



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 1, 2021

To: Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer

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

Subject: FY 2022 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 FY 2018 final DSH allotment with an adjustment for the final FY 2019 DSH allotment for Georgia from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS regularly calculates a preliminary DSH allotment that serves as an estimate and a final DSH allotment for each fiscal year once all the necessary information used in the calculation is available.

Although the estimated and actual increase in the CPI-U remained the same at 2.4 percent, the preliminary FY 2018 DSH allotments were higher than the final FY 2018 DSH allotments and therefore the final FY 2019 DSH allotments are lower than the preliminary FY 2019 DSH allotments. As a result of the allotment decrease, DSH payments made in FY 2019 were overstated.

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 2022 Appropriations Act.

For the interim payments, attached is information about the schedule, payment and intergovernmental transfer amount. This information will be available 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 15, 2021, 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 8, 2021, 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 2022 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 8, 2021, 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 2022
Schedule of Key Events**

Monday	November 1, 2021	Notice to Hospitals
Monday	November 8, 2021	Due Letter of Agreement & Notice of Intent to Transfer forms
Monday	November 15, 2021	Due Intergovernmental Transfers
Thursday	December 16, 2021	Payment

**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 15, 2021**. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Intergovernmental Transfers can only be accepted 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 Routing Number: 021000021
SWIFT CODE: CHASUS33
General Bank Ref Address: JPM Chase New York, NY 10017
Account Number: 20000011129927
Account Name: Intergovernmental Transfers

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 Routing Number: 028000024
Account Number: 20000011129927
Account Name: Intergovernmental Transfers

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 Ms. Marquita Cain, Sr. Manager 2, Grants Management & Revenue, by e-mail at MCain@dch.ga.gov .

**Georgia Department of Community Health
Interim SFY 2022 DSH - Notice of Intent to Transfer Form**

Notice of Intent to Transfer form for DSH payment is **due by Monday, November 8, 2021.**
Intergovernmental transfer for DSH payment is **due no later than 12 p.m. on Monday,
November 15, 2021.**

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

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 2022.
- (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 2022

Hospital Name: _____ (the "Hospital")

Typed Name

Title

Signature

Date Signed

Contact Telephone Number

Contact Email Address

Georgia Medicaid SFY 2022 Interim DSH Payment

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Appling Hospital	Non-State Govt.	402,903	572,285	571,088	(1,197)	141,016	139,819	38,004	(388)	37,616
Atrium Health Navicent Peach	Non-State Govt.	1,165,636	1,361,450	1,358,603	(2,847)	407,973	405,126	109,949	(922)	109,027
Atrium Health Navicent, The Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	3,625,516	5,588,229	5,571,857	(16,372)	1,268,931	1,252,559	341,977	(5,301)	336,676
Augusta University Medical Center	State Govt.	14,551,555	16,093,200	16,046,052	(47,148)	5,093,044	5,045,896	1,372,575	(15,267)	1,357,308
Bacon County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	927,442	833,635	831,892	(1,743)	324,605	322,862	87,481	(564)	86,917
Bleckley Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	534,822	511,275	510,206	(1,069)	187,188	186,119	50,447	(346)	50,101
Brooks County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	798,236	744,811	743,254	(1,557)	279,383	277,826	75,294	(504)	74,790
Burke Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	454,939	1,955,604	1,955,604	0	159,229	159,229	42,912	0	42,912
Candler County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	859,150	511,993	510,922	(1,071)	300,703	299,632	81,039	(347)	80,692
Chatuge Regional Hospital	Non-State Govt.	293,890	636,347	635,016	(1,331)	102,862	101,531	27,721	(431)	27,290
Clinch Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	952,170	496,852	495,813	(1,039)	333,260	332,221	89,814	(336)	89,478
Coffee Regional Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	1,391,773	2,508,551	2,503,305	(5,246)	487,121	481,875	131,279	(1,699)	129,580
Colquitt Regional Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	3,327,108	3,596,071	3,588,550	(7,521)	1,164,488	1,156,967	313,830	(2,435)	311,395
Crisp Regional Hospital	Non-State Govt.	1,392,781	1,672,964	1,669,465	(3,499)	487,473	483,974	131,374	(1,133)	130,241
Dodge County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	235,004	156,881	156,553	(328)	82,251	81,923	22,167	(106)	22,061
Dorminy Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	1,401,453	1,286,773	1,284,082	(2,691)	490,509	487,818	132,192	(871)	131,321
Effingham Hospital	Non-State Govt.	739,276	605,162	603,389	(1,773)	258,747	256,974	69,732	(574)	69,158
Elbert Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	845,431	485,082	484,068	(1,014)	295,901	294,887	79,745	(328)	79,417
Emanuel Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	818,234	1,064,048	1,061,823	(2,225)	286,382	284,157	77,180	(720)	76,460
Emory Decatur	Non-State Govt.	3,749,617	4,407,522	4,394,610	(12,912)	1,312,366	1,299,454	353,683	(4,181)	349,502
Emory Hillandale Hospital	Non-State Govt.	4,327,065	4,821,583	4,807,457	(14,126)	1,514,473	1,500,347	408,150	(4,574)	403,576
Evans Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	415,419	290,364	289,757	(607)	145,397	144,790	39,184	(197)	38,987
Floyd Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	6,264,429	6,742,444	6,722,691	(19,753)	2,192,550	2,172,797	590,892	(6,396)	584,496
Grady General Hospital	Non-State Govt.	857,731	601,797	600,538	(1,259)	300,206	298,947	80,906	(408)	80,498
Grady Health System/ Grady Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	119,190,848	129,136,918	128,758,596	(378,322)	41,716,797	41,338,475	11,242,677	(122,501)	11,120,176
Habersham County Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	781,191	947,471	945,490	(1,981)	273,417	271,436	73,686	(641)	73,045
Higgins General Hospital	Non-State Govt.	1,416,869	1,464,781	1,461,717	(3,064)	495,904	492,840	133,646	(992)	132,654
Houston Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	4,501,071	6,671,507	6,651,961	(19,546)	1,575,375	1,555,829	424,564	(6,329)	418,235
Irwin County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	357,247	94,508	94,310	(198)	125,036	124,838	33,697	(64)	33,633
Jasper Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	309,559	558,865	557,696	(1,169)	108,346	107,177	29,199	(379)	28,820
Jeff Davis Hospital	Non-State Govt.	954,688	808,845	807,153	(1,692)	334,141	332,449	90,051	(548)	89,503
Jefferson Hospital	Non-State Govt.	407,011	587,438	586,209	(1,229)	142,454	141,225	38,391	(398)	37,993
Liberty Regional Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	3,984,958	4,605,830	4,596,201	(9,629)	1,394,735	1,385,106	375,881	(3,118)	372,763
Lifebrite Community Hospital Of Early	Non-State Govt.	885,671	396,735	395,904	(831)	309,985	309,154	83,541	(269)	83,272

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Memorial Hospital & Manor	Non-State Govt.	1,365,076	1,216,651	1,214,106	(2,545)	477,777	475,232	128,761	(824)	127,937
Miller County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	174,216	183,338	182,954	(384)	60,976	60,592	16,433	(124)	16,309
Mitchell County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	346,149	335,123	334,422	(701)	121,152	120,451	32,650	(227)	32,423
Monroe County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	1,177,966	1,437,847	1,437,847	0	412,288	412,288	111,112	0	111,112
Morgan Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	868,080	645,933	644,582	(1,351)	303,828	302,477	81,882	(437)	81,445
Northeast Georgia Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	12,615,185	10,878,907	10,847,035	(31,872)	4,415,315	4,383,443	1,189,927	(10,320)	1,179,607
Northside Hospital	Non-State Govt.	6,916,894	7,249,855	7,228,615	(21,240)	2,420,913	2,399,673	652,436	(6,878)	645,558
Northside Hospital Duluth	Non-State Govt.	2,633,547	3,565,196	3,554,751	(10,445)	921,741	911,296	248,409	(3,382)	245,027
Northside Hospital Gwinnett	Non-State Govt.	13,733,197	15,990,915	15,944,067	(46,848)	4,806,619	4,759,771	1,295,384	(15,169)	1,280,215
Northside Hospital-Cherokee	Non-State Govt.	5,116,617	5,996,820	5,979,251	(17,569)	1,790,816	1,773,247	482,625	(5,689)	476,936
Northside Hospital-Forsyth	Non-State Govt.	4,102,876	5,700,204	5,683,504	(16,700)	1,436,007	1,419,307	387,004	(5,407)	381,597
Piedmont Columbus Regional- Northside	Non-State Govt.	59,083	26,651	26,573	(78)	20,679	20,601	5,573	(25)	5,548
Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	9,856,283	6,993,852	6,973,362	(20,490)	3,449,699	3,429,209	929,694	(6,635)	923,059
Phoebe Sumter Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	3,066,006	1,843,923	1,838,520	(5,403)	1,073,102	1,067,699	289,201	(1,749)	287,452
Piedmont Athens Regional Med Center	Non-State Govt.	6,905,259	4,654,754	4,641,117	(13,637)	2,416,841	2,403,204	651,339	(4,416)	646,923
Piedmont Columbus Regional - Midtown	Non-State Govt.	12,789,279	8,397,030	8,372,429	(24,601)	4,476,248	4,451,647	1,206,349	(7,966)	1,198,383
Piedmont Henry Hospital	Non-State Govt.	3,197,290	5,848,453	5,831,318	(17,135)	1,119,052	1,101,917	301,585	(5,548)	296,037
Piedmont Newton Hospital	Non-State Govt.	1,639,552	2,273,331	2,266,671	(6,660)	573,843	567,183	154,651	(2,157)	152,494
Polk Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	2,263,636	2,300,111	2,295,301	(4,810)	792,273	787,463	213,518	(1,557)	211,961
Putnam General Hospital	Non-State Govt.	936,269	761,046	759,454	(1,592)	327,694	326,102	88,314	(515)	87,799
South Georgia Med Ctr - Berrien	Non-State Govt.	1,388,405	1,641,901	1,641,901	0	485,942	485,942	130,961	0	130,961
South Georgia Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	9,182,515	8,665,702	8,640,314	(25,388)	3,213,880	3,188,492	866,141	(8,221)	857,920
Southeast Ga Hlth Sys-Brunswick Campus	Non-State Govt.	1,101,990	1,477,691	1,473,361	(4,330)	385,697	381,367	103,945	(1,402)	102,543
Southeast Ga Hlth Sys-Camden Campus	Non-State Govt.	1,558,422	2,508,621	2,503,375	(5,246)	545,448	540,202	146,998	(1,699)	145,299
Southwell Medical	Non-State Govt.	930,698	558,328	557,161	(1,167)	325,744	324,577	87,788	(378)	87,410
Stephens County Hospital	Non-State Govt.	6,420,000	3,311,255	3,304,330	(6,925)	2,247,000	2,240,075	605,567	(2,242)	603,325
Tanner Medical Center-Carrollton	Non-State Govt.	3,039,846	3,795,065	3,783,947	(11,118)	1,063,946	1,052,828	286,733	(3,600)	283,133
Tanner Medical Center-Villa Rica	Non-State Govt.	1,717,374	1,529,641	1,525,160	(4,481)	601,081	596,600	161,991	(1,451)	160,540
Tift Regional Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	6,316,238	4,051,889	4,040,018	(11,871)	2,210,683	2,198,812	595,779	(3,844)	591,935
Union General Hospital	Non-State Govt.	111,384	449,185	448,246	(939)	38,984	38,045	10,506	(304)	10,202
University Hospital	Non-State Govt.	2,921,049	4,183,593	4,171,336	(12,257)	1,022,367	1,010,110	275,528	(3,969)	271,559
University Hospital Mcduffie	Non-State Govt.	1,478,789	1,372,194	1,369,324	(2,870)	517,576	514,706	139,487	(929)	138,558

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Upson Regional Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	1,376,706	1,949,973	1,944,260	(5,713)	481,847	476,134	129,858	(1,850)	128,008
Warm Springs Medical Center	Non-State Govt.	259,475	223,613	223,145	(468)	90,816	90,348	24,475	(152)	24,323
Washington County Regional Med Center	Non-State Govt.	201,387	1,106,318	1,104,004	(2,314)	70,485	68,171	18,996	(749)	18,247
Wayne Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	2,599,732	2,407,485	2,402,451	(5,034)	909,906	904,872	245,220	(1,630)	243,590
Wellstar Cobb Hospital	Non-State Govt.	16,330,624	14,422,245	14,379,992	(42,253)	5,715,718	5,673,465	1,540,386	(13,682)	1,526,704
Wellstar Douglas Hospital	Non-State Govt.	5,554,271	5,339,972	5,324,327	(15,645)	1,943,995	1,928,350	523,907	(5,066)	518,841
Wellstar Kennestone Hospital	Non-State Govt.	16,279,869	13,496,623	13,457,082	(39,541)	5,697,954	5,658,413	1,535,599	(12,803)	1,522,796
Wellstar Paulding Hospital	Non-State Govt.	2,040,595	2,358,039	2,351,131	(6,908)	714,208	707,300	192,479	(2,237)	190,242
Wellstar Sylvan Grove Hospital	Non-State Govt.	1,076,201	1,297,142	1,297,142	0	376,670	376,670	101,513	0	101,513
Wellstar West Georgia Hospital	Non-State Govt.	2,577,055	2,363,607	2,356,682	(6,925)	901,969	895,044	243,081	(2,242)	240,839
Wellstar Windy Hill Hospital	Non-State Govt.	189,538	121,254	120,899	(355)	66,338	65,983	17,878	(115)	17,763
Wills Memorial Hospital	Non-State Govt.	239,305	146,456	146,149	(307)	83,757	83,450	22,573	(99)	22,474
Totals		357,774,621	367,895,553	366,873,448	(1,022,105)	125,221,122	124,199,017	33,747,096	(330,956)	33,416,140