Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Redistribution

Auditing and Reporting

As required by Section 1923(j) of the Social Security Act related to auditing and reporting of disproportionate share hospital payments, the Bureau of TennCare will implement procedures to comply with the Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments final rule issued in the December 19, 2008, Federal Register, with an effective date of January 19, 2009, to ensure that the hospital-specific DSH limits have not been exceeded.

Redistribution Method for Recoupment of DSH Funding

Effective in State Fiscal Year 2011, in the event that a hospital received DSH payments in State Fiscal Year 2010-11 or a subsequent State Fiscal Year that exceeded the hospital-specific DSH limit in that year, the amount of the DSH excess payments received in that Fiscal Year will be recovered from the hospital and redistributed among the other hospitals in that hospital’s DSH group. The data and method used to redistribute excess DSH payments will be consistent with the original determination of DSH payments for that Fiscal Year. The redistribution of funds related to a prior year’s allotment shall not count against the State’s current year DSH funding allotment.