/or the Department of Community Health. Failure to comply with this requirement will serve as grounds for the immediate repayment of all debts owed to the State of Georgia by the Hospital.
- (g) By signing this agreement, Hospital agrees to provide to the Department of Community Health any and all data necessary for the Department, and the state of Georgia, to be in compliance with the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

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State Fiscal Year 2021

Hospital Name: _____ (the "Hospital")

Typed Name

Title

Signature

Date Signed

Contact Telephone Number

Contact Email Address

**Georgia Department of Community Health
Interim SFY 2021 DSH - Notice of Intent to Transfer Form**

Notice of Intent to Transfer form for DSH payment is **due by Monday, November 23, 2020.**
Intergovernmental transfer for DSH payment is **due no later than 12 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2020.**

Name of Governmental Unit Making IGT: _____

(IGT can only be accepted from hospital authorities or other governmental entities.)

Name of affiliated hospital	IGT amount
1.	
2.	
3.	
Total IGT amount due	

Expected method of transfer (select one):

EFT _____ ACH _____

Designated contact if additional information is needed:

Name _____

Title / Organization _____

E-mail address _____

Telephone number _____

Return completed form by e-mail to DCH.Supplemental@dch.ga.gov

**Georgia Department of Community Health
Instructions for DSH Intergovernmental Transfers**

Please note that separate instructions are provided for payments made by wire transfers or by ACH transfers.

- Intergovernmental transfer for DSH payment is **due by 12 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2020**. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Intergovernmental Transfers can be accepted only from hospital authorities or other governmental entities. Transfers cannot be accepted from participating providers.
- **Payments can only be made by wire transfer or ACH transfer; no checks will be accepted.**
 - Payment made by wire transfer should be sent to:

Bank number 026009593 (Bank of America)
Account number 003264037328 (OTFS Holding Acct)

Please include as “attached information” the name of the hospital affiliated with the hospital authority or governmental entity.
 - Payment made by ACH transfer should be sent to:

Bank number 061000052 (Bank of America)
Account number 003264037328 (OTFS Holding Acct)

Please include as “attached information” the name of the hospital affiliated with the hospital authority or governmental entity.
- Questions regarding *transfer procedures* should be directed to Mr. Ravenel Dyson, Revenue Manager, by e-mail at Ravenel.dyson@dch.ga.gov .

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SFY 2021 Interim DSH Payment

Hospital Name	Ownership Category	Final Gross DSH Payment for SFY 2018	SFY 2021 interim DSH payment 35% of SFY 2018	IGT Amount
AdventHealth Murray	Non-State Govt.	625,752	219,013	58,630
Appling Hospital	Non-State Govt.	402,903	141,016	37,750
Augusta University Medical Center	State Govt.	14,551,555	5,093,044	1,363,408
Bacon County Hospital and Health System	Non-State Govt.	927,442	324,605	86,897
Bleckley Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	534,822	187,188	50,110
Brooks County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	798,236	279,383	74,791
Burke Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	454,939	159,229	42,626
Candler County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	859,150	300,703	80,498
Chatuge Regional Hospital, Inc.	Non-State Govt.	293,890	102,862	27,536
Clinch Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	952,170	333,260	89,214
Coffee Regional Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	1,391,773	487,121	130,402
Colquitt Regional Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	3,327,108	1,164,488	311,733
Crisp Regional Hospital, Inc.	Non-State Govt.	1,392,781	487,473	130,497
Dodge County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	235,004	82,251	22,019
Dorminy Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	1,401,453	490,509	131,309
Effingham Health System	Non-State Govt.	739,276	258,747	69,266
Elbert Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	845,431	295,901	79,213
Emanuel Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	818,234	286,382	76,664
Emory Decatur	Non-State Govt.	3,749,617	1,312,366	351,320
Emory Hillandale Hospital	Non-State Govt.	4,327,065	1,514,473	405,424
Evans Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	415,419	145,397	38,923
Floyd Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	6,264,429	2,192,550	586,946
Floyd Polk Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	2,263,636	792,273	212,091
Grady General Hospital	Non-State Govt.	857,731	300,206	80,365
Grady Health System/Grady Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	119,190,848	41,716,797	11,167,587
Habersham County Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	781,191	273,417	73,194
Higgins General Hospital	Non-State Govt.	1,416,869	495,904	132,754
Houston Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	4,501,071	1,575,375	421,728
Irwin County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	357,247	125,036	33,472
Jasper Memorial Hosp	Non-State Govt.	309,559	108,346	29,004
Jeff Davis Hospital	Non-State Govt.	954,688	334,141	89,449
Jefferson Hospital	Non-State Govt.	407,011	142,454	38,135
Liberty Regional Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	3,984,958	1,394,735	373,371

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Lifebrite Community Hospital of Early	Non-State Govt.	885,671	309,985	82,983
Meadows Regional Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	2,393,046	837,566	224,216
Medical Center of Peach County, Navicent Health	Non-State Govt.	1,165,636	407,973	109,214
Memorial Hospital And Manor	Non-State Govt.	1,365,076	477,777	127,901
Miller County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	174,216	60,976	16,323
Mitchell County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	346,149	121,152	32,432
Monroe County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	1,177,966	412,288	110,370
Morgan County Georgia Hospital Authority	Non-State Govt.	868,080	303,828	81,335
Northeast Georgia Medical Center Gainesville	Non-State Govt.	12,615,185	4,415,315	1,181,980
Northside Hospital	Non-State Govt.	6,916,894	2,420,913	648,078
Northside Hospital Cherokee	Non-State Govt.	5,116,617	1,790,816	479,401
Northside Hospital Duluth	Non-State Govt.	2,633,547	921,741	246,750
Northside Hospital Forsyth	Non-State Govt.	4,102,876	1,436,007	384,419
Northside Hospital Gwinnett	Non-State Govt.	13,733,197	4,806,619	1,286,732
Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc.	Non-State Govt.	9,856,283	3,449,699	923,484
Phoebe Sumter Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	3,066,006	1,073,102	287,269
Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, Inc.	Non-State Govt.	6,905,259	2,416,841	646,988
Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown Campus	Non-State Govt.	12,789,279	4,476,248	1,198,291
Piedmont Columbus Regional Northside Campus	Non-State Govt.	59,083	20,679	5,536
Piedmont Henry Hospital, Inc.	Non-State Govt.	3,197,290	1,119,052	299,570
Piedmont Newton Hospital	Non-State Govt.	1,639,552	573,843	153,618
Putnam General Hospital	Non-State Govt.	936,269	327,694	87,724
South Ga Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	9,182,515	3,213,880	860,356
South Ga Medical Center - Berrien Campus	Non-State Govt.	1,388,405	485,942	130,087
Southeast Ga Health System - Brunswick	Non-State Govt.	1,101,990	385,697	103,251

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Southeast Ga Health System - Camden	Non-State Govt.	1,558,422	545,448	146,016
Southwell Medical	Non-State Govt.	930,698	325,744	87,202
Southwest Georgia Regional Medical	Non-State Govt.	605,327	211,864	56,716
Stephens County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	6,420,000	2,247,000	601,522
Tanner Medical Center/Carrollton	Non-State Govt.	3,039,846	1,063,946	284,818
Tanner Medical Center/Villa Rica	Non-State Govt.	1,717,374	601,081	160,909
The Medical Center, Navicent Health	Non-State Govt.	3,625,516	1,268,931	339,693
Tift Regional Medical Center - A Campus of Tift Reg Health System	Non-State Govt.	6,316,238	2,210,683	591,800
Union County Hospital Authority	Non-State Govt.	111,384	38,984	10,436
University Hospital	Non-State Govt.	2,921,049	1,022,367	273,688
University Hospital McDuffie	Non-State Govt.	1,478,789	517,576	138,555
Upton Regional Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	1,376,706	481,847	128,990
Warm Springs Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	259,475	90,816	24,312
Washington County Regional Medical	Non-State Govt.	201,387	70,485	18,869
Wayne Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	2,599,732	909,906	243,582
Wellstar Cobb Hospital	Non-State Govt.	16,330,624	5,715,718	1,530,098
Wellstar Douglas Hospital	Non-State Govt.	5,554,271	1,943,995	520,407
Wellstar Kennestone Hospital	Non-State Govt.	16,279,869	5,697,954	1,525,342
Wellstar Paulding Hospital	Non-State Govt.	2,040,595	714,208	191,194
Wellstar Sylvan Grove Hospital, Inc	Non-State Govt.	1,076,201	376,670	100,835
Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	2,577,055	901,969	241,457
Wellstar Windy Hill Hospital	Non-State Govt.	189,538	66,338	17,759
Wills Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	239,305	83,757	22,422