

**LEGAL NOTICE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES  
HOSPITAL FINANCE  
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION - TRAUMA**

**TAKE NOTICE:** The New Jersey Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) intends to seek any required approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for an amendment to the New Jersey Medicaid (Title XIX) State Plan, in order to implement the following subject to the passage of State Fiscal Year 2024 (SFY 24) budget provisions for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

For SFY 24, the State identified a need for dedicated funding to better support the State's Level I and Level II Trauma Centers, which are a necessary and vital part of the State's healthcare landscape. The COVID-19 pandemic made the essential nature of the State's Trauma Centers clearer than ever, while hospitals also faced unprecedented staffing and resource shortages. By dedicating funding to Trauma Centers, the State created a new subsidy through the Appropriations Act called GME-T to support training and education of future physicians at the State's Trauma Centers.

For SFY 24, it is important to highlight that although the State has seen some encouraging improvement, the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic nevertheless continue to impact NJ hospitals in terms of caseloads and availability of necessary staff and related resources, although the degree of impact varies from hospital to hospital. Ultimately, the lingering impacts of COVID-19 on hospitals continues to contribute to an overall decrease in claim volume that forms the basis for the Graduate Medical Education-Trauma (GME-T) subsidy calculation. As a result, DOH and DHS have agreed that utilizing prior year source data for the GME-T subsidy as set forth below aligns with historical hospital trends and is better representative of the underlying intent for the GME-T subsidy.

**Hospital Reimbursement for GME-T**

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, and except as otherwise provided and subject to such modifications as may be required by CMS in order to achieve any required federal approval and full Federal Financial Participation,

\$81,000,000 from amounts appropriated GME shall be designated as Trauma Center GME-T, and shall be available to hospitals that have a residency program that meet the following eligibility criterion: (a) an eligible hospital is designated as Level 1 or Level 2 Trauma Center by the DOH. Only hospital that meet the above criteria are eligible for GME-T. GME-T subsidy shall be calculated as follows: (a) the subsidy payment shall be split into a Direct Medical Education (DME) portion and an Indirect Medical Education (IME) portion; (b) source data used for the GME calculation shall come from the Medicaid cost report for calendar year (CY) 2019 submitted by each acute care hospital by February 14, 2021 and Medicaid Managed Care encounter payments data for Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare clients as reported by insurers to the State for the following reporting period: services dates between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019; payment dates between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020; and a run-date of not later than February 15, 2021; (c) in the event that a hospital reported less than 12 months of 2019 Medicaid costs, the number of reported months of data regarding days, costs, or payments shall be annualized. In the event the hospital completed a merger, acquisition, or business combination resulting in two cost reports filed during the calendar year, two cost reports will be combined into one or a supplemental cost report for the calendar year 2019 submitted by the affected acute care hospital by January 31, 2021, shall be used. In the event that a hospital did not report its Medicaid managed care days on the cost report utilized in this calculation, DOH shall ascertain Medicaid managed care encounter days for Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare clients as reported by insurers to the State as per source data defined in (b) above; (d) Medicaid managed care DME cost begins with the intern and residency program costs using the 2019 submitted Medicaid cost report total residency costs, reported on Worksheet B Pt I Column 21 Line 21 plus Worksheet B Pt I Column 22 Line 22 divided by the 2019 resident full time equivalent employees (FTE), reported on Worksheet S-3 Pt 1 Column 9 line 14 to develop an average cost per resident FTE for each hospital; (e) median cost per resident FTE is calculated based on the average cost per resident FTE for each hospital; (f) the median cost per resident FTE is multiplied by the 2019 resident FTEs reported on Worksheet S-3 Pt 1 Column 9 Line 14 to develop total median residency program cost for each hospital; (g) median residency costs are multiplied by the ratio of Medicaid managed care days, reported on Worksheet S-3 Column 7 Line 2, divided by the difference of total days, reported on Worksheet S-3 Column 8 Line 14, less nursery days, reported on Worksheet S-3 Column 8 Line 13 to determine the Medicaid managed care DME cost of each hospital; (h) Medicaid managed care IME cost is defined as the Medicare IME factor multiplied by Medicaid managed care encounter payments as per source data defined in (b) above; (i) the IME factor is calculated using the Medicare IME formula as follows:  $1.35 * [(1 + x)^{0.405} - 1]$ , in which "x" is the ratio of submitted IME resident FTEs reported on Worksheet S-3 Pt 1 Column 9 Line 14 divided by the difference of total available beds, reported on Worksheet S-3 Column 2 Line 14, less nursery beds, reported on Worksheet S-3 Column 2 Line 13; (j)

total 2019 Medicaid managed care GME costs shall equal total 2019 Medicaid managed care IME costs plus total 2019 Medicaid managed care DME costs; (k) the 2019 total Medicaid managed care DME costs is divided by the total 2019 Medicaid managed care GME costs; (l) the DME allocation portion is calculated by multiplying the total subsidy amount by the ratio in (k) above; (m) each hospital's percentage of total 2019 Medicaid managed care DME costs shall be multiplied by the DME allocation to calculate its DME payment; (n) the 2019 total Medicaid managed care IME costs are divided by the total 2019 Medicaid managed care GME costs; (o) the IME allocation portion is calculated by multiplying the total subsidy amount by the ratio in (n) above; (p) each hospital's percentage of total 2019 Medicaid managed care IME costs shall be multiplied by the IME allocation to calculate its IME payment; (q) the sum of a hospital's DME and IME payments shall equal its subsidy payment. The total GME-T subsidy amount and these payments shall not exceed \$81,000,000 and shall be paid in 12 monthly payments; (r) in the event that a hospital believes that there are mathematical errors in the calculations, or data not matching the actual source documents used to calculate the subsidy as defined above, hospitals shall be permitted to file calculation appeals within 15 working days of receipt of the subsidy allocation letter. Please note that the GME-T calculation methodology is subject to change based upon the final enacted SFY 24 budget language.

This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal statutes and regulations, specifically 42 CFR 447.205, and 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(13). A copy of this Notice is available for public review at the Medical Assistance Customer Centers, County Welfare Agencies, and DHS' website at the following website address:

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/public/index.html>. Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

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