

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Transmittal 12- 26

TO: All District of Columbia Hospital Providers

FROM: Linda Elam, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Deputy Director/Medicaid Director 

DATE: OCT 1 - 2012

SUBJECT: Modifications to Hospital Reimbursement

This is a reminder that the Department of Health Care Finance has submitted a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) proposing modifications to inpatient hospital reimbursement to standardize payment at approximately 98% of cost and to reduce overpayments to Maryland hospitals. This SPA is still undergoing review at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations and has not been approved as of the effective date, October 1, 2012.

Although the SPA has not yet been approved, we anticipate approval in the coming weeks. Until the SPA is approved, we will continue to reimburse hospitals in accordance with the State Plan language currently in effect. Once the SPA is approved, DHCF will reprocess claims with a date of discharge October 1, 2012 or later in accordance with the new methodology.

If you have any questions about the SPA approval process, please contact Linda Elam, Deputy Director – Medicaid for clarification on 202.442-9075.

If you have specific questions regarding the reimbursement methodology, please contact Nathan Ganayswaran, Deputy Director – Finance on 202.442.8980.