



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 28, 2010

To: Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer

From: Alec Steele
Director, Reimbursement Services

Subject: FY 2010 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments

BY FACSIMILE AND MAIL

In a memorandum sent on April 16, 2010, providers were notified that the Department would issue interim payments equal to 75% of the preliminary SFY2010 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) limit. We will proceed by issuing interim payments to governmental hospitals only. 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, equal to the matching funds needed to obtain the federal DSH funds, can be provided by the hospital authority or other governmental entity with which the hospital is affiliated. No interim payments can be provided to nongovernmental hospitals at this time due to the unavailability of a state matching fund source.

For the interim payments available to governmental 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 by selecting options for "Provider," "Hospital," "Indigent Care Trust Fund," and "Payments." As indicated in the web site information, interim payments are scheduled to be made on May 20, 2010. Please note that the required intergovernmental transfer must be received by 2 p.m. on May 13, 2010, for an interim payment to be issued. In order to assure that the timely receipt of intergovernmental transfers can be confirmed, a Notice of Intent to Transfer must be submitted by May 6, 2010, to document the expected method of transfer.

The interim DSH payment to governmental hospitals will be issued by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the bank account previously used for DSH or Upper Payment Limit disbursements to your facility. Typically, there is a 1 or 2-day delay between when the funds are disbursed by EFT and when the funds are deposited into a provider's bank account. If there has been any change to your hospital's banking information, please provide the corrected information by May 6, 2010, to:

Ms. Lanika Dancy
Accounts Payable Paraprofessional
(404) 656-6277 or
Fax to (866) 879-8718

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Annetta Smith, Program Director for Supplemental Reimbursement, at (404) 463-6669.