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SUBJECT: The Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 1999 for Prospective Payment System (PPS) Hospitals

This Program Memorandum (PM) provides you updated data for determining additional payment amounts for hospitals with a disproportionate share of low-income patients. The SSI/Medicare beneficiary data for PPS will be available electronically this year. Use this data to update the disproportionate share percentage for all PPS hospitals in your provider specific file so that you use the most current data in paying bills. The data contains the name of the hospital, provider number, SSI days, covered Medicare days, and the ratio of Medicare Part A patient days attributable to SSI recipients. Update your provider specific file with this information by **October 1, 2000**.

HCFA's Division of Health Plan and Provider Data has released the following file name for you to retrieve the file from HCFA's Mainframe Telecommunications System, formerly known as the Network Data Mover System.

File Name:

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Since the disproportionate share adjustment is based on a hospital's cost reporting period, make a final determination of a hospital's eligibility for, and amount of, any disproportionate share adjustment at the year-end settlement of the hospital's cost report. Use this new data for settlement purposes for hospitals with cost reporting periods beginning during Federal FY 1999 (cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 1998 and before October 1, 1999). For additional instruction on disproportionate share hospital adjustments, see Medicare Intermediary Manual, Part 4, §4198, Exhibit A-13.

The *effective date* for this PM is October 1, 2000.

The *implementation date* for this PM is October 1, 2000.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after September 30, 2001.

