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Re: Withdrawal of CT SPA 14-013 / Equivalent of Provider-Based Status for Outpatient Children's General Short-Term Hospital Facilities or Organizations Greater than Thirty-Five Miles from the Hospital's Campus

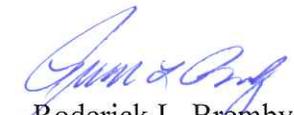
Dear Mr. McGreal:

The Department hereby withdraws its submission of State Plan Amendment 14-013, which was submitted on March 24, 2014. This SPA sought to amend Attachment 4.19-B of the Medicaid State Plan to establish a methodology for reimbursing outpatient children's general short-term hospitals for services performed at facilities or organizations in Connecticut but more than thirty-five miles away from the hospital's campus as provider-based entities or facilities in the same manner as if they were located within thirty-five miles from the campus. Such reimbursement would have been made available only to the extent that such facilities otherwise qualified for provider-based status pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 413.65 and documented such compliance to the Department for review and approval.

As you know, CMS sent a request for additional information (RAI) regarding this SPA dated June 11, 2014, which clarified the informal questions sent by CMS April 14, 2014. As stated by CMS in April and further explained in the RAI, CMS requires this type of change to apply to all hospital facilities, not just children's general hospitals. Because expanding the scope of the proposed SPA to all hospital facilities would result in a much broader scope of the SPA, making the changes required by CMS would likely result in substantial programmatic and fiscal impacts beyond the initial scope of the SPA. Accordingly, the Department is withdrawing this SPA.

If you or your staff have any questions concerning the withdrawal of this SPA, please contact Kate McEvoy, Director, Division of Health Services at (860) 424-5383 or kate.mcevoy@ct.gov. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


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