COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

John E. Littel
Secretary of Health and Human Resources

August 18, 2022

Todd McMillion
Director
Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
233 North Michigan Ave., Suite 600
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Mr. McMillion:

Attached for your review and approval is amendment 22-017, entitled "Institutional Provider Reimbursement Changes" to the Plan for Medical Assistance for the Commonwealth. I request that your office approve this change as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

John E. Littel

Attachment

cc: Cheryl J. Roberts, Acting Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services
CMS, Region III

Transmittal Summary

SPA 22-017

I. IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Title of Amendment: 2022 Institutional Provider Reimbursement Changes

II. SYNOPSIS

Basis and Authority: The Code of Virginia (1950) as amended, § 32.1-325, grants to the Board of Medical Assistance Services the authority to administer and amend the Plan for Medical Assistance. The Code of Virginia (1950) as amended, § 32.1-324, authorizes the Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to administer and amend the Plan for Medical Assistance according to the Board's requirements.

Additional authority was provided by the Virginia legislature as detailed below.

Purpose: The 2022 Appropriations Act requires DMAS to make the following changes:

a. Item 304.BBBB: The state plan is being revised to adjust the formula for indirect medical education (IME) reimbursement for managed care discharges for freestanding children's hospitals with greater than 50 percent Medicaid utilization in 2009 by increasing the case mix adjustment factor to the greater of 3.2962 or the most recent rebasing. Total payments for IME in combination with other payments for freestanding children's hospitals with greater than 50 percent Medicaid utilization in 2009 may not exceed the hospital's Medicaid costs.

b. Item 304.B(5): The state plan is being revised to clarify any hospitals acquired by or that become fully-owned by designated Type One hospitals shall be considered Type Two facilities for reimbursement including, but not limited to: Indirect Medical Education payments, Graduate Medical Education Payments, Direct Medical Education payments, Disproportionate Share Hospital payments, hospital rate-setting purposes, aggregated cost settlements, and physician supplemental payments. Facilities acquired prior to July 1, 2022, by Type One hospitals shall continue to be designated as Type One hospitals for reimbursement purposes.

c. Item 304.X(2), Item 304.X(3), and Item 304.X(4): The state plan is being revised to establish rebasing of PRTF rates every three years. The first rebasing of rates shall take effect July 1, 2023. All PRTF and Addiction and Rehabilitation Treatment Services (ARTS) providers who offer qualifying services under 12VAC30-70-418(C) shall be required to submit cost reports as a part of rebasing. Out of state providers with more than 1,500 paid days for Virginia Medicaid members in the most recently completed state fiscal year shall also be required to submit a cost report. A rate ceiling shall be established based on a statewide weighted average cost per day. Rate ceilings shall be established independently for PRTFs and participating ARTS residential services. DMAS shall also establish inflation increases for each non-rebasing fiscal year for both PRTF and qualifying ARTS providers. Inflation rates shall be tied to the Nursing Facility Moving Average as established by IHS Markit (or its successor). The most recent four quarters will be averaged to create the PRTF inflation rate. Effective

July 1, 2022, the department shall adjust PRTF rates by 8.89% to account for inflation since the last audited cost report of fiscal year 2018. The rate ceiling shall increase to $460.89 per day.

d. Item 304.VV: The state plan is being revised to establish a new direct and indirect care peer group for nursing facilities operating with at least 80% of the resident population having one or more of the following diagnoses: quadriplegia, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, paraplegia, or cerebral palsy. In addition, a qualifying facility must have at least 90% Medicaid utilization and a case mix index of 1.15 or higher in fiscal year 2014. The department shall utilize the data from the most recent rebasing to make this change effective for fiscal year 2023 and subsequent rate years until this change is incorporated into the next scheduled rebasing. This change shall not affect rates established in the most recent rebasing for facilities in any other direct and indirect care peer groups.

e. Item 304.WW: The state plan is being revised to establish specialized care operating rates for fiscal years 2021, 2022 and 2023 by inflating the fiscal year 2020 rates using Virginia nursing home inflation. After fiscal year 2023, the department shall revert to the existing prospective methodology.

Substance and Analysis: The sections of the State Plan for Medical Assistance that are affected by this action are "Methods & Standards for Establishing Payment Rates-Inpatient Care" and "Methods & Standards for Establishing Payment Rates-Long-Term Care."

Impact:

a. Item 304.BBBB. The expected increase in annual aggregate expenditures is $1,009,781 in state general funds and $1,029,665 in federal funds in federal fiscal year 2022.

b. Item 304.B(5). There is no expected increase or decrease in annual aggregate expenditures as a result of this change.

c. Item 304.X(2), Item 304.X(3), and Item 304.X(4). The expected increase in annual aggregate expenditures is $997,923 in state general funds, $2,668 in special funds, and $1,057,263 in federal funds in federal fiscal year 2022.

d. Item 304.VV. The expected increase in annual aggregate expenditures is $899,711 in state general funds and $993,238 in federal funds in federal fiscal year 2022.

e. Item 304.WW. There is no expected increase or decrease in annual aggregate expenditures as a result of this change.

Tribal Notice: Please see Attachments A-1 and A-2.

Prior Public Notice: Please see Attachment B-1.

Public Comments and Agency Analysis: Please see Attachment B-2.

Commonwealth of Virginia

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Tribal Notice – Institutional Provider Reimbursement Changes

1 message

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Dear Tribal Leaders and Indian Health Programs:

Attached is a Tribal Notice letter from Virginia Medicaid Acting Director Cheryl Roberts indicating that the Dept. of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) plans to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This SPA will allow DMAS to make changes to institutional (inpatient and long-term care) provider reimbursement as a result of items in the 2022 Appropriations Act.

If you would like a copy of the SPA documents or proposed text changes, or if you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you! -- Meredith Lee

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August 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Notice of Opportunity for Tribal Comment – State Plan Amendment related to 2022 Provider Reimbursement Changes for Inpatient and Long-Term Care Services

Dear Tribal Leader and Indian Health Programs:

This letter is to notify you that the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is planning to amend the Virginia State Plan for Medical Assistance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Specifically, DMAS is providing you notice about a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that the Agency will file with CMS in order to make changes to institutional (inpatient and long-term care) provider reimbursement as a result of items in the 2022 Appropriations Act. These items include:

Methods & Standards for Establishing Payment Rates-Inpatient Care (12 VAC 30-70)

1. In accordance with the 2022 Special Session, Item 304.BBBB, the state plan is being revised to adjust the formula for indirect medical education (IME) reimbursement for managed care discharges for freestanding children's hospitals with greater than 50 percent Medicaid utilization in 2009 by increasing the case mix adjustment factor to the greater of 3.2962 or the most recent rebasing. Total payments for IME in combination with other payments for freestanding children's hospitals with greater than 50 percent Medicaid utilization in 2009 may not exceed the hospital's Medicaid costs.

2. In accordance with the 2022 Special Session, Item 304.B(5), the state plan is being revised to clarify any hospitals acquired by or that become fully-owned by designated Type One hospitals shall be considered Type Two facilities for reimbursement including, but not limited to: Indirect Medical Education payments, Graduate Medical Education Payments, Direct Medical Education payments, Disproportionate Share Hospital payments, hospital rate-setting purposes, aggregated cost settlements, and physician supplemental payments. Facilities acquired prior to July 1, 2022, by Type One hospitals shall continue to be designated as Type One hospitals for reimbursement purposes.

3. In accordance with the 2022 Special Session, Item 304.X(2), Item 304.X(3), and Item 304.X(4), the state plan is being revised to establish rebasing of PRTF rates every three years. The first rebasing of rates shall take effect July 1, 2023. All PRTF and Addiction and Rehabilitation Treatment Services (ARTS) providers who offer qualifying services under 12VAC30-70-418(C) shall be required to submit cost reports as a part of rebasing. Out of state providers with more than 1,500 paid days for Virginia Medicaid members in the most recently completed state fiscal year shall also be required to submit a cost report. A rate ceiling shall be established based on a statewide weighted average cost per day. Rate ceilings shall be established independently for PRTFs and participating ARTS residential services. DMAS shall also establish inflation increases for each non-rebasing fiscal year for both PRTF and qualifying ARTS providers. Inflation rates shall be tied to the Nursing Facility Moving Average as established by IHS Markit (or its successor). The most recent four quarters will be averaged to create the PRTF inflation rate. Effective July 1, 2022, the department shall adjust PRTF rates by 8.89% to account for inflation since the last audited cost report of fiscal year 2018. The rate ceiling shall increase to $460.89 per day.

Methods & Standards for Establishing Payment Rates-Long-Term Care (12 VAC 30-90)

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2. In accordance with the 2022 Special Session, Item 304.WW, the state plan is being revised to establish specialized care operating rates for fiscal years 2021, 2022 and 2023 by inflating the fiscal year 2020 rates using Virginia nursing home inflation. After fiscal year 2023, the department shall revert to the existing prospective methodology.

The tribal comment period for this SPA is open through August 31, 2022. You may submit your comments directly to Meredith Lee, DMAS Policy, Regulation, and Member Engagement Division, by phone (804) 371-0552, or via email: Meredith.Lee@dmas.virginia.gov. Finally, if you prefer regular mail you may send your comments or questions to:

Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services
Attn: Meredith Lee
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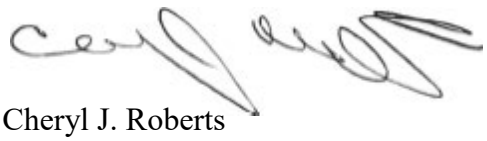
Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,



Cheryl J. Roberts
Acting Director

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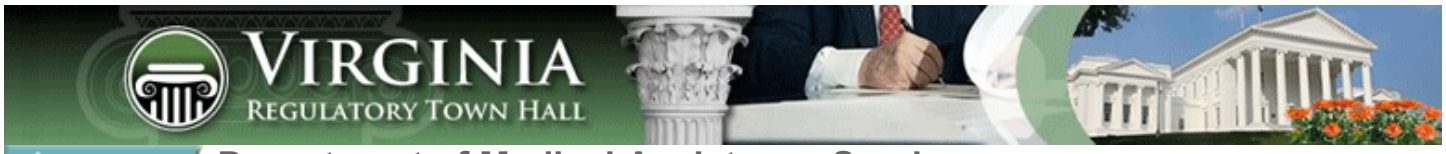

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Public Notice - Intent to Amend State Plan - 2022 Institutional Provider Reimbursement Changes

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LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES
NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND

(Pursuant to §1902(a)(13) of the *Act (U.S.C. 1396a(a)(13)*)

THE VIRGINIA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

This Notice was posted on June 28, 2022

The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) hereby affords the public notice of its intention to amend the Virginia State Plan for Medical Assistance to provide for changes to the *Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates — Inpatient Care (12 VAC 30-70) and Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates – Long-Term Care (12 VAC 30-90)*.

This notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of 42 C.F.R. § 447.205 and of § 1902(a)(13) of the *Social Security Act*, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(13). A copy of this notice is available for public review from Meredith Lee, DMAS, 600 Broad Street, Suite 1300, Richmond, VA 23219, or via e-mail at: Meredith.Lee@dmas.virginia.gov.

DMAS is specifically soliciting input from stakeholders, providers and beneficiaries, on the potential impact of the proposed changes discussed in this notice. Comments or inquiries may be submitted, in writing, within 30 days of this notice publication to Meredith Lee and such comments are available for review at the same address. Comments may also be submitted, in writing, on the Town Hall public comment forum attached to this notice.

This notice is available for public review on the Regulatory Town Hall (**https://townhall.virginia.gov**) on the General Notices page, found at: **https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/generalnotice.cfm**

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There is no expected increase or decrease in annual aggregate expenditures as a result of this change.

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care hospital and admitted to another for the same or a similar diagnosis within five days of that discharge. Similar diagnoses shall be defined as ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes possessing the same first three digits.

"Type One" hospitals means those hospitals that were state-owned teaching hospitals on January 1, 1996. Facilities acquired prior to July 1, 2022, by Type One hospitals shall continue to be designated as Type One hospitals for reimbursement purposes.

"Type Two" hospitals means all other hospitals. Effective July 1 2022, any hospitals acquired by or that become fully-owned by designated Type One hospitals shall be considered Type Two facilities for reimbursement purposes.

"Ungroupable cases" means cases assigned to DRG 469 (principal diagnosis invalid as discharge diagnosis) and DRG 470 (ungroupable) as determined by the AP-DRG Grouper. Effective October 1, 2014, "ungroupable cases" means cases assigned to DRG 955 (ungroupable) and DRG 956 (ungroupable) as determined by the APR-DRG Grouper.

D. The All Patient Diagnosis Related Groups (AP-DRG) Grouper shall be used in the DRG payment system. Effective October 1, 2014, DMAS shall replace the AP-DRG grouper with the All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) grouper for hospital inpatient reimbursement. The APR-DRG Grouper will produce a DRG as well as a severity level ranging from 1 to 4. DMAS shall phase in the APR- DRG weights by blending in 50 opercent of the full APR-DRG weights with 50 percent of FY 2014 AP- DRG weights for each APR-DRG group and severity level in the first year. In the second year, the blend will be 75 percent of full APR-DRG weights and 25 percent of the FY 2014 AP-DRG weights. Full APR-DRG weights shall be used in the third year and succeeding years for each APR-DRG group and severity. DMAS shall notify hospitals when updating the system to later grouper versions.

E. The primary data sources used in the development of the DRG payment methodology were the department's hospital computerized claims history file and the cost report file. The claims history file captures available claims data from all enrolled, cost-reporting general acute care hospitals, including Type One hospitals. The cost report file captures audited cost and charge data from all enrolled general acute care hospitals, including Type One hospitals. The following table identified key data elements that were used to develop the DRG payment methodology and that will be used when the system is recalibrated and rebased.

Data Elements for DRG Payment Methodology

Data Elements	Source
Total charges for each groupable case	Claims history file
Number of groupable cases in each DRG	Claims history file
Total number of groupable cases	Claims history file
Total charges for each DRG case	Claims history file
Total number of DRG cases	Claims history file
Total charges for each acute care psychiatric case	Claims history file
Total number of acute care psychiatric days for each acute care hospital	Claims history file
Total charges for each freestanding psychiatric case	Medicare cost reports

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A. An additional IME payment shall be made for inpatient hospital services provided to Medicaid patients but reimbursed by capitated managed care providers.

1. For Type Two hospitals, this payment shall be equal to the hospital's hospital specific operating rate per case, as determined in 12 VAC 30-70-311, times the hospital's HMO paid discharges times the hospital's IME percentage, as determined in subsection B of this section.

2. For Type One hospitals, this payment shall be equal to the hospital's hospital specific operating rate per case, as determined in 12 VAC 30-70-311, times the hospital's HMO paid discharges times the hospital's IME percentage, as determined in subsection B of this section. Effective April 1, 2012, the operating rate per case used in the formula shall be revised to reflect an adjustment factor of oneand case mix adjusted by multiplying the operating rate per case in this subsection by the weightper case for FFS discharges that is determined during rebasing. This formula applied to CHKD effective July 1, 2017.

3. For CHKD, effective ~~July 1, 2021~~ July 1, 2022, the IME reimbursement for managed care discharges shall be calculated using a case mix adjustment factor the greater of ~~2.718~~ 3.2962 or the most recent rebasing. ~~This case-mix index (CMI) factor shall take precedence over future calculations.~~ Total payments for IME in combination with other payments for CHKD may not exceed the ~~federal uncompensated care cost limit that disproportionate share hospital payments are subject to~~ hospital's Medicaid costs.

B. An additional IME payment not to exceed $200,000 in total shall be apportioned among Type Two Hospitals excluding freestanding children's hospitals with Medicaid NICU utilizationin excess of 50 percent as reported to the Department of Medical Assistance Services as of March 1, 2004. These payments shall be apportioned based on each eligible hospital's percentageof Medicaid NICU patient days relative to the total of these days among eligible hospitals as reported by March 1, 2004.

C. An additional IME not to exceed $500,000 in total shall be apportioned among Type Two hospitals, excluding freestanding children's hospitals, with Medicaid NICU days in excess of 4, 500 as reported to the Department of Medical Assistance Services as of March 1, 2005, that do not otherwise receive an additional IME payment under subsection D of this section. These payments shall be total of these days among eligible hospitals as reported by March 1, 2003.

D. Effective July 1, 2013, total payments of IME in combination with other payments for freestanding children's hospitals with greater than 50 percent Medicaid utilization in 2009 maynot exceed the federal uncompensated care cost limit that disproportionate share hospital payments are subject to. Effective July 1, 2017, IME payments cannot exceed the federal uncompensated care cost limit to which disproportionate share hospital payments are subject, excluding third party reimbursement for Medicaid eligible patients.

E. Effective July 1, 2018, an additional $362,360 IME payment shall be added to the IME payment calculated in Section B.2 for the Children's National Medical Center.

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D. Effective July 1, 2014, services provided under arrangement, as defined in 12 VAC 30-50- 130(B)(6)(c), shall be reimbursed directly by DMAS according to the reimbursement methodology prescribed for these providers in 12 VAC 30-80, to a provider of services under arrangement if all of the following are met:
1.The services provided under arrangement are included in the active written treatment plan of care developed and signed as described in section 12 VAC 30-130-890 and
2.The services provided under arrangement are arranged and overseen by the residential treatment facility treatment team through a written referral to a Medicaid enrolled provider that is either an employee of the residential treatment facility or under contract for services provided under arrangement.

E. Effective July 1, 2021, per diem rates paid to Virginia-based psychiatric residential treatment facilities will be revised using the provider's audited cost per day from the facility's cost report to provider fiscal years ending in state fiscal year 2018. New Virginia-based residential psychiatric facilities must submit proforma cost report data, which will be used to set the initial per diem rate for up to two years. After this period, the department shall establish a per diem rate based on an audited cost report for a 12-month period within the first two years of operation. Virginia-based residential psychiatric facilities that do not submit cost reports shall be paid at 75 percent of the established rate ceiling. If necessary to enroll out-of-state providers for network adequacy, the department shall negotiate rates with the provider and establish a single-case agreement. If there is sufficient utilization, the department may require out-of-state providers to submit a cost report to establish a per diem rate. In-state and out-of-state provider per diem rates shall be subject to a ceiling based on the statewide weighted average cost per day from fiscal year 2018 cost reports.

DMAS shall establish rebasing of PRTF rates every three years. The first rebasing of rates shall take effect July 1, 2023. All PRTF and Addiction and Rehabilitation Treatment Services (ARTS) providers who offer qualifying services under 12VAC30-70-418(C) shall be required to submit cost reports as a part of rebasing. Out of state providers with more than 1,500 paid days for Virginia Medicaid members in the most recently completed state fiscal year shall also be required to submit a cost report. A rate ceiling shall be established based on a statewide weighted average cost per day. Rate ceilings shall be established independently for PRTFs and participating ARTS residential services.

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Effective July 1, 2022, the department shall adjust PRTF rates by 8.89% to account for inflation since the last audited cost report of fiscal year 2018. The rate ceiling shall increase to $460.89 per day.

12 VAC 30-70-420. Reimbursement of non-cost-reporting general acute care hospital providers.

A. Effective July 1, 2000, non-cost-reporting (general acute care hospitals that are not required to file cost reports) shall be paid based on DRG rates unadjusted for geographic variation increased by the average capital percentage among hospitals filing cost reports in a recent year. General acute care hospitals shall not file cost reports if they have less than 1,000 days per year (in the most recent provider fiscal year) ofinpatient utilization by Virginia Medicaid recipients, inclusive of patients in managed care capitation programs.

B. Effective July 1, 2011, out-of-state hospitals shall be reimbursed the lesser of the amount reimbursed by the Medicaid program in the facility's home state or the rate defined in the subsection A of this section.

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h. The direct and indirect price for each peer group shall be based on the following adjustment factors:

a. Direct adjustment factor- 105.000% of the peer group day-weighted median neutralized and inflated cost per day for freestanding nursing facilities.

- Effective July 1, 2021, the direct adjustment factor shall be 109.3% of the peer group day-weighted median neutralized and inflated cost per day for freestanding nursing facilities.

b. Indirect adjustment factor - 100.735% of the peer group day-weighted median inflated cost per day for freestanding nursing facilities.

- Effective July 1, 2021, the indirect adjustment factor shall be 103.3% of the peer group day-weighted median inflated cost per day for freestanding nursing facilities.

i. Facilities with costs projected to the rate year below 95% of the price shall have an adjusted price equal to the price minus the difference between the facility's cost and 95% of the unadjusted price. Adjusted prices will be established at each rebasing. New facilities after the base year shall not have an adjusted price until the next rebasing.

j. Special circumstances.

1. Effective ~~July 1, 2021~~ July 1, 2022, DMAS shall ~~increase the~~ establish a new direct and indirect peer group for nursing facilities operating ~~rates under the nursing facility price-based reimbursement methodology from 15% to 25.4% above a facility's calculated price-based rates for nursing facilities where~~ with at least 80% of the resident population has one or more of the following diagnoses: quadriplegia, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, paraplegia, or cerebral palsy. In addition, a qualifying facility must have at least 90% Medicaid utilization and a nursing facility case-mix index of 1.15 or higher in fiscal year 2014.

- The department shall utilize the data from the most recent rebasing to make this change effective for fiscal year 2023 and subsequent rate years until this change is incorporated into the next scheduled rebasing.

2. For rebasings effective on or after July 1, 2020, DMAS shall move nursing facilities located in the former Danville Metropolitan Statistical Area to the Other MSAs peer group.

k. Individual claim payment for direct costs shall be based on each resident's Resource Utilization Group (RUG) during the service period times the facility direct price.

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CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

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OMB No. 0938-0193

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 22-0017

2. STATE: VA

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT: (●) XIX ( ) XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/2022

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR 447

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2022 $ 3,080,166
b. FFY 2023 $ 12,375,439

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 4.19-A, revised pages 5, 10, and 17.2
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8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*
Same as box #7.

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

2022 Institutional Provider Reimbursement Changes

10. 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: Secretary of Health and Human Resources

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: Cheryl Roberts

12. TYPED NAME: Cheryl J. Roberts

13. TITLE: Acting Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED: 08/01/22

15. RETURN TO
Department of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street, #1300
Richmond VA 23219

Attn: Policy, Regulations, and Manuals Supervisor

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16. DATE RECEIVED

17. DATE APPROVED

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

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Total charges for each acute care psychiatric case	Claims history file
Total number of acute care psychiatric days for each acute care hospital	Claims history file
Total charges for each freestanding psychiatric case	Medicare cost reports

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3. For CHKD, effective July 1, 2022, the IME reimbursement for managed care discharges shall be calculated using a case mix adjustment factor the greater of 3.2962 or the most recent rebasing. Total payments for IME in combination with other payments for CHKD may not exceed the hospital's Medicaid costs.

B. An additional IME payment not to exceed $200,000 in total shall be apportioned among Type Two Hospitals excluding freestanding children's hospitals with Medicaid NICU utilizationin excess of 50 percent as reported to the Department of Medical Assistance Services as of March 1, 2004. These payments shall be apportioned based on each eligible hospital's percentageof Medicaid NICU patient days relative to the total of these days among eligible hospitals as reported by March 1, 2004.

C. An additional IME not to exceed $500,000 in total shall be apportioned among Type Two hospitals, excluding freestanding children's hospitals, with Medicaid NICU days in excess of 4, 500 as reported to the Department of Medical Assistance Services as of March 1, 2005, that do not otherwise receive an additional IME payment under subsection D of this section. These payments shall be total of these days among eligible hospitals as reported by March 1, 2003.

D. Effective July 1, 2013, total payments of IME in combination with other payments for freestanding children's hospitals with greater than 50 percent Medicaid utilization in 2009 maynot exceed the federal uncompensated care cost limit that disproportionate share hospital payments are subject to. Effective July 1, 2017, IME payments cannot exceed the federal uncompensated care cost limit to which disproportionate share hospital payments are subject, excluding third party reimbursement for Medicaid eligible patients.

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