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Financial Management Group

OCT 06 2014

Mr. Jerry Dubberly, Chief
Division of Medicaid
Georgia Department of Community Health
2 Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30303-3159

RE: Georgia 13-012

Dear Mr. Dubberly:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 13-012. The purpose of this amendment is to provide inpatient supplemental payments to certain privately owned hospitals.

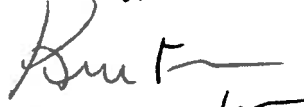
We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. As part of the review process the State was asked to provide information regarding funding of the State share of expenditures under Attachment 4.19-A.

Based upon your assurances, Medicaid State plan amendment 13-012 is approved effective July 1, 2013. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan page.

It should be noted that pursuant to the review of the proposed Upper Payment Limit demonstration related to this SPA is approved under the current methodology with an end date of June 1, 2014. At that time or before, a revised Upper Payment Inpatient Hospital demonstration will need to be submitted for approval for payments after that date.

If you have any questions, please call Dicky Sanford at (334) 241-0044.

Sincerely,


Timothy Hill
Director

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**Chief's Office
Medicaid Division**

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 13-012	2. STATE GEORGIA
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2013	

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

NEW STATE PLAN
 AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN
 AMENDMENT
 COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:
42 C.F.R. § 433.68; 42 C.F.R. § 447.250

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
FFY 2013: \$ 0
FFY 2014: \$ 16,494,168 #20,771,489

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
~~Attachment 4.19 A, p. 13a and 13b~~

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):
N/A

Attachment 4.19 A, page 14a and 14a.1

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: This amendment will result in supplemental payments to a subclass of privately owned hospitals for certain identified inpatient hospital services.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
Single State Agency Comments Attached

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:
[Signature]

13. TYPED NAME: JERRY DUBBERLY

14. TITLE: CHIEF, DIVISION OF MEDICAID

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

16. RETURN TO:
Department of Community Health
Division of Medicaid
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17. DATE RECEIVED:	18. DATE APPROVED: OCT 06 2014
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: JUL 01 2013	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: <i>[Signature]</i>
21. TYPED NAME: Kristin Fan	22. TITLE: Deputy Director, FMO
23. REMARKS:	

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - INPATIENT SERVICES**Supplemental Access to Care Payments for Private Hospitals:**

- A. As of July 1, 2013, privately owned Georgia hospitals, excluding children's, geriatric, osteopathic, critical access, rehabilitative and psychiatric hospitals, ("private hospital subclass") shall be paid supplemental amounts for the provision of hospital inpatient services set forth in this section. The supplemental amounts shall be in addition to any other amounts payable to hospitals with respect to those services.
- B. Payments are not to exceed the inpatient upper payment limit gap calculated in Section IV – Other Rate Adjustments less Section IV rate payment adjustments, hospitals in the private hospital subclass providing access to specialized care for Georgia's Medicaid and general population, shall receive an additional payment per Routine Medicaid fee-for-service day derived from the most recent Medicaid MMIS inpatient fee-for-service date of service claims data as follows:
- a. Organ Transplant Centers as determined by the Georgia Department of Community Health and updated annually with the most recent information available as of July 1 of each fiscal year - \$450.00
 - b. Short-term Acute Care hospitals with a Medicaid case mix index (CMI) equal to or exceeding one standard deviation above the average Short-term Acute Care hospital Medicaid CMI derived from the Medicaid MMIS inpatient fee-for-service date of service claims data and updated annually with the most recent information available as of July 1 of each fiscal year - \$225.00
 - c. Hospital campuses with 50 or more psychiatric beds as determined by the Georgia Department of Community Health and updated annually with the most recent information available as of July 1 of each fiscal year - \$180.00
 - d. Hospitals with a National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers as determined by the American College of Surgeons and updated annually with the most recent information available as of July 1 of each fiscal year - \$42.50
 - e. Hospitals with a Commission on Cancer Accredited Cancer Programs as determined by the American College of Surgeons and updated annually with the most recent information available as of July 1 of each fiscal year - \$42.50
- C. The Inpatient Upper Payment Limit demonstration for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30 2014 will include organ acquisition cost in the calculation of the Medicare Cost to Charge Ratio.

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Beginning July 1, 2014, the Inpatient Upper Payment Limit Demonstration will exclude organ acquisition cost in the calculation of the Medicare Cost to Charge Ratio.

- D. Should the aggregate of Section IV rate payment adjustments and calculated supplemental payments in paragraph (B) exceed the available inpatient upper payment limit for hospitals in the private hospital subclass, payment per each supplemental payment type in paragraph (B) will be proportionately adjusted to ensure supplemental payments do not exceed the available inpatient upper payment limit gap calculated in Section IV-Other Rate Adjustments.
- E. Payments are equal to the inpatient UPL gap calculated in Section IV – Other Rate Adjustments less Section IV rate adjustment payments and paragraph (B) Access to Care Payments. Hospitals in the private subclass shall receive a payment equal to a uniform percentage increase applied to annual inpatient hospital Medicaid fee-for-service payments derived from the Medicaid MMIS inpatient fee-for-service date of service claims data and updated annually with the most recent information available as of July 1st of each fiscal year. The percentage increase will be equal to the remaining pool amount divided by the total annual inpatient hospital Medicaid fee-for-service payments for the private hospital subclass.
- F. Supplemental payments shall be paid in four installments within the state fiscal year.
- G. Hospital payments made under this section, when combined with other payments made under the state plan shall not exceed the limit specified in 42 CFR § 447.271 and 42 CFR § 447.272.
- H. The total funds that will be paid to each hospital will be included in the calculation of disproportionate share limits as described in Section III.B.3.