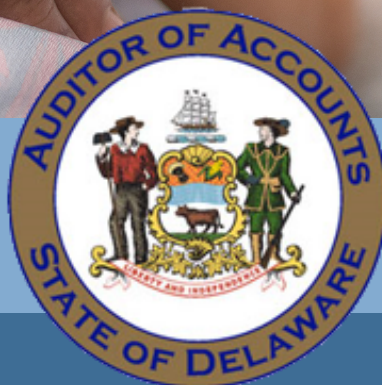


# Examination of Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments Program (DSH)

As of June 30, 2017



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*State of Delaware Department of Health and Social Services  
Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance  
Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments Program (DSH)*

*June 30, 2017*

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**What Was Performed?** An Examination of the State's Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments Program (DSH) for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017.

**Why This Engagement?** The State of Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) administers the DSH. The Medicaid program is required to make Disproportionate Share Hospital payments to qualifying hospitals that serve a large number of Medicaid and uninsured individuals.

This program is regulated by the federal government. States that receive federal funding must annually certify that six required verifications are examined to ensure compliance with the federal program. The certification is submitted at least every four years.

**What Was Found?** It is my pleasure to report this engagement contained an unmodified opinion.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the examination contained no findings required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The State of Delaware Department of Health and Social Services Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments Program (DSH) for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017, can be found on our website: [click here](#).

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<sup>1</sup> An unmodified opinion is sometimes referred to as a "clean" opinion. It is one in which the auditor expresses an opinion that the referenced schedule(s) present fairly, in all material respects, the information based on established criteria as stated in the audit report.

**State of Delaware Department of Health and Social Services  
Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance  
Independent Accountant’s Report on  
Assertions on Compliance with  
Specified Requirements Applicable to the  
Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments Program**

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## Independent Accountant's Report

State of Delaware Department of Health  
and Social Services  
Division of Medicaid and  
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We have examined management's assertion that the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance, Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments Program (the "Program") for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, complies with the six verifications required by the Code of Federal Regulations - 42 CFR, Parts 447 and 455 and met the requirements of the State of Delaware's Medicaid State Plan Section 4.19A (the "Requirements"). The Requirements are as follows:

- If applicable, recipient facilities have at least two obstetricians who have staff privileges at the facility and who have agreed to provide obstetric services to individuals who are entitled to medical assistance for such services under such State plan. In addition, a facility that is an Institute for Mental Disease must have a Medicaid inpatient utilization rate (as defined under Social Security Act Section 1923(b)) of not less than 1 percent.
- The Disproportionate Share Hospital ("DSH") payments made to the facilities comply with the hospital-specific DSH payment limit.
- Only uncompensated care costs of furnishing inpatient and outpatient hospital services to Medicaid eligible individuals, less the amount paid by the State under the non-disproportionate share hospital payment provisions of the State Plan, and individuals with no third party coverage, less the amount of payments made by these patients, have been included in the calculation of the hospital-specific disproportionate share payment limit, as described in Section 1923(g)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act.
- For purposes of the hospital-specific limit calculation, any Medicaid payments (including regular Medicaid fee-for-service rate payments, supplemental/enhanced Medicaid payments, and Medicaid managed care organization payments) received by the facilities for furnishing inpatient hospital and outpatient hospital services to Medicaid eligible individuals, which are in excess of the Medicaid incurred costs for such services, have been applied against the uncompensated care costs ("UCC") of furnishing inpatient hospital and outpatient hospital services to individuals with no source of third party coverage for such services.
- Any information and records of all of its inpatient and outpatient hospital specific costs under the Medicaid program; claimed expenditures under the Medicaid program; uninsured inpatient and outpatient hospital service costs in determining payment adjustments; and any payments made on behalf of the uninsured from payment adjustments have been separately documented and retained.
- The estimate of the hospital-specific DSH limit has been calculated in accordance with Section 1923(d)(5) of the Social Security Act.



Management of the Program is responsible for complying with these Requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertions about the facilities' compliance based on our examination. Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, and accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting compliance with the Requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Program's compliance with specified Requirements.

In our opinion, the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance, Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments Program referred to above is in compliance with the Requirements in all material respects for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

The Disproportionate Share Report for the period ended June 30, 2017 on page 5 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the examination report. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not examine the information and express no opinion on it.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we also issued our report dated April 29, 2021, on our consideration of the Program's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting and compliance. That report is an integral part of an examination performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our examination.

This report, as required by statute, was provided to the Office of the Governor, Office of the Controller General, Office of the Attorney General, and Office of Management and Budget. However, under 29 Del. C., §10002(l), this report is public record and its distribution is not limited.

BDO USA, LLP

Wilmington, Delaware  
April 29, 2021

## Supplementary Material

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STATE OF DELAWARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
DIVISION OF MEDICAID AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
ANNUAL DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL REPORT  
PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Hospital Name	Estimated Hospital-Specific DSH Limit	Medicaid IP Utilization Rate	Low-Income Utilization Rate	Defined DSH Qualification Criteria	Regular IP/OP Medicaid FFS Basic Rate Payments	IP/OP Medicaid/MCO Payments	Supplemental/Enhanced IP/OP Medicaid Payments	Total Medicaid IP/OP Payments	Total Cost of Care - Medicaid IP/OP Services	Total Medicaid Uncompensated Care	Uninsured IP/OP Revenue	Total Applicable Section 1011 Payments	Total cost of IP/OP Care for the Uninsured	Total Uninsured IP/OP Uncompensated Care Cost	Total Annual Uncompensated Care Costs	Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments	Medicaid Provider Number	Medicare Provider Number	Total Hospital Cost
St. Francis Hospital	\$ 7,339,251	35.82%	46.24%	(1)	\$ 4,639,698	\$ 34,647,342	\$ -	\$ 39,287,040	\$ 41,715,083	\$ 2,428,043	\$ -	\$ 72,500	\$ 4,983,708	\$ 4,911,208	\$ 7,339,251	\$ 7,339,251	1295738896	08-0003	\$ 121,272,991
<b>Institutes for Mental Disease</b>																			
Delaware Psychiatric Center	\$ 23,355,806	23.88%	95.09%	(2)	\$ 118	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118	\$ 6,515,402	\$ 6,515,284	\$ 148,258	\$ -	\$ 19,582,233	\$ 19,433,975	\$ 25,949,259	\$ 3,276,050	1356482970	08-4001	\$ 42,103,761
<b>Out-of-District DSH Hospitals</b>																			
None																			

- (1) State defined Disproportionate Share Hospital criteria, Acute General Care Hospitals:
- Comply with requirements of Social Security Act Section 1923 (d) and (b)
  - Is a not-for-profit hospital categorized as an acute care general hospital
  - Has an inpatient facility located within an incorporated city in Delaware with population > 50,000 and provides obstetric services at that facility to the general population
  - Is an enrolled provider with all participating DE Medicaid/CHIP managed care organizations
  - Has a low income utilization rate > 15%
- (2) State defined Disproportionate Share Hospital Qualification Criteria, Institutes for Mental Disease
- Comply with requirements of Social Security Act Section 1923 (d) and (b)
  - Is a public psychiatric hospital (owned or operated by an agency of DE state government)
  - Has service revenue attributable to public funds (excluding Medicare and Medicaid), bad debts, or free care of > 60%

## **Independent Accountant’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Examination Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

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and Social Services  
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### **Internal Control Over Reporting**

In planning and performing our examination, we considered the Program’s internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our examination procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on management’s assertions, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Program’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Program’s internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.





### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Program's financial reports are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of reported amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our examination, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Purpose of this Report

This report, as required by statute, was provided to the Office of the Governor, Office of the Controller General, Office of the Attorney General, and Office of Management and Budget. However, under 29 Del. C., §10002(l), this report is public record and its distribution is not limited.

BDO USA, LLP

April 29, 2021

**State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division  
of Medicaid and Medical Assistance, Disproportionate Share Hospital  
Payments Program**

**Schedule of Findings and Responses**

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*June 30, 2017*

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**CURRENT YEAR CONDITIONS**

No reportable conditions for the year ended June 30, 2017.

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**PRIOR YEAR CONDITIONS**

**CONDITION 16-001**

Condition: During testing of patient eligibility for the Delaware Psychiatric Center (“DPC”), we noted that one patient was listed twice on the census documentation.

Criteria: Only uncompensated care costs of furnishing inpatient and outpatient hospital services to Medicaid eligible individuals, less the amount paid by the State under the non-disproportionate share hospital payment provisions of the State Plan, and individuals with no third party coverage, less the amount of payments made by these patients, should be included in the calculation of the hospital-specific disproportionate share payment limit, as described in Section 1923(g)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act.

Cause: The report used by DPC to calculate Medicaid Inpatient Days contained one patient that was counted twice. DPC management researched the error, and determined it was due to the manner in which the report was generated.

Effect: The resulting difference was a decrease in total bed days from 38,883 as originally reported to 38,541 as corrected. This caused a decrease in the Disproportionate Share Limit of \$109,242, from \$23,953,382 to \$23,844,141. As the adjusted amount of UCC was still greater than the amount received, no adjustment was proposed.

Suggestion: Facility management should ensure that all data used to prepare the report is accurate and appropriate.

Management’s

Response: Facility management has updated the instructions as to how to generate the report. In addition, they are manually reviewing the reports on a monthly basis to ensure that the error will not be repeated.

**CURRENT STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR CONDITION**

The results of our testing over census for the current year resulted in no exceptions related to patients who were not present at the facility during the period.

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