

State of Maryland Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH)
Report on DSH Verifications
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Exhibit 6

As required by 42 CFR §455.304(d) the state of Maryland must provide an annual independent certified examination report verifying the following items with respect to its disproportionate share hospital (DSH) program.

Verification 1: Each hospital that qualifies for a DSH payment in the State was allowed to retain that payment so that the payment is available to offset its uncompensated care costs for furnishing inpatient hospital and outpatient hospital services during the Medicaid State plan rate year to Medicaid eligible individuals and individuals with no source of third party coverage for the services in order to reflect the total amount of claimed DSH expenditures.

Findings: The results of testing performed related to this verification are summarized in the Report on DSH Verifications (table) included with this report.

Verification 2: DSH payments made to each qualifying hospital comply with the hospital-specific DSH payment limit. The DSH payments made in the Medicaid State plan rate year must be measured against the actual uncompensated care cost in that same Medicaid State plan rate year. The actual uncompensated care costs for the Medicaid State plan rate year have been calculated and compared to the DSH payments made. Uncompensated care costs for the Medicaid State plan rate year were calculated in accordance with Federal Register/Vol. 73, No. 245, December 19, 2008, Federal Register/Vol. 79, No. 232, December 3, 2014, and Federal Register/Vol. 82, No. 62, April 3, 2017.

Findings: The results of testing performed related to this verification are summarized in the Report on DSH Verifications (table) included with this report.

Verification 3: Only uncompensated care costs of furnishing inpatient and outpatient hospital services to Medicaid eligible individuals and individuals with no third party coverage for the inpatient and outpatient hospital services they received as described in Section 1923(g)(1)(A) of the Act are eligible for inclusion in the calculation of the hospital-specific disproportionate share limit payment limit, as described in Section 1923 (g)(1)(A) of the Act.

Findings: The total uncompensated care costs reflected in the Report on DSH Verifications (table) reflects the uncompensated care costs of furnishing inpatient and outpatient hospital services to Medicaid eligible individuals and individuals with no third party coverage for the inpatient and outpatient hospital services received.

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Verification 4: For purposes of this 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) made to a disproportionate share hospital for furnishing inpatient hospital and outpatient hospital services to Medicaid eligible individuals, which are in excess of the Medicaid incurred costs of such services, are applied against the uncompensated care costs of furnishing inpatient hospital and outpatient hospital services to individuals with no source of third party coverage for such services.

Findings: In calculating the hospital-specific DSH limit represented in the Report on DSH Verifications (table), if a hospital had total Medicaid payments in excess of the calculated Medicaid cost, the excess was used to reduce the total uncompensated care costs.

Verification 5: Any information and records of all of its inpatient and outpatient hospital service costs under the Medicaid program; claimed expenditures under the Medicaid program; uninsured inpatient and outpatient hospital service costs in determining payment adjustments under this Section; and any payments made on behalf of the uninsured from payment adjustments under this Section have been separately documented and retained by the State.

Findings: The state of Maryland has retained documentation of costs and payments associated with calculating the hospital-specific DSH limits contained in this report. The state retains cost data through the collection of cost reports; Medicaid expenditure data through the MMIS and other documentation; and uninsured data through the DSH payment calculations and DSH examination.

Verification 6: The information specified in verification 5 above includes a description of the methodology for calculating each hospital's payment limit under Section 1923(g)(1) of the Act. Included in the description of the methodology, the audit report must specify how the State defines incurred inpatient hospital and outpatient hospital costs for furnishing inpatient hospital and outpatient hospital services to Medicaid eligible individuals and individuals with no source of third party coverage for the inpatient hospital and outpatient services they received.

Findings: The documentation retained related to the calculation of the hospital-specific DSH limits contained in this report includes a description of the methodology used to calculate each hospital's DSH limit under Section 1923(g)(1) of the Act. For DSH payment purposes, the state defines the hospitals' payment limits in accordance with its state plan. For purposes of this examination, the state defines the hospitals' payment limits in accordance with 42 CFR §455.304.