

SFY 2026 TIMELINE			
Action Item	Begin Date	Due Date	Notes
Update CO Website		September 2024	This update will include the SFY26 timeline, SFY26 Encounter Data Criteria, and the NPI form (encounter data).
Counties submit NPI form (Encounter Data)		NLT than 7/15/24	The encounter data NPI form must be submitted so the State can provide hospital specific encounter data for program modeling. This needs to be completed prior to templates being published on the website.
State will provide hospital encounter data		NLT than 08/05/24 (3 weeks post submission)	Counties and hospitals should use the State provided encounter data to model their County Fee program.
Counties submit their DSH Calculation Form, NPI form (Payments), Attestation, draft preprint and Table 2 backup/source data, and quality template		12/6/24	<p>Each participating county must submit these documents annually. The templates include instructions and guidance on how to complete. The NJ County Option Operations Manual is also a good resource.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DSH Calculation Form provides a process through which the hospital can calculate its preliminary DSH limit for the fiscal year. • The NPI form (Payments) template designates the hospital NPI number that will receive the quarterly payments. • Signed and notarized Attestations are required to certify documents submitted are accurate and to acknowledge the potential of foregone Charity Care. • Preprint template is the CMS application for program approval. Table 2 is a part of the preprint; please include backup/source data. • Quality template is used to collect data.

Counties submit Proposed Fee & Expenditure Report and Data Form in addition to the documents above only when amending or updating program		12/6/24	Counties amending or updating their programs must complete these documents. The templates include instructions and guidance on how to complete. The NJ County Option Operations Manual is also a good resource. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The F&E Report describes the proposed hospital fee program the county intends to enact. • The Data Form is used to verify and approve the hospital assessments.
State to review documents submitted by counties	12/6/24	2/15/25	The State will review submissions. Communication between the State and County and their consultants occur.
DHS Commissioner to Provide 21-Day Review	2/16/25	3/8/25	As a result of the 21-Day public comment period, the State or county can choose to modify their program prior to CMS submission.
State submits preprints and MCO contract language to CMS		3/29/25	CMS requests submission 90 days prior to effective date.
County Ordinance/Resolution	2/1/25	3/29/25	Counties amending or updating their assessment must pass an ordinance/resolution in compliance with N.J.A.C. 10:52B-2.2. Counties that are not amending or updating their assessment for SFY26 are not required to pass a new ordinance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE: If a county passes a new ordinance/resolution, the State requests inclusion of language addressing hospital closures, acquisitions, mergers, etc. Suggested language can be found in the NJ County Option Operations Manual.
Counties & State to finalize IGT Agreements	2/1/25	3/29/25	State will draft IGAs and provide to counties to review/respond. Counties that are not amending or updating their assessment for SFY26 are not required to execute a new IGT Agreement.

CMS Review	4/1/25	6/30/25	As part of their review, CMS may ask questions of the State. The State will provide each county with an opportunity to review responses to the CMS submission.
Program approval effective date	7/1/25	7/1/25	DMAHS will pay retroactively to 7/1/2025 once CMS approves the preprint and County ordinance is passed.
Program Start date	7/1/25		

SFY26 Q1 Payment Process*	
Date	Event
9/1/25	SFY26 Q1 Hospital Assessment Due to the County
9/11/25	Deadline for Counties to send IGT to NJ OMB
10/12/25	Through its contracted MCOs, the State makes supplemental lump sum payments to the hospitals

*SFY26 Dates are approximate. Final dates will be released closer to the program year.