DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES

The Director of the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), pursuant to the authority set forth in An Act to enable the District of Columbia (District) to receive federal financial assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for a medical assistance program, and for other purposes approved December 27, 1967 (81 Stat.774; D.C. Official Code § 1-307.02 (2012 Repl. & 2014 Supp.)) and the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code § 7-771.05(6) (2012 Repl.)) hereby gives notice of DHCF's intent to provide supplemental payments to eligible hospitals located within the District of Columbia that participate in the Medicaid program for outpatient hospital services.

DHCF will submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requesting the authority to provide supplemental payments to eligible Medicaid participating District hospitals for outpatient hospital services. If approved, eligible hospitals may receive supplemental payments for visits and services beginning October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016.

Providing supplemental payments to eligible hospitals will ensure appropriate and needed payments to District hospitals and allow Medicaid beneficiaries access to needed outpatient hospital services. The District estimates that during the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 supplemental payments to eligible hospitals for outpatient hospital services will reach $16.8 million.

Comments on the proposed SPA shall be submitted, in writing, to Claudia Schlosberg, Senior Deputy Director/State Medicaid Director, Department of Health Care Finance, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, via telephone on (202) 442-8742, via email at DHCFPubliccomments@dc.gov, or online at www.dcregs.dc.gov, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. Copies of the proposed SPA may be obtained by contacting Karla Andrews at (202) 442-8742 or karla.andrews@dc.gov.