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RE: Hospital Services Manual, Basis of Payment and Appeal Procedure; Out-of-State Hospital Services; Proposed Amendment: N.J.A.C. 10:52-4.5

Dear Mr. Murphy:

On behalf of our 70 acute care member hospitals, the New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Department of Human Services' proposed amendments at N.J.A.C. 10:52-4.5 regarding a new methodology for Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare payments to out-of-State acute care hospitals for inpatient and outpatient services.

NJHA supports the proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:52-4.5. The proposed amendments:

- are designed to provide equity in payments to in-State and out-of-State acute care general hospitals;
- should have no social impact on Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries;
- are not expected to have any social or financial impact on providers; and
- are expected to save the State approximately \$2.5 million annually, which will have a positive economic impact on the State.

The New Jersey Hospital Association appreciates the opportunity to share our comments with the Department on its proposed amendments at N.J.A.C. 10:52-4.5. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 609-275-4022 or shopkins@njha.com, or Roger Sarao, vice president, Economic & Financial Information, at 609-275-4026 or rsarao@njha.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean J. Hopkins", written in a cursive style.

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