TAKE NOTICE that the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Healthcare Financing together with the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) intends to seek 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 P.L. 2018, c.116 (C.26:2H-18.57), the proposed Graduate Medical Education Supplemental Program. 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, $24,285,714 is appropriated from the General Fund for the Graduate Medical Education Supplemental Program, and conditioned upon the following:

Funds from the Safety Net Graduate Medical Education pool shall be available to eligible hospitals that meet the following eligibility criteria: An eligible hospital has a Relative Medicaid Percentage (RMP) that is in the top third of all acute care hospitals that have a residency program. The RMP is a ratio calculated using the State 2016 Audited C.160 SHARE Cost Reports. The numerator of the RMP equals a hospital’s gross revenue from patient care for Medicaid and Medicaid HMO as reported on Line 1, Col. D & Col. H of Forms E5 and E6. The denominator of the RMP equals a hospital’s gross revenue from patient care as reported on Line 1, Col. E of Form E4. For instances where hospitals that have a single Medicare identification number submit a separate cost report for each campus, the values referenced above shall be consolidated. Payments to eligible hospitals shall be made in the following manner:

(1) the subsidy payment shall be split into a Direct Medical Education (DME) allocation, which is calculated by multiplying the total subsidy amount by the ratio of
2016 total median Medicaid managed care DME costs-to-total 2016 median Medicaid managed care GME costs; and an Indirect Medical Education (IME) allocation, which is calculated by multiplying the total subsidy amount by the ratio of 2016 total Medicaid managed care IME costs-to-total 2016 Medicaid managed care GME costs.

(2) Each hospital’s percentage of total 2016 Medicaid managed care DME costs shall be multiplied by the DME allocation to calculate its DME payment. Each hospital’s percentage of total 2016 Medicaid managed care IME costs shall be multiplied by the IME allocation to calculate its IME payment.

(3) Source data used shall come from the Medicaid cost report for calendar year (CY) 2016 submitted by each acute care hospital by November 30, 2017 and Medicaid Managed Care encounter payments for Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare clients as reported by insurers to the State for the following reporting period: services dates between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016; payment dates between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017; and a run-date of not later than January 31, 2018.

(4) In the event that a hospital reported less than 12 months of 2016 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 2016 submitted by the affected acute care hospital by November 30, 2017 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, the Department of Health (DOH) shall ascertain Medicaid managed care encounter days for Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare clients as reported by insurers to the State.

(5) Medicaid managed care DME cost is defined as the approved intern and residency program costs using the 2016 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 2016 resident full-time equivalent employees (FTE), reported on Worksheet S-3 Pt 1 Column 9 line 14 to develop an average cost per FTE for each hospital used to calculate the overall median cost per FTE.
(6) The median cost per FTE is multiplied by the 2016 resident FTEs reported on Worksheet S-3 Pt 1 Column 9 line 14 to develop approved total residency program costs.

(7) The approved residency costs are multiplied by the quotient of Medicaid managed care days, reported on Worksheet S-3 Column 7 line 2, divided by the quantity of total days, on Worksheet S-3 Column 8 line 14, less nursery days, on Worksheet S-3 Column 8 line 13.

(8) Medicaid managed care IME cost is defined as the Medicare IME factor multiplied by Medicaid managed care encounter payments for Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare clients as reported by insurers to the State.

(9) The IME factor is calculated using the Medicare IME formula as follows: 1.35 * [(1 + x)^0.405 – 1], in which “x” is the quotient of submitted IME resident full-time equivalencies reported on Worksheet S-3 Pt 1 Column 9 line 14 divided by the quantity of total available beds less nursery beds reported on Worksheet S-3 Column 2 line 14.

(10) 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. If upon review it is determined by the department that the error has occurred and would constitute at least a five percent change in the hospital’s allocation amount, a revised industry-wide allocation shall be issued.

This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(13) and 42 C.F.R. 447.205. A copy of this Notice is available for public review at the Medical Assistance Customer Centers, County Welfare Agencies, and the Department of Human Services’ website at 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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