



## MEMORANDUM

Date: June 17, 2009

To: Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Financial Officer

From: Alec Steele  
Director, Reimbursement Services  
Division of Financial Management

Subject: SFY 2009 UPL Hospital Payments for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters  
SFY 2009 Revised Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments

### BY FACSIMILE AND MAIL

The Department has received approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to proceed with issuing interim upper payment limit (UPL) payments to hospitals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of State Fiscal Year 2009. Information about the schedule of events, notice of intent, UPL payment amount and intergovernmental transfer, if applicable, are provided on the Department's web site at [www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov) by selecting options for "Providers," "Hospital," and "Supplemental Reimbursement." UPL calculations were based on updated 2007 HS&R report data and hospital 2007 cost report data. Please note these payments represent interim amounts that will be subject to retrospective settlement at a later date, when paid claim data and cost reports are available for Fiscal Year 2009.

Data related to revised SFY 2009 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) eligibility, payment, notice of intent and schedule of events are provided on the Department's web site noted above by selecting options for "Providers," "Hospital," "Indigent Care Trust Fund," and "Payments."

The required intergovernmental transfer (IGT) for both programs UPL and DSH will be combined. Providers who were overpaid in the DSH program for SFY2009, this process would reduce your overpayment by interim UPL payments due your facility. Please note this may not eliminate the total amount due to the State.

As indicated in the web site information, UPL payments to Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) are scheduled to be made on June 26, 2009. For hospitals other than CAHs, the UPL and revised DSH payments will depend on the receipt of an IGT from the governmental entity affiliated with your hospital. Please note that, except for Critical Access Hospitals, the intergovernmental transfer must be received by noon on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, for payment to be issued on June 26, 2009.

In order to assure that the timely receipt of intergovernmental transfers can be confirmed, a Notice of Intent to Transfer must be submitted by Monday, June 22, 2009, to document the expected method of transfer. If an IGT is not received by June 23, 2009, the associated UPL and revised

DSH payment will be delayed until later this year. Please note we will not be able to accept late IGT to make payments on June 26, 2009.

With regard to the payment to be made on June 26, 2009, it will be issued by EFT to the bank account previously used for UPL disbursements to your facility. Typically, there is a 1 or 2-day delay between when EFT transactions are initiated and when the funds are deposited into a provider's bank account. Allowing for such a delay, the UPL payment and revised DSH payment should post to your facility's bank account on or before June 30, 2009.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Annetta Smith at (404) 657-9272.