

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Connecticut

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(14) Additional Disproportionate Share Payments for Public Chronic Disease Hospitals that provide Uncompensated Care under Section 1923 of the Social Security Act.

In addition to the disproportionate share payments set forth in other sections of the Medicaid State Plan, disproportionate share payments are made to any qualifying public chronic disease hospital lawfully operating within the state that provides uncompensated care that is not otherwise covered by any disproportionate share payments made under the Medicaid State Plan.

**CRITERIA** – In order to qualify as a disproportionate share hospital under this section, a hospital must meet the following conditions:

1. Be a lawfully operating chronic disease hospital within the state providing uncompensated care services.
2. Each hospital must meet the requirements of Section 1923(d) of the Social Security Act.
3. Each hospital must be publicly owned and operated.

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**PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT** – Uncompensated care includes the actual cost of care provided free of charge as either uninsured bad debt or charity care and the difference between the costs incurred and the payments received by disproportionate share hospitals in providing services to patients eligible for the State Medical Assistance Program. The single state agency makes payments to qualified disproportionate share hospitals based upon the costs they incurred for uncompensated services, the federal upper limit on aggregate state disproportionate share payments which are eligible for federal matching payments, and the amount determined to be available under state law.

The Commissioner of Social Services determines the amount of the disproportionate share payments to be made under this section based on 1) the most recently available Final Settled Medicare Cost Report; 2) Medicaid dates of service and payments for the same time period provided by the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services; and 3) days not reimbursable under Medicaid or Medicare, actual direct patient receipts, other than Soldier's Home payments made on behalf of the patient, and any other third party payments for the same time period provided by the Connecticut Department of Veteran's Affairs.

The state shall make a quarterly disproportionate share payment to each publicly owned and operated chronic disease hospital based on the cost of uncompensated care as follows:

- (A) Determine the cost of uncompensated care during the most recent fiscal year for which audited information is available, excluding disproportionate share payments made under other sections of the Medicaid State Plan.
- (B) Divide (A) by 4.

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