



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 4, 2013

To: Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Financial Officer

From: John Upchurch  
Director, Reimbursement Services

Subject: FY 2013 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments

BY FACSIMILE

This is notification that the Department will issue interim payments to state-owned and non-state governmental owned hospitals equal to 50% of their preliminary SFY2013 DSH allocation amount. 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 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. 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 with which the hospital is affiliated.

No interim payments can be provided to private hospitals at this time due to the unavailability of a state matching fund source. The Department requires state appropriations to match available federal DSH funds for private hospitals. While the department has submitted a request for this funding, actual appropriation of such funds is pending the release of the Governor's Amended FY 2013 budget and the consideration of that budget by the General Assembly in the 2013 Legislative session. A final amount will not be available until the General Assembly passes an amended FY 2013 Appropriations Act, most likely to occur in late March or April 2013.

For the interim payments available to state owned and non-state governmental owned hospitals, detailed information about the time schedule, payment amount and intergovernmental transfer are provided on the Department's web site at [www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov) by selecting options for "Provider," "Hospital," "Indigent Care Trust Fund," and "Payments." You are encouraged to review your facility's data elements to ensure that the Department has accurately recorded your facility's information. If you find an error, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting me at (404) 657-0229 and Jim Erickson of Myers & Stauffer at (800) 374-6858.

The interim DSH payment to governmental hospitals will be issued by EFT to the bank account previously used for DSH or Upper Payment Limit disbursements to your facility. If there has been any change to your hospital's banking information, please provide the corrected information by February 8, 2013, to:

Ms. Linda Parson  
Accounting Manager  
(404) 651-9177  
Fax to (770) 344-4208

Also on our web site for Indigent Care Trust Fund under Latest News is an updated Letter of Agreement form. 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 February 8, 2013, to:

Ms. Annetta Smith  
Program Director  
Supplemental Reimbursement  
Georgia Department of Community Health  
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If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Annetta Smith at (404) 463-6669.