

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROGRAM

Temple University Hospital Tobacco Settlement Payment Data Year 2022

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July 28, 2021

Mr. Nicholas Barcellona
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Temple University Health System
3409 North Broad Street
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Philadelphia, PA 19140

Re: Temple University Hospital

Dear Mr. Barcellona:

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.

Upon request from DHS, we developed procedures to be performed for each facility that may be eligible to receive a payment for the provision of uncompensated care services to determine the eligibility of reported claims and the accuracy of days data reported by the facility. DHS agreed that the procedures were appropriate to meet its needs and approved the procedures. We obtained records from Temple University Hospital (facility) and performed the established procedures to substantiate the claims data and days data it submitted to the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4) and DHS, respectively.¹

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

The purpose of this engagement was to determine whether this facility reported any potentially eligible extraordinary expense claims for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 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 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, 2019. We obtained computer processed data from the facility (i.e. account notes and billing information for claims and census reports for days) to determine the eligibility of reported claims and the accuracy of days data reported by the facility. Because of the extensive amount of time that would be required to visit the facility and perform procedures to evaluate the reliability of this data in the facility’s information system, DHS management stated that the performance of such procedures is not necessary to meet DHS’ needs. As such, we have classified this computer processed data as data of undetermined reliability.

The results of our procedures are as follows:

For Reported Claims:

Based on the PHC4 claims database for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the facility reported 37 potentially eligible extraordinary expense claims. The results of our procedures disclosed that 20 of the 37 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 your facility should make to the PHC4 Database. Since we determined that 20 of the 37 reported claims submitted by the facility qualify as extraordinary expense claims, this facility could be eligible for payment under the extraordinary expense method for the 2022 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	\$1,359,297.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Still an Active Claim	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
2	\$1,082,503.21	\$1,082,503.21	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
3	\$1,038,301.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Not a self-pay claim	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
4	\$737,463.00	\$737,463.00	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
5	\$729,267.00	\$659,458.00	\$0.00	Yes	An adjustment is needed to total charges
6	\$722,737.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Paid by Insurance	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing

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
7	\$705,889.62	\$705,889.62	\$75.00	Yes	Not Applicable
8	\$693,994.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Paid by Insurance	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
9	\$689,412.00	\$689,412.00	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
10	\$684,796.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Paid by Insurance	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
11	\$635,869.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Paid by Insurance	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
12	\$588,741.91	\$588,741.91	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
13	\$572,605.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Not a Self-Pay Claim	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
14	\$563,768.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Still an Active Claim	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
15	\$524,074.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Paid by Insurance	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
16	\$508,143.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Not a Self-Pay Claim	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
17	\$502,628.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Paid by Insurance	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
18	\$486,717.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Not a Self-Pay Claim	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
19	\$477,742.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Paid by Insurance	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
20	\$469,422.18	\$469,422.18	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
21	\$466,777.00	\$466,777.00	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
22	\$464,537.00	\$464,537.00	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
23	\$456,785.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Paid by Insurance	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
24	\$442,354.00	\$442,354.00	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
25	\$431,675.18	\$431,675.18	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
26	\$427,967.03	\$427,967.03	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable

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
27	\$426,937.00	\$426,937.00	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
28	\$411,551.28	\$411,551.28	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
29	\$398,832.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Paid by Insurance	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
30	\$396,734.49	\$396,734.49	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
31	\$394,885.65	\$394,885.65	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
32	\$380,313.55	\$380,313.55	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
33	\$373,931.00	\$373,931.00	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
34	\$371,885.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Paid by Insurance	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing
35	\$368,255.80	\$368,255.80	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
36	\$363,415.92	\$363,415.92	\$0.00	Yes	Not Applicable
37	\$362,373.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	No – Still an Active Claim	Claim should be removed from self-pay listing

For Total Inpatient Days and Total MA Days:

For the total inpatient days and total MA days for fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, our results are as follows:

For FYE 6/30/19	Originally Submitted Number of Days	Substantiated Number Based on Documentation	Explanation for Variance
Total Inpatient Days - Temple University Hospital	199,321	200,455	Reporting Error
Total Inpatient Days – Jeanes Hospital	30,127	30,127	Not Applicable

For FYE 6/30/19	Originally Submitted Number of Days	Substantiated Number Based on Documentation	Explanation for Variance
FFS Days – Temple University Hospital	12,720	12,720	Not Applicable
FFS Days – Jeanes Hospital	1,418	1,418	Not Applicable

For FYE 6/30/19 HMO Days	Originally Submitted Number of Days	Substantiated Number Based on Documentation	Explanation for Variance
Temple University Hospital			
Aetna Better Health	1,938	1,938	Not Applicable
Community Behavioral Health	24,662	24,662	Not Applicable
Health Partners	25,463	25,463	Not Applicable
Keystone Mercy Health Plan	16,909	16,909	Not Applicable
Other	458	458	Not Applicable
KF Community Health Choice	3,628	3,628	Not Applicable
PA Health & Wellness MA	649	649	Not Applicable
United Healthcare Community Plan	3,958	3,958	Not Applicable
UPMC Community Health Choice	859	859	Not Applicable
Jeanes Hospital			
Keystone Mercy	1,779	1,779	Not Applicable
Health Partners	2,040	2,040	Not Applicable
Other	371	371	Not Applicable
UPMC CHC	85	85	Not Applicable
United Health Care CHC	262	262	Not Applicable

For FYE 6/30/19 OOS Days	Originally Submitted Number of Days	Substantiated Number Based on Documentation	Explanation for Variance
Temple University Hospital			
All Other	57	-	No overall variance ²
Georgia	-	1	
Wisconsin	-	15	
Connecticut	-	1	
District of Columbia	-	10	
Florida	-	3	
Georgia	-	12	
New Mexico	-	1	
South Carolina	-	14	
Delaware	64	64	Not Applicable

² There is no overall variance when comparing the submitted out-of-state days to the provider's supporting documentation, however, the supporting documentation included the breakdown between the states as noted.

For FYE 6/30/19 OOS Days (Continued)	Originally Submitted Number of Days	Substantiated Number Based on Documentation	Explanation for Variance
Maryland	11	11	Not Applicable
New Jersey	993	993	Not Applicable
New York	26	26	Not Applicable
Virginia	18	18	Not Applicable
North Carolina	27	27	Not Applicable
Vermont	47	47	Not Applicable
California	21	21	Not Applicable
Jeanes Hospital			
New Jersey	19	14	Reporting Error
New York	20	10	Reporting Error
Maryland	4	7	Reporting Error
Delaware	-	22	Reporting Error
Massachusetts	-	4	Reporting Error
Florida	-	1	Reporting Error
Virginia	-	12	Reporting Error

PHC4 will contact you with instructions regarding entering adjustments to your facility’s originally submitted claims during the self-verification process. The facility’s failure to remove any claims identified as not qualifying as extraordinary expense claims from the PHC4 self-pay claims listing during the self-verification process will result in the facility’s records in the PHC4 database being inaccurate and DHS concluding that the facility is ineligible for payment under the extraordinary expense method. In addition to completing adjustments in the PHC4 database, any revisions to originally submitted days data on your facility’s MA-336 Cost Report should be submitted through the iPACRs system based on the results of our procedures.

We are in the process of conducting engagements for all facilities that are potentially eligible for a 2022 Tobacco Settlement subsidy entitlement payment. After all the engagements are completed, we will prepare for DHS’ use a report detailing the results of all of our engagements.

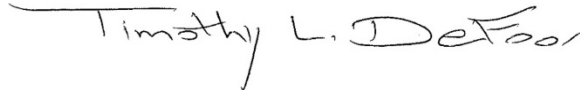
DHS will use each hospital’s revised MA-336 Cost Report and PHC4 database to pull reported claims and number of days to calculate this facility’s eligibility to receive, and if deemed eligible, its subsidy entitlement under both the extraordinary expense and uncompensated care methods. If eligible under both methods, DHS will allow the facility to choose the method to be used to calculate the facility’s 2022 Tobacco Settlement subsidy entitlement payment. DHS establishes the date that these payments will be distributed to all eligible hospitals.

As a reminder, this facility may submit any claims coded as having Medicare, Medicaid, or any other insurance when submitted to the PHC4 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, which the facility now believes qualify as self-pay claims, and which have total charges above this facility’s threshold of \$355,765.34. We refer to these types of claims as “additional claims” and these additional claims must be submitted to us no later than October 31, 2021. We will

include the results of our procedures for each facilities' submitted additional claims data in individualized reports sent to each respective hospital that submitted additional claims.

We thank the staff of Temple University Health System for the cooperation extended to us during the course of our engagement. 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 that reads "Timothy L. DeFoor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the left of the first letter.

Timothy L. DeFoor
Auditor General

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