

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROGRAM

Jefferson Regional Medical Center Tobacco Settlement Payment Data Review Year 2021

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AUDITOR GENERAL**

October 28, 2020

Mr. James Rohrbaugh
Chief Financial Officer
Jefferson Regional Medical Center
565 Coal Valley Road
Jefferson Hills, PA 15025

Re: Jefferson Regional Medical Center

Dear Mr. Rohrbaugh:

The Tobacco Settlement Act of June 26, 2001 (P.L. 755, No. 77), as amended, 35 P.S. § 5701.101 et seq., mandated the Department of Human Services (DHS) to make payments to hospitals for a portion of uncompensated care services provided by these facilities. Hospitals that qualify can receive payments using either an uncompensated care approach or an extraordinary expense approach. The uncompensated care score of each hospital is determined by using three-year averages from five main data elements (for a total of fifteen data elements). These data elements are uncompensated care costs, net patient revenues, Medicare supplemental security income (Medicare SSI) days, Medical Assistance (MA) days and total inpatient days. A hospital qualifies for an extraordinary expense payment based on their number of qualified claims. Qualified claims are those claims in which the cost of the claim exceeds twice the average cost of all claims for that particular facility and for which the hospital provided inpatient services to an uninsured patient.

At the request of DHS, the Department of the Auditor General performed a review¹ of Jefferson Regional Medical Center's (facility) records to substantiate the claims data and days data it submitted to the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4) and DHS, respectively.

The purpose of our review was to determine whether this facility reported any potentially eligible extraordinary expense claims for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 and, if so, verify whether corresponding patients were uninsured and the facility received no compensation from third party payers such as Medicare, Medicaid, or Blue Cross. Payments made by the patients

¹ This review was not required to be and was not conducted in accordance with professional auditing or attestation standards.

themselves toward their financial obligations may have reduced the allowable costs of the respective claim when determining eligibility. We also determined whether this facility could substantiate total inpatient days and total MA days as reported on its submitted MA-336 cost reports, if filed with DHS, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

The results of our review are as follows:

For Reported Claims:

Based on the PHC4 claims database for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the facility reported six potentially eligible extraordinary expense claims for review. The results of our review disclosed that five of the six reported potentially eligible extraordinary expense claims met the criteria to qualify as extraordinary expense claims. The chart below details our results and explains any adjustments that should be made to the PHC4 Database. Since we determined that five of the six reported claims submitted by the facility qualifies as extraordinary expense claims, this facility could be eligible for payment under the extraordinary expense method for the 2021 Tobacco Settlement Payment Year.

Claim No.	Originally Reported Total Charges	Substantiated Total Charges Based on Account Notes	Patient Payments Applied to Account	Qualify (Yes/No) – Reason for Not Qualifying	Adjustment(s) Needed
1	\$164,686.53	\$164,686.53	\$0	Yes	Not Applicable
2	\$142,031.29	\$0	\$0	No – Paid by Insurance	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
3	\$120,167.49	\$120,167.49	\$0	Yes	Not Applicable
4	\$102,759.08	\$102,759.08	\$0	Yes	Not Applicable
5	\$77,657.05	\$77,657.05	\$0	Yes	Not Applicable
6	\$74,657.39	\$74,657.39	\$0	Yes	Not Applicable

For Total Inpatient Days and Total MA Days:

For the total inpatient days and total MA days for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, our results are as follows:

For FYE 6/30/18	Originally Submitted Number of Days	Substantiated Number Based on Source Documents	Explanation of Difference
Total Inpatient Days	64,961	67,013	Reporting Error

For FYE 6/30/18	Originally Submitted Number of Days	Substantiated Number Based on Source Documents	Explanation of Difference
FFS Days	1,022	1,022	Not Applicable

For FYE 6/30/18 HMO Days	Originally Submitted Number of Days	Substantiated Number Based on Source Documents	Explanation of Difference
UPMC For You	3,171	3,171	Not Applicable
Gateway Health Plan	1,285	1,285	Not Applicable
Aetna Better Health	317	317	Not Applicable
Amerihealth Caritas Medicaid	52	52	Not Applicable
PA Health and Wellness	54	54	Not Applicable
UHC Community Plan	855	855	Not Applicable
BEST	34	34	Not Applicable
Three Rivers	13	13	Not Applicable
Beacon Health Options	143	143	Not Applicable
CCBHO	417	417	Not Applicable

For FYE 6/30/18 OOS Days	Originally Submitted Number of Days	Substantiated Number Based on Source Documents	Explanation of Difference
Ohio	5	5	Not Applicable
West Virginia	3	3	Not Applicable
Other - Various	7	7	Not Applicable

DHS will use all substantiated reported claims and number of days to calculate this facility's eligibility to receive, and if deemed eligible, its subsidy entitlement under both the extraordinary expense and uncompensated care methods. If eligible under both methods, DHS will allow the facility to choose the method to be used to calculate the facility's 2021 Tobacco Settlement subsidy entitlement payment. DHS establishes the date that these payments will be distributed to all eligible hospitals.

Our office is currently reviewing all facilities that are potentially eligible for a 2021 Tobacco Settlement subsidy entitlement payment. After all the reviews are completed, we will prepare for DHS' use a report detailing the results of all of our reviews. PHC4 and DHS will contact you with instructions regarding entering adjustments to your facility's originally submitted claims and MA days data based on the results of our review, as applicable.

As a reminder, this facility was to submit for our review, by October 31, 2020, any claims coded as having Medicare, Medicaid, or any other insurance when submitted to the PHC4 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, which the facility believed qualified as self-pay claims, and which had total charges above the facility's threshold of \$73,209.58; we refer to these types of claims as "additional claims." As of October 31, 2020, Jefferson Regional Medical Center submitted one additional claim for our review. For those facilities that submitted additional claims for our review, the results of our review of these facilities' submitted additional claims data will be detailed in individualized reports sent to each such respective hospital.

We thank the staff of Jefferson Regional Medical Center for the cooperation extended to us during the course of our review. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tracie Fountain, CPA, Director, Bureau of Children and Youth Services Audits at 717-787-1159.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugene A. DePasquale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General

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