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MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Financial Officers

From: Katie Wunderlich, Executive Director

Date: January 16, 2019

Re: Adjustment to the Payer Differential

In order to more equitably allocate higher uncompensated care cost incurred by commercially insured patients, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, at its December 12, 2018 public meeting, voted to increase the public-payer differential by 1.7 percentage points, from 6 percent to 7.7 percent, effective July 1, 2019. The adjustment will be made through the hospital mark-up adjustment and will be revenue neutral to hospitals.

The payer differential shall apply to claims with discharge dates and outpatient services dates on and after July 1, 2019.

If you have any questions, you may contact Dennis N. Phelps, Associate Director, Audit & Compliance at 410-764-2565.