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TO: All Hospital Providers
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FROM: John B. McCarthy, Director

SUBJECT: Assessment Rates – Hospital Care Assurance Program

Summary

This Hospital Handbook Transmittal Letter (HHTL) provides information pertaining to payment and data policies for disproportionate share and indigent care rules for general hospitals, as well as the assessment for general hospitals. These changes are effective June 13, 2016.

Rule 5160-2-08 entitled Data policies for disproportionate share and indigent care adjustments for hospital services sets forth the data set used to calculate disproportionate share and indigent care adjustments. This rule was amended to extend the timeframe hospitals have to submit data corrections; to allow notification of uncompensated care data to hospitals electronically; to remove references to the Legislative Budget Services Fund; to correct several references that were contained in the previous rule; to correct specific line references to the ODM 02930 'Ohio Medicaid Hospital Cost Report'.

Rule 5160-2-08.1 entitled Assessment rates. This rule sets forth the assessment rate for HCAP. This rule was amended to establish the assessment rates for the HCAP 2015 program year. Hospitals were assessed 0.8580121% of a hospital's adjusted total facility costs up to \$216,372,500 and 0.668% for any amount in excess of \$216,372,500. Finally, the proposed rule updated and corrected several references that were contained in the previous rule.

Rule 5160-2-09 entitled Payment policies for disproportionate share and indigent care adjustments for hospital services. This rule sets forth the conditions, requirements, and operation of HCAP as well as the distribution formula. This rule was amended to update the distribution formula for payment policies for the HCAP 2015 program year.

The Medicaid indigent care pool distribution increased to 66.71% of the total available funding while the Disability assistance medical and uncompensated care pool below one hundred per cent of poverty decreased to 10.55 % of the total available funding. The transfer to the Legislative Services Budget Fund was removed, typographical errors were corrected and references to other rules were updated.

Access to Rules and Related Material

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) may be accessed through the main ODM webpage: <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>. Information about hospital payment policies is available on the 'Fee Schedule and Rates' web page, which may be accessed through the main ODM web page (Providers > Fee Schedule and Rates).

Additional Information

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