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(CHGME) Payment Program

Application Guidance

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Dear Applicant:

The Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Payment Program application guidance, including descriptions of all applicable forms and instructions, is available on-line within Health Resources and Services Administration's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs). It is very important to thoroughly read the detailed application guidance and instructions before completing the required application forms. The material contains information related to submission of both the initial and reconciliation applications.

Your completed application must be submitted through the HRSA EHBs following the guidance provided in the "Application Cycle and Deadlines" section of the application guidance. Applications must be received by the stated deadlines in the CHGME Payment Program Notice of Funding Opportunity to be considered for CHGME Payment Program funding.

If you have questions regarding the application, please call Kristin Gordon, Acting Branch Chief of Graduate Medical Education at 301-443-0337 or email at mail to: kgordon@hrsa.gov

Sincerely yours,

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Section I: Overview of the CHGME Payment Program

Introduction

The Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Payment Program was created in 1999, and it is the only federal program devoted to the training of pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists like oncologists, cardiologists, and neurologists.

The purpose of the CHGME Payment Program is to fund freestanding children's teaching hospitals to educate and train future pediatricians, pediatric sub-specialists, and other non-pediatric residents including dentists, who provide care for vulnerable and underserved children, and conduct innovative and valuable pediatric research.

The CHGME Payment Program supports the training of half of America's pediatricians and pediatric specialists. The program addresses the gap in federal funding for GME between freestanding children's teaching hospitals and other teaching hospitals. Most federal GME funding comes from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and goes to full-service teaching hospitals that mainly care for adult patients. Freestanding children's hospitals received little or no GME funding from Medicare because they have a low caseload and fewer Medicare payments. The 59 freestanding children's teaching hospitals that received CHGME payments funded training for 55 percent of all pediatric residents and 56 percent of pediatric medical and surgical specialists and subspecialists in the United States during the Academic Year 2023-2024.¹

The Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013 reauthorized the CHGME Payment Program through FY 2019 and included a provision to allow newly qualified hospitals to apply for CHGME funding and a Quality Bonus System (QBS). Most recently, the CHGME Payment Program was reauthorized by the Dr. Benjy Frances Brooks Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-241). The CHGME Payment Program continues to operate through an appropriation.

In Federal fiscal year (FY) 2024, the CHGME Payment Program through the Notice of Funding Opportunity, HRSA-24-020 provided \$368,972,058 in GME payments to 59 children's hospitals in 30 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

¹ The National Center for Health Workforce Analysis (NCHWA). Program Evaluations and Outcomes, Academic Year 2023 – 2024. <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/bureau-health-workforce/data-research/chgme-annual-evaluation-2023-2024-508-1.pdf>

Administration

The CHGME Payment Program is administered by the Graduate Medical Education Branch (GMEB) of the Division of Medicine and Dentistry (DMD), Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), [Health Resources and Services Administration](#) (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Questions regarding the CHGME Payment Program should be directed to the:

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Section II: Application Cycle and Deadlines

For hospitals to be considered for CHGME Payment Program funding, they must comply with statutory eligibility requirements described herein and participate in the CHGME Payment Program's application cycle, which consists of specific processes for any given fiscal year (FY). These processes are guided by the CHGME Payment Program's statute and are described below.

Initial Application Submissions

For children's hospitals, meeting all statutory and eligibility requirements, to receive CHGME Payment Program funding, they must submit a completed initial application submission for CHGME Payment Program funding in accordance with the established deadlines noted in the most current Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). During the initial application process, eligible children's hospitals provide the CHGME Payment Program with information relevant to the interim determination of payments in two phases:

Initial applications for CHGME Payment Program funding must include the following forms:

- HRSA 99 form: Demographic and contact information. We use this form to identify the applicant hospital's Medicare Provider Number, Tax Identification Number, DUNS number, and the appropriate hospital liaisons for application processing and auditing purposes.
- HRSA 99-1 form: Determination of weighted and unweighted resident FTE count. Collects the hospital's number of resident FTE unweighted and weighted counts for the current, previous, penultimate, and base (1996) Medicare cost report (MCR) periods.
- HRSA 99-2 form: Determination of indirect medical education data related to the teaching of residents. Collects the hospital's number of inpatient days, number of inpatient discharges, number of available beds, case-mix index (CMI) and intern/resident to bed (IRB) ratio for the current, previous, penultimate, and base (1996) MCR periods.
- HRSA 99-5 form: Application checklist. The checklist identifies all required forms and supporting documentation that an applicant must submit to be considered for funding.

Applications accepted for review must be completed following the application guidance and instructions provided herein, submitted in English, and include the above completed forms and supporting documentation as identified in the HRSA 99-5 (Application Checklist). The forms HRSA 99, HRSA 99-1, HRSA 99-2, and HRSA 99-5 must be submitted electronically through the secure HRSA Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) web-application system.

The Phase 1 Application package includes mandatory submission of a PROJECT ABSTRACT. A project abstract is REQUIRED to be submitted to consider an application complete. The project abstract should accurately describe your organization's objectives and goals within the context of a summary of the project. As an applicant, please seek guidance from your organization's Designated Institutional Official (DIO) to complete the project abstract form. The [project abstract form](#) can be found in Grants.gov.

The CHGME Initial Application will be available through the current fiscal year CHGME Payment Program Notice of Funding Opportunity posted on Grants.gov. Highlighting there are multiple registrations to be completed by an applicant to be able to apply for federal funding including registrations in SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and HRSA EHBs. The current NOFO will have contact information of these websites. CHGME Payment Program strongly encourages applicants to register as soon as possible as it can take up to one month for registration in all systems to be complete.

Interim Payment Determination and Disbursement (Based Upon the Initial Application)

In accordance with CHGME Payment Program statutory requirements, information provided by participating children's hospitals in their initial applications is used by the CHGME Payment Program to calculate payments for all eligible children's hospitals for interim payments beginning of the FY (October 1st) for which children's hospitals have applied for CHGME Payment Program funding. CHGME Direct Medical Education (DME), and Indirect Medical Education (IME) payments, allocated to eligible children's hospitals, are based on the information reported in their initial applications for CHGME Payment Program funding. Each of the payments is determined by formula, and a hospital receives its proportion of the total CHGME funding based on the calculation of the formula. For DME, the CHGME funding is proportional to the number of residents the hospital trains. Furthermore, the DME payment formula accounts for a hospital's specific geographic variations in costs, and inflation. For IME, the CHGME funding takes into account the severity of illness of its inpatients, the number of available beds, as well as the number of residents the hospital trains.

DME and IME payment calculations are subject to all regulations ([42 CFR 413, Subpart F \(413.75 – 413.83\)](#)) and policies ([Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 \(66 FR 37980\)](#) and [Federal Register Notice, October 22, 2003 \(68 FR 60396\)](#)) governing the CHGME Payment Program.

On or after October 1st of the FY for which eligible children's hospitals have applied for CHGME Payment Program funding, the CHGME Payment Program will begin making interim payments. CHGME Program payments to eligible children's hospitals will be contingent upon enactment of the FY Federal budget. Children's hospitals will be notified, in writing, of the Secretary's interim payment determination. In accordance with the CHGME Payment Program statute, payments will reflect up to a 25 percent withholding from each

interim installment (payment) for both DME and IME payments, as necessary, to ensure that a hospital will not be overpaid on an interim basis.

Assessment of FTE Resident Counts Reported in Initial Applications

The CHGME Payment Program statute, at 42 USC 256e(e)(3), mandates that “the Secretary shall determine any changes to the number of residents reported by a hospital in the application of the hospital for the current fiscal year to determine the final amount payable to the hospital for the current fiscal year for both direct expense and indirect expense amounts.” Therefore, prior to the end of the FY for which children’s hospitals have applied for CHGME Payment Program funding, the Secretary must determine (reconcile) any changes to the number of FTE residents reported by a hospital in its initial application for the current FY, which will impact final payments made by the CHGME Payment Program to all eligible children’s hospitals. This determination is done by conducting a comprehensive assessment of the FTE resident counts claimed by children’s hospitals in their initial applications for CHGME Payment Program funding.

The CHGME Payment Program has contracted with CHGME Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) to carry out an assessment of FTE resident counts (hereinafter the “FTE Resident Assessment Program”) reflected in participating children’s hospitals initial applications for CHGME Payment Program funding to determine any changes to the FTE resident counts initially reported. An assessment of FTE resident counts reported by children’s hospitals in their initial applications for CHGME Payment Program funding is performed regardless of the type(s) of Medicare cost report (MCR) the hospital files (e.g., full, low- or no-utilization) for purposes of receiving CHGME Payment Program funding. This process is designed to assess FTE resident counts for all children’s hospitals in an equitable fashion and within CHGME Payment Program time constraints.

The FTE Resident Assessment Program requires participating children’s hospitals to comply with requests from the CHGME FIs, within the time constraints provided, as any changes to FTE resident counts in one children’s hospital’s application for CHGME Payment Program funding affects the distribution of funds among all eligible children’s hospitals. To minimize public burden, CHGME FIs use and build upon work previously conducted by CHGME and/or Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) in prior years.

At the conclusion of the FTE Resident Assessment Program, the CHGME FIs will forward final assessment reports to the respective children’s hospitals, the MACs, and the CHGME Payment Program explaining the results of the review. The assessment reports include CHGME FI- generated HRSA 99-1’s, which children’s hospitals must use to complete their reconciliation applications (see Reconciliation Application below). The assessment reports may also include supporting documentation including, but not limited to adjustment reports, updates to the intern and resident database, adjustments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) form 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 (2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV), or letters to the MAC requesting the reopening of one or more MCRs.

Reconciliation Application

During the third quarter of each FY (typically April 1st) for which payments are being made, the CHGME Payment Program will release a reconciliation application for use by participating children's hospitals to report changes in the FTE resident counts reported in their initial applications for CHGME Payment Program funding. For children's hospitals to continue receiving CHGME Payment Program funding, they must submit a completed reconciliation application for CHGME Payment Program funding in accordance with established deadlines noted below. The FTE resident counts reported by children's hospitals in their reconciliation applications must be for the same MCR period(s) identified in the hospital's initial application for the subject FY and consistent with those reported in the CHGME FIs FTE resident final assessment report to be accepted by the CHGME Payment Program.

The FTE resident counts from the final assessment reports are used to determine the final amounts payable to children's hospitals for the current FY for both DME and IME. Children's hospitals whose FTE resident counts have not changed are not exempt from completing and submitting a CHGME Payment Program reconciliation application.

Reconciliation applications for CHGME Payment Program funding must include the following forms:

- HRSA 99: Hospital Demographic and Contact Information
- HRSA 99-1: Determination of Weighted and Unweighted Resident FTE Counts
- HRSA 99-2: Determination of Indirect Medical Education Data Related to the Teaching of Residents
- HRSA 99-4: Government Performance and Results Act Tables
- HRSA 99-5: Application Checklist

Applications accepted for review must be completed following the application guidance and instructions provided herein, submitted in English and include the above completed forms and supporting documentation as identified in the HRSA 99- 5 (Application Checklist). The forms HRSA 99, HRSA 99-1, HRSA 99-2, HRSA 99-4 and HRSA 99-5 must be submitted electronically through the secure EHBs web- application system.

Children's hospitals that were not eligible to participate or did not apply for funding during the initial application process for a given FY are not eligible to apply for and receive funding during the reconciliation application process for the same FY. These hospitals must wait until the next (initial) application cycle to apply for CHGME Payment Program funding.

Final Payment Determination and Disbursement (Based Upon the Reconciliation Application)

The Secretary will determine any balance due, or any overpayment made to individual hospitals following the determination of changes, if any, to the number of FTE residents reported by children's hospitals in their reconciliation applications because of the FTE Resident Assessment Program. Children's hospitals will be notified, in writing, of the Secretary's final reconciliation payment determination during the fourth quarter (July 1st – September 30th) of the FY in which payments are being made.

Reconciliation payments will be made to individual hospitals on or before the end of the FY (September 30th) in which payments are being made. The Secretary will include in the reconciliation payments funding initially withheld in accordance with statutory requirements. All hospitals, whether or not they report changes to their FTE resident counts during the reconciliation process, can expect changes to their final payment determination as a result of FTE resident count changes reported by other participating children's hospitals. This is due to the methodology used to determine CHGME Payment Program payments. More detailed information is available on the CHGME Payment Program payment methodology in Section V of this application package.

The DME and IME payment calculations are subject to all statutes and accompanying policies relating to the CHGME Payment Program, including those listed below and other pertinent legislation, if applicable.

- [June 19, 2000, Federal Register](#) notice for the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education Payment Program: Proposed Eligibility and Funding Criteria and List of Eligible Hospitals.
- [July 20, 2001, Federal Register](#) notice for the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Payment Program: Final Eligibility and Funding Criteria and List of Eligible Hospitals and Proposed Methodology for Determining FTE Resident Count, Treatment of New Children's Teaching Hospitals, and Calculating Indirect Medical Education Payment.
- [§422 of the Medicare Modernization Act \(MMA\) of 2003](#).
- [Sections 5503 \(Distribution of additional residency positions\), 5504 \(Counting resident time in non-provider settings\), 5505 \(Rules for counting resident time for didactic and scholarly activities and other activities\), and 5506 \(Preservation of resident cap positions from closed hospitals\) of the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\) of 2010](#)
- [Sections 126 \(Distribution of additional residency positions\), 127 \(Promoting rural hospital GME funding opportunity\) and 131 \(Medicare payment for certain Federally](#)

[qualified health center and rural health clinic services furnished to hospital patients\) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act \(CAA\) of 2021](#)

- May 27, 2025, Federal Register notice for Children’s Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Payment Program: Updated Methodology to Determine Full-Time Equivalent Resident Count.

At the end of the FY, the CHGME Payment Program may make a final payment to distribute any remaining funds, including those funds that have been returned to the DHHS during the FY because of overpayment or hospitals’ loss of eligibility.

Section III: CHGME Payment Program Application Forms

Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration

OMB No. 0915-0247
Expiration Date: 12/31/2028

Public Burden Statement

The purpose of this information collection is to obtain performance data for the following: HRSA Grantees and cooperative agreement recipients, public health, and applications. In addition, these data will facilitate the ability to demonstrate alignment between BHW programs and CHGME Payment Program's participating children's hospitals. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0915-0247 and it is valid until 12/31/2028. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 13N82, Rockville, Maryland, 20857.

HRSA 99: Demographic and Contact Information.

Initial and Reconciliation Applications

This required form is used to identify the applicant hospital's Medicare Provider Number, Tax Identification Number, Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and the appropriate hospital liaisons for application processing and auditing purposes. This form is the initial part of each application.

HRSA 99-1: Determination of Weighted and Unweighted Resident FTE Counts.

Initial Application

This required form must be completed as a component of the initial application in Phase 2. Information is requested on the hospital's number of resident FTE unweighted and weighted counts for the current, previous, penultimate and base (1996) Medicare cost report (MCR) periods.

Reconciliation Application

This required form must be completed as a component of the reconciliation application. Information is requested on the hospital's number of resident FTE unweighted and weighted counts for the current, previous, penultimate and base (1996) MCR periods.

Per section 340E(c)(1) of the Public Health Service Act, payments for direct expenses relating to the hospital's approved GME programs for a FY are equal to the product of (a) an updated national per resident amount for direct GME with wage adjustment and a labor share for each children's hospital's area applied to a standard wage-related portion, and (b) the average number of FTE residents as determined under Section 1886(h)(4) of the Social Security Act.

HRSA 99-2: Determination of IME Data Related to the Teaching of Residents.

Initial Application

This required form must be completed as a component of the initial application in Phase 2. Information is requested on the hospital's number of inpatient days, number of inpatient discharges, number of available beds, case-mix index (CMI) and intern/resident to bed (IRB) ratio for the current, previous, penultimate and base (1996) MCR periods.

Reconciliation Application

This required form must be completed as a component of the reconciliation application. Information is requested on the hospital's number of inpatient days, number of inpatient discharges, number of available beds, CMI and IRB ratio for the current, previous, penultimate and base (1996) MCR periods.

Per section 340E(d) of the PHS Act, the Secretary must determine the amounts of IME payments by taking into account factors identified in section 340E(d)(2)(A) of the PHS Act -- variations in case mix, and the number of resident FTEs in the hospital's approved GME training programs for a fiscal year.

HRSA 99-4: Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) Tables.

Reconciliation Application

This required form is for the collection of information per the GPRA of 1993, as well as §5504 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA). It is requested before the end of the FY when the reconciliation application cycle occurs and the HRSA 99-1 and HRSA 99-2 are resubmitted reflecting changes, if any, to the resident FTE counts reported by the children's hospitals in their initial applications for CHGME Payment Program funding.

HRSA 99-5: Application Checklist.

Initial and Reconciliation Application

This required form is a checklist developed in response to numerous requests by participating children's hospitals to provide them with a checklist that they could use to ensure that their application for CHGME Payment Program funding was complete before submitting it to the CHGME Payment Program for consideration. The checklist identifies all required forms and supporting documentation, where appropriate, that an applicant children's hospital must submit to the CHGME Payment Program to be considered for funding.

Additional Application Supporting Documentation:

Application Cover Letter (Initial and Reconciliation Applications)

This optional letter includes a brief description of the application submitted and an explanation of issues that may require attention, as well as a list of the documents included for review by CHGME Payment Program. This letter is a document the children's hospital uploads as an attachment to the CHGME Payment Program application and is not a HRSA form nor a template provided to the children's hospitals. A copy of the form/template has not been included in this guidance, because each letter uploaded varies depending on the applicant children's hospital.

Exhibit 2: Revised GME Affiliation Agreement(s) for an Aggregate Cap

Initial and Reconciliation Applications

Revised GME Affiliation Agreement(s) for an Aggregate Cap, if available, as well as the email confirmation receipt to CMS and proof of submission to the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). This agreement is a document the children's hospital uploads as an attachment to the CHGME Payment Program application and is not a HRSA form nor a template provided to the children's hospitals. A copy of the form/template has not been included in this guidance, because each agreement uploaded varies depending on the applicant children's hospital.

Exhibit 3: Medicare Cost Reports

Initial and Reconciliation Applications

Updated CMS form 2552-10, Worksheet E-4 (formerly named Worksheet E-3, Part IV, and Worksheet E-3, Part VI), if required. This worksheet is a document the children's hospital uploads as an attachment to the CHGME Payment Program application and is not a HRSA form nor a template provided to the children's hospitals. A copy of the form/template has not been included in this guidance, because each worksheet uploaded varies depending on the applicant children's hospital.

Exhibit 4: CMS Letter Supporting Add-on to Cap

Initial and Reconciliation Applications

A confirmation letter from CMS, must be included if hospital claims an add-on to their 1996 cap. This letter is a copy of the letter sent to the provider by CMS informing the hospital of an increase and/or reduction in the resident FTE cap due to Section 422 of MMA, Sections 5503 and 5506 of the ACA, Sections 126, 127 and 131 of the CAA, or other pertinent legislation, if applicable. This letter is a document the children's hospital uploads as an attachment to the CHGME Payment Program application and is not a HRSA form nor a template provided to the children's hospitals. A copy of the form/template has not been included in this guidance, because each letter uploaded varies depending on the applicant children's hospital.

CFO Form Letter

Initial and Reconciliation Applications

This required letter includes a brief description of the application resubmitted with corrections and an explanation of changes made as well as a list of the revised documents included for further review by CHGME Payment Program. This letter is a document the children's hospital uploads as an attachment to the CHGME Payment Program application and is not a HRSA form nor a template provided to the children's hospitals. The CFO Form Letter may be signed by the Project Director (PD), Authorizing Official (AO), the Chief Operating Officer (CFO) or other designated hospital official. A copy of the form/template has not been included in this guidance, because each letter uploaded varies depending on the applicant children's hospital.

Section IV: Hospital Eligibility

Eligibility Criteria

According to Public Law 106-310, a children's teaching hospital must meet the following eligibility criteria for CHGME Payment Program funding. The hospital must:

1. participate in an approved GME program;
2. have a Medicare Provider Agreement;
3. be excluded from the Medicare inpatient prospective payment system (PPS) under section 1886(d)(1)(B)(iii) of the Social Security Act, and its accompanying regulations⁽¹⁾; and
4. operate as a "freestanding" children's teaching hospital, as defined by the CHGME Payment Program.⁽²⁾

As per the Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-98), a freestanding hospital that meets the following criteria may be eligible as a newly qualified hospital for CHGME payments depending on the level of funding appropriated to the program:

1. It has an approved medical residency training program as defined in section 1886(h)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act;
2. It has a Medicare provider agreement and is excluded from the Medicare inpatient hospital prospective payment system (IPPS) pursuant to section 1886(d)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act and its accompanying regulations;
3. Its inpatients are predominantly individuals under 18 years of age;
4. It is not otherwise qualified to receive payments under this section or section 1886(h) of the Social Security Act. For those free-standing children's hospitals that met the above requirements as of April 7, 2014, when the Secretary has not previously determined an average number of FTE residents under section 1886(h)(4) of the Social Security Act, the Secretary may establish such number of FTE residents for the purposes of calculating CHGME program payments.

⁽¹⁾ A hospital with a 3300 series Medicare provider number would meet this criterion (i.e., 55-3300).

⁽²⁾ A children's teaching hospital is considered "freestanding" if it does not operate under a Medicare hospital provider number assigned to a larger health care entity that receives Medicare GME payments.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)

Changes in Eligibility

A hospital remains eligible for CHGME Payment Program funding as long as it meets the eligibility criteria listed above and trains residents as a “freestanding” children’s hospital during the FY for which CHGME Program payments are being made.

If a hospital becomes ineligible for payments:

1. it must notify the CHGME Payment Program immediately of the change in status and the date of the change; and
2. it will be liable for the reimbursement, with interest, of any funds received during the period of ineligibility.

Additional references:

- ❖ *CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)*

Section V Payment Methodology

Payment Methodology

CHGME Payment Program funding to individual children’s hospitals is based upon several variables, including the rolling average of weighted and unweighted FTE resident counts, which are used to calculate DME and IME payments, respectively. Payment variables and calculations are subject to all other statutes, rules and CMS regulations and accompanying policies relating to the CHGME Payment Program statute, including the June 19, 2000 Federal Register Notice (65 FR 37985), the March 1, 2001 Federal Register Notice (66 FR 12940), the July 20, 2001 Federal Register Notice (66 FR 37980), the October 22, 2003 Federal Register Notice (68 FR 60396), the May 27, 2025 Federal Register Notice (90 FR 22315), §422 of the MMA of 2003, as well as and Sections 5503, 5504, 5505, and 5506 of the ACA of 2010, and Sections 126, 127 and 131 of the CAA of 2021, and other pertinent legislation, if applicable.

The rolling average is the average of the FTE resident counts reported by the children’s hospital for the ⁽¹⁾:

1. most recently filed MCR (or the most recently completed MCR period); and
2. the prior 2 years.

⁽¹⁾ *CHGME Payment Program funding to a children’s hospital that has not completed three (3) MCR periods will be based upon the hospital’s FTE resident count from its “most recently*

filed” or “most recently completed” MCR period until three (3) MCR periods have been completed.

The rolling average FTE resident count includes all residents except those that qualify for an adjustment after the averaging rules are applied in accordance with 42 CFR 413.77.

The FTE resident count for any MCR period is based upon the number of:

1. allopathic and osteopathic residents following application of the “cap”, where applicable; and
2. dental and podiatric residents.

Effective “for portions of cost reporting periods occurring on or after July 1, 2005”, the CHGME Payment Program will not include FTE residents counted against the \$422 cap increase in the 3-year rolling average calculation for purposes of DME and IME payments. Additional information regarding the CHGME Payment Program’s implementation of \$422 of the MMA of 2003 is included in Sections VII and VIII of this application guidance.

Effective “for portions of cost reporting periods ending on or after July 1, 2011”, the CHGME Payment Program will include FTE residents counted against the \$5503 cap increase in the 3-year rolling average calculation for purposes of DME and IME payments. Additional information regarding the CHGME Payment Program’s implementation of \$5503 of the ACA of 2010 is included in Sections VII and VIII of this application guidance.

Additional references:

- ❖ *Social Security Act, Section 1886*
- ❖ *CMS, 42 CFR 413.77*
- ❖ *CMS, Federal Register Notice, August 11, 2004 (69 FR 48916)*
- ❖ *CMS, Federal Register Notice, November 24, 2010 (75 FR 72194)*
- ❖ *CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, June 19, 2000 (65 FR 37985)*
- ❖ *CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)*
- ❖ *CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37980)*
- ❖ *CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, October 22, 2003 (68 FR 60396)*

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

The CHGME Payment Program allows for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a QBS, whereby the Secretary distributes bonus payments to hospitals participating in the program that meet standards specified by the Secretary. In FY 2019, CHGME Payment Program implemented a QBS payment. The QBS supports quality measurement and improvement.

To qualify for the QBS payment, CHGME recipients must:

- **Complete resident documentation.** Submit individual-level documentation for all CHGME-supported residents in the FY 2026 Annual Performance Report (Academic Year [AY] 2025–2026).
- **Achieve high data reporting rates.** Report data at a 90% or greater response rate (excluding "Not Reported" response option or no response option), in individual level characteristics and training level data including training in telehealth and interprofessional education included in the FY 2026 Annual Performance Report (AY 2025-2026).
- **Provide post-residency employment data.** Report 50% or greater complete post-residency employment data in the FY 2026 Annual Performance Report (AY 2025–2026).
- **Report behavioral health training.** Report training in at least one of the following areas in the FY 2026 Annual Performance Report (AY 2025–2026):
 - Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder (MOUD).
 - Substance use or opioid use treatment.
 - Integrated behavioral health in primary care.

Section VI: Hospital Data Needed to Complete the CHGME Payment Program Application

Data Sources for Children’s Hospitals that File Full Medicare Cost Reports (MCRs)

To complete a CHGME Payment Program application, hospitals that file full MCRs (i.e., report residents to Medicare on CMS 2552-10, Worksheet E-4 (formerly named CMS 2552-96, Worksheet E-3, Part IV)) must use the data as reflected in their:

1. most recently filed MCR for the period ending on or before December 31, 1996 (the “cap year”);
2. most recently filed MCR; and the
3. prior 2 years.

In addition, hospitals who received adjustments to their cap (increases or decreases) as a result of §422 of the MMA of 2003 must use data included in and provide a copy of their written notification from CMS regarding these adjustments on CMS 2552-10, Worksheet E-4 (formerly named CMS 2552-96, Worksheet E-3, Part VI). Additional information regarding the CHGME Payment Program’s implementation of §422 of the MMA of 2003 is included in Sections VII and VIII of this application guidance.

Also, hospitals who received adjustments to their cap (increases or decreases) as a result of §5503 of the ACA of 2010 must use data included in and provide a copy of their written notification from CMS regarding these adjustments on CMS 2552-10, Worksheet E-4 (formerly named CMS 2552-96, Worksheet E-3, Part IV). Additional information regarding the CHGME Payment Program's implementation of §5503 of the ACA of 2010 is included in Sections VII and VIII of this application guidance.

Additional references:

- ❖ *Social Security Act, Section 1886*
- ❖ *CMS, 42 CFR 413.77*
- ❖ *CMS, Federal Register Notice, August 11, 2004 (69 FR 48916)*
- ❖ *CMS, Federal Register Notice, November 24, 2010 (75 FR 72192)*
- ❖ *CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)*

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

Data Sources for Children's Hospitals that File Low- or No-Utilization Medicare Cost Reports (MCRs)

To complete a CHGME Payment Program application, hospitals that file low- or no-utilization MCRs (i.e., do not report residents to Medicare on CMS 2552-10, Worksheet E-4 (formerly named CMS 2552-96, Worksheet E-3, Part IV)) must use the data as reflected in their hospital records for the:

1. most recently completed MCR period for the period ending on or before December 31, 1996 (the "cap year");
2. most recently completed MCR period; and the
3. completed MCR periods for the prior 2 years.

In addition, hospitals who received adjustments to their cap (increases or decreases) as a result of §422 of the MMA of 2003 must use data included in and provide a copy of their written notification from CMS regarding these adjustments. Additional information regarding the CHGME Payment Program's implementation of §422 of the MMA of 2003 is included in Sections VII and VIII of this application guidance.

Also, hospitals who received adjustments to their cap (increases or decreases) as a result of §5503 of the ACA of 2010 must use data included in and provide a copy of their written notification from CMS regarding these adjustments. Additional information regarding the CHGME Payment Program's implementation of §5503 of the ACA of 2010 is included in Sections VII and VIII of this application guidance.

Hospitals whose most recently completed MCR period ends less than five (5) months prior to the stated CHGME Payment Program initial application deadline may report as their most

recently completed MCR period FTE resident counts from their most recently completed or the previously completed MCR period.

Example:

Charlie's Angels Children's Center (CACC) will file a low-utilization MCR for its 06/30/23 year- end. The CHGME Payment Program application deadline for FY 2024 is August 1, 2023 (approximately 1 month after CACC's year-end). CACC has the option of reporting as its "most recently completed MCR period" data from its 6/30/22 or 6/30/23 year-end. Since CACC needs time to close-out its FTE resident counts and financial records for its 6/30/23 year-end, it decides to use the FTE resident count data from its 6/30/22 cost reporting period to complete Section 4 of HRSA-99-1. Consequently, CACC must use data from its 6/30/21 and 6/30/20 MCR periods to complete Sections 5 and 6 of the HRSA-99-1, respectively. CACC must also use its hospital data from its 6/30/22 cost reporting period to complete all subsequent application forms (i.e., HRSA- 99-2, HRSA-99-4, etc.). CACC cannot use the FTE resident count data from its 6/30/23 MCR period until the next CHGME Payment Program initial application cycle (FY 2025).

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.77
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, August 11, 2004 (69 FR 48916)
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, November 24, 2010 (75 FR 72152)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

Data Sources for Children's Hospitals that Have Not Completed Three (3) Medicare Cost Reports (MCRs) Periods

If a hospital has completed at least one (1), but not more than two (2) MCR periods, CHGME Payment Program funding to the children's hospital will be based upon data from the hospital's "most recently filed" or "most recently completed" MCR period until three (3) MCR periods have been completed. Hence, the hospital will not complete sections 5 and 6 of HRSA-99-1 and its DME and IME payments will not be based upon a 3-year rolling average FTE resident count.

Upon completion of three (3) MCR periods, the hospital will complete sections 5 and 6 of HRSA-99-1 and will receive DME and IME payments based upon a 3-year rolling average FTE resident count.

In addition, hospitals who received adjustments to their cap (increases or decreases) as a result of §422 of the MMA of 2003 must use data included in and provide a copy of their written notification from CMS regarding these adjustments. Additional information regarding

the CHGME Payment Program's implementation of §422 of the MMA of 2003 is included in Sections VII and VIII of this application guidance.

Also, hospitals who received adjustments to their cap (increases or decreases) as a result of §5503 of the ACA of 2010 must use data included in and provide a copy of their written notification from CMS regarding these adjustments. Additional information regarding the

CHGME Payment Program's implementation of §5503 of the ACA of 2010 is included in Sections VII and VIII of this application guidance.

Additional references:

- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37980)
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, August 11, 2004 (69 FR 48916)
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, November 24, 2010 (75 FR 72152)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

Data Sources for Children's Hospitals that Have Not Completed One (1) Medicare Cost Reports (MCRs) Period

New children's teaching hospitals (new to the CHGME Payment Program) training residents who were originally trained in a program that received and will continue to receive funding under the CHGME Payment Program are required to wait until they have completed a MCR period before applying for CHGME Payment Program funding. These hospitals must also apply the 3-year rolling average (to their FTE resident counts) in accordance with Medicare regulations. Over a 3-year period, the "new children's teaching hospital" will gradually increase its number of FTE residents that can be claimed in the CHGME Payment Program as the children's hospital that originally trained those FTE residents gradually decreases its FTE resident count for determining payments from the CHGME Payment Program.

New children's teaching hospitals (new to the CHGME Payment Program) training residents previously trained at a hospital that never received (or is no longer receiving) funding under the CHGME Payment Program are eligible for CHGME Payment Program funding without having completed a MCR period. In addition, a hospital that becomes newly eligible for the CHGME Payment Program by starting its own "new medical residency training program" according to Medicare regulation 42 CFR 413.79(e)(1) will also be eligible for CHGME Payment Program funding without having completed a MCR period.

Hospitals that are eligible to receive CHGME Payment Program funding without having completed a MCR period must follow the guidance provided in Section X of this application guidance which provides special calculation instructions for hospitals that have not completed a MCR report.

Additional references:

❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37980)
Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

Section VII: Determining the Total Number of Resident Full-Time Equivalents

Cap and Cap Year

Section 1886(d)(5)(B)(v) of the Social Security Act established “caps” on the number of allopathic and osteopathic residents that a hospital operating an approved GME program may count when requesting payment for DME and IME costs. A hospital’s “cap” (hereinafter the “1996 Base Year Cap”) is currently defined as the “number of unweighted FTE residents enrolled in a hospital’s allopathic and osteopathic residency programs during the most recent cost reporting period ending on or before December 31, 1996 (the “cap year”).” The cap (i.e., limit) on the number of allopathic and osteopathic residents is effective for all cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 1997. Dental and podiatric residents are exempt from the cap but are included in the FTE resident counts for all relevant years to calculate the 3-year rolling average.

The “cap year” is defined as a hospital’s most recent cost reporting period ending on or before December 31, 1996.

Example:

CACC had 75 FTE residents enrolled in its allopathic programs, 25 FTE residents enrolled in its osteopathic programs and 7 FTE residents enrolled in its dental and podiatric programs for its 6/30/96 MCR period (its most recent MCR period ending on or before December 31, 1996). Hence, CACC’s cap for Medicare and CHGME Payment Program purposes is 100 (75+25=100). Note: Dental residents do not count towards the cap amount.

Hospitals that are eligible to receive CHGME funds as “newly qualified hospitals” under the Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013, and that do not already have a CMS cap established and are not able to apply for a CMS cap as a new residency training program, will have a “CHGME cap” established using the number of FTE residents trained during the most recent Medicare cost report period completed on or before April 7, 2014, the date of enactment of the Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013, as verified by the CHGME auditors during the FTE Resident Assessment Program.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.79
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)

❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37980)
Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1 and HRSA-99-2

Adjustments to a Hospital's Cap

As noted above, Section 1886(d)(5)(B)(v) of the Social Security Act established caps on the number of allopathic and osteopathic residents that a hospital operating an approved GME program may count when requesting payment for DME and IME costs. While Medicare and the CHGME Payment Program only make DME and IME payments for the number of allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents up to a hospital's "1996 Base Year Cap", some hospitals have trained allopathic and osteopathic residents in excess of their 1996 Base Year Cap. There are also a number of hospitals that have reduced their resident positions to a level below their 1996 Base Year Cap.

Subsequent legislative actions and related Federal Register notices addressing these issues allow a hospital's cap to be permanently changed (increased or decreased) by CMS or temporarily adjusted at the request of the hospital and approved by CMS. These provisions are detailed below.

§422 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003

In December 2003, the President signed the MMA of 2003 (also known as the Medicare Prescription Drug and Improvement Act of 2003), Public Law 108-173. Section 422 of the MMA added Section 1886(h)(7) to the Social Security Act (SSA). This provision reduced the 1996 Base Year Cap for certain hospitals and redistributed those positions to other hospitals that applied for and received an increase to their 1996 Base Year Cap under §422. Hereinafter, any decreases to a hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap as a result of §422 will be referred to as the "§422 Cap Reduction" and any increases to the 1996 Base Year Cap as a result of §422 will be referred to as the "§422 Cap Increase." Authority for implementing §422 of the MMA was delegated to CMS. Determinations made and implemented by CMS in response to §422 are final and not subject to appeal, and binding on the CHGME Payment Program.

Under the CHGME Payment Program statute, by incorporation of the SSA provisions, HRSA must implement the counting law and rules of Medicare, which include those related to the implementation of §422 of the MMA. Additional information regarding the CHGME Payment Program's implementation of §422 of the MMA can be found in Section VIII of this application guidance.

§5503 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010

In March 2010, the President signed the ACA of 2010 (also known as the Affordable Care Act of 2010), Public Law 111-148. Section 5503 of the ACA added Section 1886(h)(8)(F) to the SSA. This provision reduced the 1996 Base Year Cap for certain hospitals and redistributed those positions to other hospitals that applied for and received an increase to their 1996 Base Year Cap under §5503.

Hereinafter, any decreases to a hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap as a result of §5503 will be referred to as the "§5503 Cap Reduction" and any increases to the 1996 Base Year Cap as a result of §5503 will be referred to as the "§5503 Cap Increase." Authority for implementing §5503 of the ACA was delegated to CMS. Determinations made and implemented by CMS in response to §5503 are final and not subject to appeal, and binding on the CHGME Payment Program.

Under the CHGME Payment Program statute, by incorporation of the SSA provisions, HRSA must implement the counting law and rules of Medicare, which include those related to the implementation of §5503 of the ACA. Additional information regarding the CHGME Payment Program's implementation of §5503 of the ACA can be found in Section VIII of this application guidance.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.79(c)(2)

Medicare GME Affiliation Agreements and Other Regulations Allowing the Establishment or Adjustment of a Hospital Cap

Hospitals that meet criteria as currently eligible hospitals (Section IV) that were not in existence for the most recent cost reporting period ending on or before December 31, 1996, do not have a "1996 Base Year Cap" and are, therefore, "capped" to an FTE resident count of zero "0". Hence, eligible hospitals must obtain (or adjust) their 1996 Base Year Cap (or lack thereof) to receive CHGME Payment Program funding.

To provide an adjustment to a cap, the CHGME Payment Program will allow hospitals to add FTE residents to their "1996 Base Year Cap" based on the following Medicare and CHGME Payment Program regulations:

1. the formation of a new medical residency program as described in 42 CFR 413.79(e)(1); or
2. the redistribution of FTE resident positions from a closed hospital as described in §5506 of the ACA (75 FR 72212, November 24, 2010), with the following exceptions:

- i. In the first cost reporting period in which the hospital takes displaced residents and the hospital closure occurs, the applying hospital would receive a temporary cap adjustment, and the displaced FTE residents would be exempt from the 3-year rolling average and the Intern/Resident to Bed (IRB) ratio cap.
 - ii. In the cost reporting period following the one in which the hospital closure occurred, the applying hospital's permanent cap increase would take effect, and the displaced FTE residents would no longer be exempt from the 3-year rolling average and the IRB ratio cap.
3. the execution of a Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement for an aggregate cap, as set forth in 42 CFR 413.79(f) and 63 FR 26338 as published in the Federal Register on May 12, 1998, with the following exceptions:
 - i. A "new children's teaching hospital" participating in the CHGME Payment Program for the first year must establish an effective date of the agreement for purposes of the CHGME Payment Program. For the first year, unless otherwise specified, the Department will use as the effective date of the Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement for an aggregate cap the date that the hospital becomes eligible for CHGME Payment Program funding. This effective date will only apply to the CHGME Payment Program. A hospital must also have an effective date of July 1st for the Medicare Program. Subsequent to the first year of the Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement, the effective date must comply with the above- cited Federal Register final rule, which specifies an effective date of July 1st for all affiliation agreements.

The CHGME Payment Program allows this exception because hospitals must meet eligibility criteria and have their caps determined prior to the CHGME Payment Program application deadline. If the CHGME Payment Program application deadline occurs before July 1st, some hospitals would have a cap of zero and thus be excluded from receiving funds. By deviating from the prescribed Medicare final rule, the CHGME Payment Program will not place some hospitals in this position.

Unlike the Medicare Program, for the first year that a hospital is eligible to participate in the CHGME Payment Program, the CHGME Payment Program will not prorate the cap based on the effective date of the cap.

Instead, the full value of the cap as determined by the Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement will be used. For purposes of the CHGME Payment Program and its application forms, a hospital that is now starting to train residents previously trained at a hospital that never received or is no longer receiving funds from the CHGME Payment Program will be allowed to use the cap agreed upon in the Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement until the full value of the cap is reflected in the MCR. Afterwards, the hospital will use the FTE resident count and cap from its filed MCR as indicated in Section VI of this application guidance.

Example:

CACC opened as a freestanding children's hospital on January 1, 2023, and would like to apply for FY 2024 CHGME Payment Program funding. The CHGME Payment Program FY2024 application deadline is August 1, 2023. Since CACC did not train residents in 1996

and does not qualify as an NQH, it has a cap of zero, but was able to arrange a Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement for an aggregate cap with Shirley Temple Medical Center in which CACC's current residents had previously trained.

CACC did the following in order to apply for CHGME Payment Program funding:

1. Established a cap by forming a Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement with Shirley Temple Medical Center for an aggregate cap.
2. The agreement had an effective date of January 1, 2023 (for CHGME Payment Program purposes only) and an effective date of July 1, 2023, and expiration date of June 30, 2024, for and in accordance with Medicare rules and regulations.
3. CACC and Shirley Temple Medical Center filed the agreement with their MACs (the hospitals have different MACs) before June 30, 2023 (in accordance with Medicare rules and regulations) and provided a signed copy of the CHGME Payment Program following acceptance by the FIs.

Hospitals that report residents to Medicare and are part of an affiliated group may elect to apply the FTE resident limit on an aggregate basis under Medicare rules and regulations. If the combined FTE resident counts for the individual members of the group exceed the aggregate limit, each hospital's FTE resident cap will be adjusted per the agreement between the members of the affiliated group. These adjustments must be reflected in the filed MCR to be considered for the CHGME Payment Program.

Hospitals that receive an increase to their 1996 Base Year Cap from CMS under §422 of the MMA of 2003 and participate in a Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement under 42 CFR 413.79(f) on or after July 1, 2005, may only affiliate for the purpose of adjusting their (original) 1996 Base Year Cap. The additional slots that a hospital receives under §422 may not be aggregated and applied (through Medicare GME Affiliation Agreements) to the cap of any other hospitals.

The additional slots that a hospital receives under §5503 may not be aggregated and applied (through Medicare GME Affiliation Agreements) to the cap of any other hospitals for the 5-year probationary period. Hospitals that receive an increase to their 1996 Base Year Cap from CMS under §5503 of the ACA of 2010 and participate in a Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement under 42 CFR 413.79(f) for cost reporting periods ending on or after July 1, 2011, may only affiliate for the purpose of adjusting their (original) 1996 Base Year Cap.

After the 5-year probationary period, hospitals that receive an increase to their 1996 Base Year Cap from CMS under §5503 of the ACA and participate in a Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement under 42 CFR 413.79(f) for cost reporting periods ending on or after July 1, 2011, may affiliate for the purpose of adjusting their (original) 1996 Base Year Cap and their §5503 Cap Increase. The additional slots that a hospital receives under §5503 may be aggregated and applied (through Medicare GME Affiliation Agreements) to the cap of any other hospitals following the 5-year probationary period beginning July 1, 2016.

Hospitals should refer to 42 CFR 413.79(f) for additional information on adjustments to the cap.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.79(f)
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, November 24, 2010 (75 FR 72195)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37980)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

Exceeding the Cap

For DME payment calculations if a hospital's unweighted FTE resident count for allopathic and osteopathic residents exceeds its FTE limit ("cap"), unweighted then the weighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE resident count is equal to the hospital's direct GME FTE resident cap or its actual weighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE resident count, whichever is lesser. See Federal Register notices published December 30, 2024 (89 FR 106525) and May 27, 2025 (90 FR 22315) for more detailed information. Additional information regarding the CHGME Payment Program's implementation of §422 of the MMA of 2003 and §5503 of the ACA of 2010 is provided below.

Example:

CACC, per its Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement, has a cap of 100. For its 6/30/23 MCR, CACC reported an unweighted FTE resident count of 150 and a weighted count of 105 for its allopathic and osteopathic programs.

For DME payment purposes, CACC would determine its weighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE resident count to be equal unweighted the hospital's cap or its actual weighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE resident count, whichever is lesser. In the example above, the lesser of the two is the hospital's [4.07 > 4.06 AND 4.12 > 4.06, THEN 4.13 = 4.06]. The weighted count of any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would be added to the 100.00 as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap.

For IME payment calculations if a hospital's unweighted FTE resident count for allopathic and osteopathic residents exceeds its FTE limit ("cap"), the hospital must report the lesser of the unweighted FTE resident count or the cap for the subject cost reporting period. Additional information regarding the CHGME Payment Program's implementation of §422 of the MMA of 2003 and §5503 of the ACA of 2010 is provided below.

Example:

CACC, per its Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement, has a cap of 100. For its 6/30/23 MCR, CACC reported an unweighted FTE resident count of 150 and a weighted count of 105 for its allopathic and osteopathic programs.

For IME payment purposes, CACC would report 100.00 [the lesser of the unweighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE resident count (150) or the cap (100)]. The unweighted count of any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would be added to the 100.00 as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap.

Impact of §422 of the MMA When a Hospital Exceeds Its Cap

Section 422 of the MMA will affect the determination of DME and IME payments for each of the children's hospitals participating in the CHGME Payment Program. The CHGME Payment Program will begin accounting for the redistribution of the 1996 caps under §422 of the MMA in determining DME and IME payments starting with "portions of a hospital's cost reporting periods occurring on or after July 1, 2005."

Children's hospitals whose cap has been reduced under §422 of the MMA will report and be paid based on the §422 Cap Reduction effective "for portions of cost reporting periods occurring on or after July 1, 2005." The 1996 Base Year Cap will be used for MCR periods prior to the effective date. Children's hospitals will be asked to submit a copy of the letter they received from CMS informing them of the reduction in their cap that includes the actual reduction. The full effect of the reduction for a given hospital will take about 3 years following implementation of §422 when all three MCR periods reflected in the hospital's application for CHGME Payment Program funding are affected by the §422 Cap Reduction.

For children's hospitals who received an increase to their 1996 Base Year Cap under §422 of the MMA, the CHGME Payment Program will not include FTE residents counted against the §422 Cap Increase in the 3-year rolling average calculation for purposes of DME and IME payments effective for portions of cost reporting periods and discharges occurring on or after July 1, 2005. In addition, effective for discharges occurring on or after July 1, 2005, the CHGME Payment Program will not apply the intern/resident to bed (IRB) ratio cap to the residents claimed against a hospital's §422 Cap Increase. However, residents claimed against the 1996 Base Year Cap will be subject to the 3-year rolling average and will be subject to the IRB ratio cap.

Impact of §5503 of the ACA When a Hospital Exceeds Its Cap

Section 5503 of the ACA will affect the determination of DME and IME payments for each of the children's hospitals participating in the CHGME Payment Program. The CHGME Payment Program will begin accounting for the redistribution of the 1996 caps under §5503 of the ACA in determining DME and IME payments starting with "portions of a hospital's cost reporting periods ending on or after July 1, 2011."

Children's hospitals whose cap has been reduced under §5503 of the ACA will report and be paid based on the §5503 Cap Reduction effective "for portions of cost reporting periods ending on or after July 1, 2011." The 1996 Base Year Cap and §422 of the MMA (if applicable) will be used for MCR periods prior to the effective date. Children's hospitals will be asked to submit a copy of the letter they received from CMS informing them of the reduction in their cap that includes the actual reduction. The full effect of the reduction for a given hospital will immediately take effect following implementation of §5503 when the current MCR period reflected in the hospital's application for CHGME Payment Program funding is affected by the §5503 Cap Reduction.

For children's hospitals who received an increase to their 1996 Base Year Cap under §5503 of the ACA, the CHGME Payment Program will include FTE residents counted against the §5503 Cap Increase in the 3-year rolling average calculation for purposes of DME and IME payments effective for portions of cost reporting periods ending on or after July 1, 2011.

In addition, effective for portions of cost reporting periods ending on or after July 1, 2011, the CHGME Payment Program will apply the intern/resident to bed (IRB) ratio cap to the residents claimed against a hospital's §5503 Cap Increase.

Additional references:

- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, November 24, 2010 (75 FR 72194)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)

Eligible Residency Programs (Approved Training Programs)

Residents may be included in a hospital's FTE resident count for CHGME Payment Program purposes if the residency program (in which the resident is enrolled) meets one of the following criteria:

- The program must be approved by one of the following accrediting bodies:
 - Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME);
 - Committee on Hospitals of the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association;
 - Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or
 - Council of Podiatric Medicine Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association.
- The program may count towards certification of the participant in a specialty or subspecialty listed in the current edition of the Directory of Graduate Medical Education Programs (published by the American Medical Association) or the Annual Report and Reference Handbook (published by the American Board of Medical Specialties).

- The program is approved by the ACGME as a fellowship program in geriatric medicine; or
- The program would be accredited except for the accrediting agency's reliance upon an accreditation standard that requires an entity to perform an induced abortion or require, provide, or refer for training in the performance of induced abortions, or make arrangements for such training, regardless of whether the standard provides exceptions or exemptions.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.75(b)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

ACGME-I (International)

The ACGME-I (International) program is NOT included as a program to be counted in a hospital's reported resident or fellow count for funding and reporting for the CHGME Payment Program purposes. An approved graduate medical education (GME) program for the CHGME Payment Program means one of the following: Per 42 CFR 415.152 "Approved graduate medical education (GME) program" is (1) a residency program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, by the American Osteopathic Association, by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association; and (2) a program otherwise recognized as an "approved medical residency program" under § 413.75(b) of this chapter, that restates an approved medical residency program is approved by one of the national organizations listed in § 415.152 of this chapter.

§ 413.75 Direct GME payments: General requirements.

(b) Definitions. For purposes of this section and §§ 413.76 through 413.83, the following definitions apply: Approved medical residency program means a program that meets one of the following criteria: (1) Is approved by one of the national organizations listed in § 415.152 of this chapter.

§ 415.152 Definitions.

As used in this subpart— Approved graduate medical education (GME) program means one of the following: 42 CFR 415.152 "Approved graduate medical education (GME) program" (1) A residency program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, by the American Osteopathic Association, by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association. (2) A program otherwise recognized as an "approved medical residency program" under § 413.75(b) of this chapter.

Eligible Residents

In order to be counted in CHGME payment calculations, a resident must be:

in an approved residency training program (see Eligible Residency Program above);
and either

- a graduate of an accredited medical school in the U.S. or Canada; or
- have passed the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Parts I & II (international or foreign medical graduates)

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.75(b)
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.80

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

International Medical Graduates (IMGs)

An IMG [(formerly known as a foreign medical graduate (FMG))] is a resident who is not a graduate of a medical, osteopathy, dental, or podiatry school, respectively, accredited or approved as meeting the standards necessary for accreditation by the:

1. Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association;
2. American Osteopathic Association;
3. Commission on Dental Accreditation; or the
4. Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

In order for an IMG to be included in a hospital's FTE resident count, s/he must have passed Parts I and II of the USMLE and be enrolled in an eligible residency program.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.75(b)
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.80

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

Resident Full-Time Equivalent Counts

The FTE resident counts are based on the number of residents training at the hospital complex and certain non-hospital/non-provider settings/sites throughout the hospital's fiscal year. Residents are counted as FTEs based on the total time necessary to fill a full-time residency slot for the year.

For purposes of clarification, is measured in terms of time worked during a residency training year. It is not a measure of the number of individual residents who are working.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.78

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

Initial Residency Period

Residents are divided into two categories, those in their:

1. initial residency period (IRP);
 - i. Effective July 1, 1995, an IRP is defined as the minimum number of years required for board eligibility.
 - ii. For osteopathic, dentistry, and podiatric programs, the IRP is the minimum number of years of formal training necessary to satisfy the requirements of the approving body for those programs.
 - iii. Prior to July 1, 1995, an IRP is defined as the minimum number of years required for board eligibility in a specialty or subspecialty plus 1 year (not to exceed 5 years with some exceptions).
2. and those beyond their IRP.

Example:

The IRP for pediatrics is 3 years. Therefore, the initial residency period for all pediatric subspecialties (e.g., pediatric cardiology) is 3 years.

The IRP for general surgery is 5 years. Therefore, the initial residency period of all surgical subspecialties (e.g., pediatric surgery) is 5 years even if the training program requires a longer period of training.

A Pediatric Surgery (subspecialty) resident (or fellow) who previously completed a 5-year general surgery residency program and is now in his first year of subspecialty training (in Pediatric Surgery) is beyond his IRP. His IRP was 5 years (general surgery).

Exceptions apply to the IRP for residents enrolled in preventive medicine, geriatric medicine, transitional year and combined residency programs. Refer to 42 CFR 413.79(a) for additional information on the IRP and exceptions.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.79(a)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1

Weighting of FTE Resident Counts

The CHGME Payment Program, like Medicare, assigns a 0.5 (or ½) weighting factor to residents who are beyond their IRP. Hence a resident who is beyond his or her initial residency period is factored by 0.5 regardless of the number of years or length of the training program in which s/he is currently enrolled.

Example:

John Doe completed a 3-year pediatric residency program on June 30, 2022, at CACC. Following completion of his residency program, John continued his training in a pediatric cardiology fellowship program also at CACC. During the first year of his fellowship program (July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023), John spent 40% of the academic year at CACC and 60% of the academic year rotating to other teaching hospitals.

CACC's MCR period is the same as the academic year (July 1 to June 30). Hence, CACC would report John as 0.20 for the MCR period ending June 30, 2023 [(40/100) x 0.5 = .20]. CACC must weight John's FTE resident count because the IRP for pediatrics is 3 years and John is in his 4th year of training (3 years of residency training and 1 year of fellowship training).

For CHGME Payment Program purposes, the weighting of FTE resident counts is also applicable to the increase in FTE residents based on §422 of the MMA and §5503 of the ACA et al.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
 - CMS, 42 CFR 413.79(b)
 - CHGME Payment Program Federal Register Notice May 27, 2025 (90 FR 22315)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1

Where Residents Are Counted

The time a resident spends anywhere within the hospital complex (see "Hospital Complex" below) may be included in the FTE resident count for CHGME Payment Program purposes. In addition, the time spent by residents in certain non-hospital/non-provider settings/sites is counted if the criteria identified below (under "Non-Provider/Non-Hospital Settings and Written Agreements") are met.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886

- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.78
 - ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)
- Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

Hospital Complex

The time a resident spends anywhere within the hospital complex (as defined in 42 CFR 413.65) may be included in the FTE resident count for CHGME Payment Program purposes.

The CMS final rule implementing the per resident amount (PRA) methodology for payment of the direct GME costs of approved GME activities defines a hospital complex as “hospitals and hospital-based providers and sub providers” (54 FR 40286, September 29, 1989). The term “hospital” is defined in section 1861(e) of the Social Security Act as, in part, an institution which is primarily engaged in providing, by or under the supervision of physicians, diagnostic and therapeutic services to inpatients.

The term “provider of services” is defined in section 1861(u) of the Social Security Act as a hospital, skilled nursing facility, comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility, home health agency, hospice program, or, for purposes of section 1814(g) and section 1835(c), a fund. The term “sub provider” is defined in the Provider Reimbursement Manual (PRM) Part II, section 2405(b) as “a portion of a general hospital which has been issued a sub provider identification number because it offers a clearly different type of service from the remainder of the hospital, such as long-term psychiatric.”

The CHGME Payment Program, however, does not differentiate between PPS and non-PPS locations within a hospital complex.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
 - ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.65
 - ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.78(a)
 - ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)
- Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

Non-Provider/Non-Hospital Settings and Written Agreements

The time a resident spends in a non-provider (or non-hospital) setting such as a physician’s office or a freestanding community health center in connection with an approved program may be included in the FTE resident count if the criteria in Federal regulation 42 CFR 413.78 (75 FR 72141, November 24, 2010) and §5504 of the ACA are met. For CHGME Payment Program purposes, 42 CFR 413.78 and §5504 of the ACA applies to both DME and IME funding received under the CHGME Payment Program.

Written agreements covering residents' time spent in non-provider/non-hospital settings shall cover a period of 1 year and must commence on the start of the cost reporting period and must be between the hospital and the non-hospital setting, not between the related School of Medicine (SOM), School of Podiatric Medicine (SOPM), or School of Dentistry (SOD). Refer to 42 CFR413.78 and §5504 of the ACA for additional information on written agreements.

Additional references and application forms:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.78
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, November 24, 2010 (75 FR 72134)
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, November 24, 2010 (75 FR 72141)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

Partial Resident Full-Time Equivalents

A partial FTE resident is a resident who does not spend all time that is part of the approved training program in the hospital complex or qualified non-hospital setting. A resident will count as a partial FTE resident based on the proportion of allowable time worked at the children's hospital and qualified non-hospital (provider) settings compared to the total time necessary to fill a full-time residency slot. Instances where a resident would be counted as a partial FTE resident include, if the resident:

1. is part-time;
2. rotates to other hospitals as part of the approved training program sponsored by the children's hospital;
3. is in a program sponsored by another hospital and spends one or more rotations at the children's hospital;
4. is on leave;
5. joins or leaves a program mid-year; or
6. passes the USMLE mid-year.

Hospitals should consult with their FIs regarding additional exceptions.

The sum of partial FTE resident counts at all institutions where an individual resident works as part of his/her approved residency program may not exceed 1.0 FTE. Also, time spent by residents moonlighting may not be counted.

Example:

During the course of the year, a full-time resident in orthopedic surgery spends 90 days at the children's hospital and 275 days at the hospital sponsoring the residency program. The

resident would count as a 0.25 FTE at the children's hospital [$90/365 = 0.2465$ (rounded to 0.25)].

A part-time third year resident in pediatrics works 4 days week. The normal workweek for a full time third year pediatric residents is 6 days per week. The resident would count as 0.67 FTE [$4/6 = .6666$ (rounded to 0.67)]

During the course of the year, a full-time resident (who is also a foreign medical graduate) is enrolled in his second year of a 3-year family practice residency program at CACC. The resident spends the entire academic year (2022-2023) at CACC and does not rotate to any other sites. The resident took and passed Part I of the USMLE in September 2022. On May 1, 2023, the resident sat for Part II of the USMLE and is awaiting the examination results. In June 2023 the resident learns that he passed Part II of the USMLE. Since CACC's year-end is June 30, CACC may count and include the resident in their FTE resident counts (as a partial FTE) for the period May 1, 2023 (the date he took the examination) to June 30, 2023 (CACC's year end). The resident would count as 0.17 FTE [$61 \text{ days (31 days in May + 30 days in June)} / 365 \text{ days} = 0.1671$ (rounded to 0.17)].

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.78(b)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

Research Time

Research may be included in a hospital's FTE resident count if the research is part of the residency program, and the resident carries out the research in:

1. the children's hospital complex (clinical or bench research); or
2. in a non-provider setting where the research involves patient care and the compensation for both the residents, the faculty and other teaching costs are paid by the children's hospital (requirements listed at 42 CFR 413.78 and §5505 of the ACA must be met. (See 66 FR 39896, Aug. 1, 2001, and 75 FR 72144, Nov. 24, 2010).

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.75
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.78
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, November 24, 2010 (75 FR 72144)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA 99-2, and HRSA 99-4

FTE Resident Count Accuracy and Documentation

Children's hospitals are responsible for the accuracy of the FTE resident counts submitted to HRSA and are subject to audit. More specifically, the Secretary, by statute, must determine any changes to the number of residents reported by a hospital in the initial application of the hospital for the current FY for both direct and indirect expense amounts. This mandate is accomplished through the FTE Resident Assessment Program carried out by the CHGME Payment Program (see "Application Cycle and Deadlines"). Children's hospitals are not required to submit with their completed initial applications for CHGME Payment Program funding documentation in support of the FTE resident data reported in their applications.

However, at the time children's hospitals certify their applications, the hospital should possess documentation in accordance with 413.75(d) and other applicable Medicare record-keeping regulations. Hospitals that do not report FTE resident counts to Medicare are **not exempt** from this policy.

Additional references:

- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.20
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.24
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.75(d)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA 99-2, and HRSA 99-4

Section VIII: Special Instructions for Calculating Reductions and Increases to a Hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap as a Result of §422 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003

Hospitals that received an increase or reduction to their 1996 Base Year Cap as a result of §422 of the MMA must use the following methodology for calculating and claiming FTE resident counts against their caps.

Decrease to a Hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap (§422 Cap Reduction)

Children's hospitals who received a decrease to their 1996 Base Year Cap as a result of §422 of the MMA will report and be paid based on the §422 Cap Reduction effective "for portions of cost reporting periods occurring on or after July 1, 2005." The 1996 Base Year Cap will be used for MCR periods prior to the effective date. Children's hospitals will be

asked to submit a copy of the letter they received from CMS informing them of the reduction in their cap that includes the actual reduction amount. The full effect of the reduction for a given hospital will take about 3 years following the implementation of §422 when all three MCR periods reflected in the hospital's application for CHGME Payment Program funding are subject to the §422 Cap Reduction.

Example:

CACC had 75 FTE residents enrolled in its allopathic programs, 25 FTE residents enrolled in its osteopathic programs and 7 FTE residents enrolled in its dental and podiatric programs for its 6/30/96 MCR period (its most recent MCR period ending on or before December 31, 1996).

Hence, CACC's 1996 Base Year Cap for Medicare and CHGME Payment Program purposes is 100 (75+25=100). However, in December 2004 CACC received a letter from CMS indicating that their 1996 Base Year Cap would be reduced by 7.50 FTE residents under §422 of the MMA. CACC's new, revised cap is now 92.50 (1996 Base Year Cap - §422 Cap Reduction). Any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would not be included in the 1996 Base Year Cap or the "new, revised" cap as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap.

Increase to a Hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap (§422 Cap Increase)

Children's hospitals who received an increase to their 1996 Base Year Cap as a result of §422 of the MMA will report and be paid based on the §422 Cap Increase effective "for portions of cost reporting periods occurring on or after July 1, 2005." The 1996 Base Year Cap will be used for MCR periods prior to the effective date. Children's hospitals will be asked to submit a copy of the letter they received from CMS informing them of the adjustment to their cap that includes the actual increase amount. It is important to note that a §422 Cap Increase is not automatically added to a hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap. A hospital's ability to utilize their §422 Cap Increase is contingent upon whether the hospital is training (unweighted and/or weighted FTE residents) above or below their total adjusted cap (including the 1996 Base Year Cap and the §5503 Cap (if applicable)).

Examples are provided below.

CACC had 75 FTE residents enrolled in its allopathic programs, 25 FTE residents enrolled in its osteopathic programs and 7 FTE residents enrolled in its dental and podiatric programs for its 6/30/96 MCR period (its most recent MCR period ending on or before December 31, 1996).

Hence, CACC's 1996 Base Year Cap for Medicare and CHGME Payment Program purposes is 100 (75+25=100). However, in December 2004 CACC received a letter from CMS indicating that their 1996 Base Year Cap would be increased by 20 FTE residents

under §422 of the MMA. CACC now has a 1996 Base Year Cap of 100 and a §422 Cap Increase of 20.

Examples (for Hospitals Training “Above” Their 1996 Base Year Cap):

Example #1: During CACC’s most recent MCR period, CACC claimed 110 allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents and 7 dental and podiatric FTE residents. Based on CACC’s 1996 Base Year Cap of 100 and §422 Cap Increase of 20, CACC would claim 100 FTE residents against its 1996 Base Year Cap and the remaining 10 FTE residents would be claimed against its §422 Cap Increase. Any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would be added to the total unweighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents following application of the caps as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap.

Example #2: During CACC’s most recent MCR period, CACC claimed 140 allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents and 7 dental and podiatric FTE residents. Based on CACC’s 1996 Base Year Cap of 100 and §422 Cap Increase of 20, CACC would claim 100 FTE residents against its 1996 Base Year Cap and the remaining 40 FTE residents would be claimed against its §422 Cap Increase. As CACC’s number of FTE residents claimed exceeds both its 1996 Base Year Cap and its §422 Cap Increase, the DME and IME payment calculation methodology described in Section VII of this application guidance (“Exceeding the Cap”) would be followed. Any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would be added to the total unweighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents following application of the caps as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap.

Examples (for Hospitals Training “Below” Their 1996 Base Year Cap):

Example #1: During CACC’s most recent MCR period, CACC claimed 95 allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents and 7 dental and podiatric FTE residents. Based on CACC’s 1996 Base Year Cap of 100 and a §422 Cap Increase of 20, CACC would claim 95 FTE residents against its 1996 Base Year Cap and zero “0” residents against its §422 Cap Increase. Any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would be added to the total unweighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents following application of the caps as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap.

Example #2: During CACC’s most recent MCR period, CACC claimed 105 allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents and 7 dental and podiatric FTE residents. In August 2011 CACC received a letter from CMS indicating that their 1996 Base Year Cap would be increased by 10 FTE residents under §5503 of the ACA. Based on CACC’s 1996 Base Year Cap of 100, a §5503 Cap Increase of 10, and a §422 Cap Increase of 20, CACC would claim 100 FTE residents against its 1996 Base Year Cap, five “5” FTE resident against its §5503 Cap Increase and zero “0” residents against its §422 Cap Increase. Any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would be added to the total unweighted allopathic

and osteopathic FTE residents following application of the caps as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886(h)(7)
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, November 24, 2010 (75 FR 72193)
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.79(b)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1

Section IX: Special Instructions for Calculating Reductions and Increases to a Hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap as a Result of §5503 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010

Hospitals that received an increase or reduction to their 1996 Base Year Cap as a result of §5503 of the ACA must use the following methodology for calculating and claiming FTE resident counts against their caps. It is important to note that 75% of the §5503 Cap Increase must be used to train residents in primary care (defined in 42 CFR 413.75(b)) as an approved program in family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, preventive medicine, geriatric medicine, or osteopathic general practice) and general surgery programs. Additional information regarding §5503 Cap Increase and its FTE resident requirements is specified in §1886(h)(8)(B)(ii) of the SSA.

Decrease to a Hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap (§5503 Cap Reduction)

Children's hospitals who received a decrease to their 1996 Base Year Cap as a result of §5503 of the ACA will report and be paid based on the §5503 Cap Reduction effective "for portions of cost reporting periods ending on or after July 1, 2011." The 1996 Base Year Cap and the §422 Cap Reduction (if applicable) will be used for MCR periods prior to the effective date.

Children's hospitals will be asked to submit a copy of the letter they received from CMS informing them of the reduction in their cap that includes the actual reduction amount. The full effect of the reduction for a given hospital will immediately take effect following implementation of §5503 when the current MCR period reflected in the hospital's application for CHGME Payment Program funding is affected by the §5503 Cap Reduction.

Example:

CACC had 75 FTE residents enrolled in its allopathic programs, 25 FTE residents enrolled in its osteopathic programs and 7 FTE residents enrolled in its dental and podiatric programs

for its 6/30/96 MCR period (its most recent MCR period ending on or before December 31, 1996).

Hence, CACC's 1996 Base Year Cap for Medicare and CHGME Payment Program purposes is 100 ($75+25=100$). However, in August 2011 CACC received a letter from CMS indicating that their 1996 Base Year Cap would be reduced by 7.50 FTE residents under §5503 of the ACA. CACC's new, revised cap is now 92.50 (1996 Base Year Cap - §5503 Cap Reduction). Any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would not be included in the 1996 Base Year Cap or the "new, revised" cap as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap.

Increase to a Hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap (§5503 Cap Increase)

Children's hospitals who received an increase to their 1996 Base Year Cap as a result of §5503 of the MMA will report and be paid based on the §5503 Cap Increase effective "for portions of cost reporting periods ending on or after July 1, 2011." The 1996 Base Year Cap and the §422 Cap Increase (if applicable) will be used for MCR periods prior to the effective date. Children's hospitals will be asked to submit a copy of the letter they received from CMS informing them of the adjustment to their cap that includes the actual increase amount. It is important to note that a §5503 Cap Increase is not automatically added to a hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap. A hospital's ability to utilize their §5503 Cap Increase is contingent upon whether the hospital is training above or below their 1996 Base Year Cap.

Examples are provided below.

CACC had 75 FTE residents enrolled in its allopathic programs, 25 FTE residents enrolled in its osteopathic programs and 7 FTE residents enrolled in its dental and podiatric programs for its 6/30/96 MCR period (its most recent MCR period ending on or before December 31, 1996).

Hence, CACC's 1996 Base Year Cap for Medicare and CHGME Payment Program purposes is 100 ($75+25=100$). However, in August 2011 CACC received a letter from CMS indicating that their 1996 Base Year Cap would be increased by 20 FTE residents under §5503 of the ACA. CACC now has a 1996 Base Year Cap of 100 and a §5503 Cap Increase of 20.

Examples (for Hospitals Training "Above" Their 1996 Base Year Cap):

Example #1: During CACC's most recent MCR period, CACC claimed 110 allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents and 7 dental and podiatric FTE residents. Based on CACC's 1996 Base Year Cap of 100 and §5503 Cap Increase of 20, CACC would claim 100 FTE residents against its 1996 Base Year Cap and the remaining 10 FTE residents would be claimed against its §5503 Cap Increase. Please note 75% (in this case 7.5) of the FTE residents claimed against the §5503 Cap Increase would need to be residents training in primary care

and general surgery programs. Any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would be added to the total unweighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents following application of the caps as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap. Example #2: During CACC's most recent MCR period, CACC claimed 140 allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents and 7 dental and podiatric FTE residents. Based on CACC's 1996 Base Year Cap of 100 and §5503 Cap Increase of 20, CACC would claim 100 FTE residents against its 1996 Base Year Cap, and the remaining 40 FTE residents would be claimed against its §5503 Cap Increase. As CACC's number of FTE residents claimed exceeds both its 1996 Base Year Cap and its §5503 Cap Increase, the DME and IME payment calculation methodology described in Section VII of this application guidance ("Exceeding the Cap") would be followed. Please note 75% (in this case 15) of the FTE residents claimed against the §5503 Cap Increase would need to be residents training in primary care and general surgery programs. Any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would be added to the total unweighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents following application of the caps as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap.

Examples (for Hospitals Training "Below" Their 1996 Base Year Cap):

Example #1: During CACC's most recent MCR period, CACC claimed 95 allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents and 7 dental and podiatric FTE residents. Based on CACC's 1996 Base Year Cap of 100 and a §5503 Cap Increase of 20, CACC would claim 95 FTE residents against its 1996 Base Year Cap and zero "0" residents against its §5503 Cap Increase. Any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would be added to the total unweighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents following application of the caps as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886(h)(8)(F)
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, November 24, 2010 (75 FR 72147)
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.79(b)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1

Section X: Special Instructions for Calculating Increases to a Hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap as a Result of §126, §127, and §131 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) of 2021

Hospitals that received an increase to their 1996 Base Year Cap as a result of §126, §127, and/or §131 of the CAA, must use the following methodology for calculating and claiming FTE resident counts against their caps. Section 126 of the CAA makes available an

additional 1,000 FTE resident cap slots phased in at a rate of no more than 200 slots per year beginning in fiscal year 2023. Section 127 of the CAA specifies that in the case of a hospital not located in a rural area that established or establishes a medical residency training program (or rural track) in a rural area, the hospital, and each such hospital located in a rural area that participates in such a training, is allowed to receive an adjustment to its FTE resident limit. Section 131 of the provides an opportunity for hospitals that meet certain criteria and that have very small FTE resident caps to replace those caps if the Secretary determines the hospital begins training residents in a new program beginning on or after enactment (December 27, 2020) and before 5 years after enactment (December 26, 2025). Additional information regarding §126, §127, and §131 of the CAA and its FTE resident requirements is specified in §1886(h)(4)(H) of the SSA.

Increase to a Hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap (§126, §127, and §131 Cap Increase)

Children's hospitals who received an increase to their 1996 Base Year Cap as a result of §126, §127, and/or §131 of the CAA will be asked to submit a copy of the letter they received from CMS informing them of the adjustment to their cap that includes the actual increase amount.

It is important to note that a §126, §127, and §131 Cap Increase is not automatically added to a hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap. A hospital's ability to utilize their §126, §127, and/or §131 of the CAA Cap Increase is contingent upon whether the hospital is training above or below their 1996 Base Year Cap, and subject to the annual FTE assessment audit.

Examples are provided below.

CACC had 75 FTE residents enrolled in its allopathic programs, 25 FTE residents enrolled in its osteopathic programs and 7 FTE residents enrolled in its dental and podiatric programs for its 6/30/96 MCR period (its most recent MCR period ending on or before December 31, 1996).

Hence, CACC's 1996 Base Year Cap for Medicare and CHGME Payment Program purposes is 100 (75+25=100). However, in January 2023 CACC received a letter from CMS indicating that their 1996 Base Year Cap would be increased by 2 FTE residents under §126, §127, and/or §131 of the CAA. CACC now has a 1996 Base Year Cap of 100 and a §126, §127, and §131 Cap Increase of 2.

Examples (for Hospitals Training "Above" Their 1996 Base Year Cap):

Example #1: During CACC's most recent MCR period, CACC claimed 110 allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents and 7 dental and podiatric FTE residents. Based on CACC's 1996 Base Year Cap of 100 and §126, §127, and/or §131 Cap Increase of 2, CACC would claim

100 FTE residents against its 1996 Base Year Cap and the remaining 10 FTE residents would be claimed against its §126, §127, and/or §131 Cap Increase of 2. Any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would be added to the total unweighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents following application of the caps as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap. Example #2: During CACC's most recent MCR period, CACC claimed 140 allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents and 7 dental and podiatric FTE residents. Based on CACC's 1996 Base Year Cap of 100 and §126, §127, and/or §131 Cap Increase of 2, CACC would claim 100 FTE residents against its 1996 Base Year Cap, and the remaining 40 FTE residents would be claimed against its §126, §127, and/or §131 Cap Increase. As CACC's number of FTE residents claimed exceeds both its 1996 Base Year Cap and its §126, §127, and/or §131 Cap Increase, the DME and IME payment calculation methodology described in Section VII of this application guidance ("Exceeding the Cap") would be followed. Any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would be added to the total unweighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents following application of the caps as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap.

Examples (for Hospitals Training "Below" Their 1996 Base Year Cap):

Example #1: During CACC's most recent MCR period, CACC claimed 95 allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents and 7 dental and podiatric FTE residents. Based on CACC's 1996 Base Year Cap of 100 and a §126, §127, and/or §131 Cap Increase of 2, CACC would claim 95 FTE residents against its 1996 Base Year Cap and zero "0" residents against its §126, §127, and/or §131 Cap Increase. Any dental and podiatric residents trained during this MCR period would be added to the total unweighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents following application of the caps as dental and podiatric residents are exempt from (i.e., not subject to) the cap.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886(h)(4)(H)
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, December 27, 2021 (86 FR 73416)
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.79(b)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1

Section XI: Special Instructions for Calculating Indirect Medical Education Payment Variables

Hospitals applying for IME payments should follow the instructions provided below when calculating inpatient discharges, case mix index, available beds, and the intern/resident to bed ratio. Additional information and "calculation" instructions are provided in Section X of

this application guidance for hospitals that are eligible to begin receiving CHGME Payment Program funding without having completed a MCR period.

Number of Inpatient Discharges

The number of inpatient discharges is a measure of a hospital's inpatient care. This measure is defined as the sum of all daily inpatient discharges for the hospital's most recently filed (or most recently completed) MCR period from all parts of the hospital complex including healthy newborns from the healthy newborn nursery. Public Law 108-490 does not exclude inpatient discharges associated with healthy newborns inpatient stays in the "well baby" nursery.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ Public Law 108-490, December 23, 2004
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37986)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-2

Case Mix Index (CMI)

The CMI is the sum of the diagnosis-related group (DRG) weights for all inpatient discharges excluding healthy newborns from the most recently filed (or most recently completed) MCR period divided by the number of inpatient discharges for the same period. All hospitals applying for IME payments must submit a CMI on all inpatient discharges using the appropriate CMS DRG version, excluding healthy newborns. This value must be reported to four decimal points. The CMS DRG version to be used for CHGME Payment Program purposes is published by [CMS](#). The principles in determining the version of the CMS grouper is delineated in the July 20, 2001 CHGME Payment Program Federal Register Notice.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ Public Law 108-490, December 23, 2004
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-2

Number of Available Beds

An available bed is defined as an adult or pediatric bed, including beds or bassinets available for lodging inpatients including beds in intensive care units, coronary care units, neonatal

intensive care units, short stay units, and other special care inpatient hospital units. Beds in the following location are excluded: healthy newborn nursery, labor rooms, post-anesthesia or post-operative recovery rooms, outpatient areas, emergency rooms, ancillary departments, nurses' and other staff residence, and other areas as are regularly maintained and utilized for purposes other than lodging inpatients. To be considered an available bed, a bed must be permanently maintained for lodging inpatients. It must be available for use and housed in patient rooms or wards (i.e., not in corridors or temporary beds). CMS in its August 11, 2004, final inpatient PPS Federal Register Notice, revised its regulations at 42 CFR 412.105(b) and 412.106(a)(1)(ii) to specify that bed days in a unit that was occupied to inpatient care for at least 1 day during the preceding 3 months are included in the available bed day count for a month. In addition, bed days for any beds within a unit that would otherwise be considered occupied should be excluded from the available bed day count for the current month if the bed has remained unavailable (could not be made available for patient occupancy within 24 hours) for 30 consecutive days, or if the bed is used to provide outpatient observation services or swing bed skilled nursing care. This clarified policy is effective for discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2004.

The available bed count for the current or prior MCR period is the sum of all available beds per day in the cost reporting period, excluding beds and bassinets in the healthy newborn nursery, divided by the number of days in that period.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ Public Law 108-490, December 23, 2004
- ❖ CMS, 42CFR412.105(b)
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 412.106(a)(1)(ii)
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, August 11, 2004 (69 FR 48916)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940) CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37980, 37986)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-2

Intern/Resident to Bed (IRB) Ratio

The IRB ratio for the most recently filed (or most recently completed) MCR period is equal to the 3-year unweighted rolling average divided by the number of available beds for the same period. The IRB ratio for the previous MCR period is equal to the unweighted FTE resident count for the previous MCR period divided by the number of available beds for the same period. To comply as closely as possible with Medicare rules and regulations, the Department applies a cap on the IRB ratio pursuant to regulations at 42 CFR 412.105(a)(1), whereby the ratio from the most recently filed (or most recently completed) MCR period may not exceed the ratio for the hospital's prior cost reporting period as defined above. Hospitals

that meet the criteria for an exception or adjustment to their 1996 Base Year Cap (e.g., through a Medicare GME Affiliation Agreement) should refer to the CMS August 1, 2001, Federal Register Notice which provides additional information and guidance in determining the IRB ratio subject to these exceptions.

Effective for portions of cost reporting periods and discharges occurring on or after July 1, 2005, the CHGME Payment Program will not include FTE residents counted against the §422 cap in the 3-year rolling average calculation and the CHGME Payment Program will not apply an IRB ratio cap to the FTE residents counted against a hospital's §422 Cap Increase for purposes of determining IME payments. A §422 IRB calculation will be implemented as guided by CMS rules and regulations. Effective for portions of cost reporting periods ending on or after July 1, 2011, the CHGME Payment Program will include FTE residents counted against the §5503 cap in the 3-year rolling average calculation, and the CHGME Payment Program will apply an IRB ratio cap to the FTE residents counted against a hospital's §5503 Cap Increase for purposes of determining IME payments.

Additional references:

- ❖ Social Security Act, Section 1886
- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.77
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, August 1, 2001 (66 FR 39878)
- ❖ CMS, Federal Register Notice, August 11, 2004 (69 FR 48916)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, June 19, 2000 (65 FR 37985)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37980)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, October 22, 2003 (68 FR 60396)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-2

Section XII: Special Calculation Instructions for Hospitals that Have Not Completed a Medicare Cost Reporting Period

Hospitals eligible to begin receiving CHGME Payment Program funding without having completed a MCR period, must use the following methodology to convert a partial MCR period to a full one. To calculate the variables that follow below, the participating children's hospitals must first determine the number of days in which the hospital has been eligible to receive CHGME Payment Program funding (its period of eligibility for CHGME Payment Program funding).

Determining the Period of Eligibility

For the initial application process, the period of eligibility is equal to the number of days from the date the hospital became eligible to participate in the CHGME Payment Program to the CHGME Payment Program initial application deadline date. The start date for hospitals that

are training residents from an existent program is the effective date of the affiliation agreement for the aggregate cap, established for purposes of the CHGME Payment Program. For new hospitals starting a new residency program, the start date is the date on which the hospital first trains residents.

For the reconciliation application process, the hospital will report the actual FTE resident count from the most recently filed (or most recently completed) MCR. If the hospital has not filed (or completed) an MCR period by the CHGME Payment Program reconciliation application deadline, the period of eligibility is equal to the number of days from the beginning of the FY for which payments are being made (October 1) to the CHGME Payment Program reconciliation application deadline date.

Example:

CACC became a freestanding children’s hospital when it received its own Medicare provider number (55-3300) on January 1, 2023. CACC has a June 30th MCR year-end. On July 1, 2023, CACC began training residents previously trained at a hospital that has never received funding from the CHGME Payment Program. The FY 2024 CHGME Payment Program application deadline is August 1, 2023. CACC’s period of eligibility for the initial application is July 1, 2023, to July 30, 2023. Hence, the FTE resident counts, and all other data reported in CACC’s CHGME Payment Program initial application will be based on this period (7/1/23 through 7/30/23). CACC will follow the instructions provided herein to calculate its FTE resident counts, CMI, etc. for an incomplete cost reporting period. CACC’s CHGME Payment Program funding will not be based upon a rolling-average until three (3) MCR periods have been completed.

The reconciliation application deadline is May 1, 2024. CACC will not complete its first MCR period until June 30, 2024. Consequently, CACC’s period of eligibility for the reconciliation application will be October 1, 2023, through May 1, 2024.

The following methodology should be used to convert relevant data from a partial MCR period to a full MCR period.

Calculating the FTE Resident Count for an Incomplete Cost Reporting Period

To convert the FTE resident count from a partial MCR period to a full MCR period:
Determine the hospital’s period of eligibility.

- Count the actual (“raw”) number of unweighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents during the hospital’s period of eligibility.
- Divide the unweighted resident FTE count for allopathic and osteopathic residents (number 2 above) by the number of days in during the hospital’s period of eligibility (number 1 above). This number is the average number of unweighted FTE residents per day.

- Multiply the average number of unweighted FTE residents (number 3 above) by the number of days that your hospital will be training residents during the FY in which payments are being made. This number is the estimated number of unweighted allopathic and osteopathic FTE residents trained per year.
1. Use the same methodology (steps 1-4 above) to determine the weighted FTE resident count of allopathic and osteopathic residents. The example below includes the calculation of the weighted FTE resident count.
 - Use the same methodology (steps 1-4 above) to determine the unweighted and weighted FTE resident count for dental and podiatric residents.

The concept of converting a partial MCR period into a full MCR period is consistent with Medicare regulations. Since the CHGME Payment Program is paying hospitals for training residents during the FY for which payments are being made, the Program will convert a partial training period to reflect the amount of time the hospital will training residents during the FY for which payments are being made. Although this methodology delineates the method by which partial year residents are counted, it is important to note that all counts are subjected to the cap set by the affiliation agreement.

Example:

CACC received its unique Medicare provider number (in the 3300 series) classifying it as a children’s hospital on January 1, 2023. CACC did not begin training residents until Shirley Temple Medical Center transferred its pediatric residents to CACC on July 1, 2023, at which time it met all CHGME Payment Program hospital eligibility criteria. CACC has an affiliation agreement with Shirley Temple Medical Center giving it an aggregate cap of 100 FTE residents. Based upon its eligibility, CACC will apply for FY 2024 CHGME Payment Program funding.

1. The number of days in which CACC was eligible to participate in the CHGME Payment Program is 30 days (the number of days from July 1, 2023, to July 30, 2023). CACC chose to use July 30 as its “end date” to allow time for completing and validating its CHGME Payment Program application and to ensure that the application was postmarked by the CHGME Payment Program application deadline. CACC was not eligible to receive CHGME Payment Program funding prior to July 1, 2023, because it was not training residents.
 - From July 1st to July 30th CACC trained a total of 10 unweighted FTE residents and 8.5 weighted FTE residents. This FTE resident count reflects the actual “raw” number of FTE residents that CACC trained during July. [e.g., The normal workweek for a pediatric resident is 6 days. During the week of July 1 through July 7 CACC had one full-time resident in his IRP that worked 6/6 days ($6/6 = 1$ FTE) and one part-time FTE in her IRP that worked 4/6 days ($4/6 = 0.67$ FTE). Hence, the actual “raw” number of weighted and unweighted residents that CACC trained during the first week of July is 1.67 ($1 + .67 = 1.67$).]
 - The average unweighted FTE resident count per day is 0.3333 (10 FTE residents/30 days = 0.3333) and the average weighted FTE resident count per day is 0.2833 (8.5 FTE residents/30 days = 0.2833).

- Since CACC will be eligible for the CHGME Payment Program and training residents every day of FY 2004 for which it is applying for CHGME Payment Program funding (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024), CACC will report an “estimated annualized” unweighted FTE resident count of 121.65 [$365 \times 0.3333 = 121.65$ (rounded from 121.6545)] and an “estimated annualized” weighted FTE count of 103.40 [$365 \times 0.2833 = 103.40$ (rounded from 103.4045)]. Since CACC's unweighted FTE resident count is more than its FTE cap (of 100), CACC will have to reduce its FTE resident count using the methodology described under “Exceeding the Cap”.

Additional references:

- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.77

- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12940)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA-99-1, HRSA-99-2, and HRSA-99-4

Calculating the Case Mix Index (CMI) for an Incomplete Cost Reporting Period

Hospitals that have not completed a MCR period will report a CMI to the CHGME Payment Program based upon the discharges during the hospital's period of eligibility.

Example:

CACC received its unique Medicare provider (3300 series) number on January 1, 2023. CACC did not begin training residents until Shirley Temple Medical Center transferred its pediatric residents to CACC on July 1, 2023, at which time it met all CHGME Payment Program hospital eligibility criteria. The number of days in which CACC was eligible to participate in the CHGME Payment Program is 30 days (the number of days from July 1, 2023, to July 30, 2023). CACC chose to use July 30 as its “end date” to allow time for completing and validating its CHGME Payment Program application and to ensure that the application was postmarked by the CHGME Payment Program application deadline. CACC was not eligible to receive CHGME Payment Program funding prior to July 1, 2023, because it was not training residents. Hence, CACC's CMI will be based upon all discharges from July 1 to July 30 using the CMS DRG-version specified by the CHGME Payment Program.

Additional references:

- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.77

- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37980)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA 99-2

Calculating Discharges for an Incomplete Cost Reporting Period

Hospitals that have not completed a MCR period will report discharge data to the CHGME Payment Program based upon discharges during the hospital's period of eligibility using the following methodology:

1. Calculate the number of discharges during the hospital's period of eligibility. This number represents the total number of discharges during the hospital's period of eligibility.
2. Divide the total number of discharges by the number of days in during the hospital's period of eligibility. This represents the average number of discharges per day.
3. Multiply the average number of discharges per day by the number of days in which the hospital is eligible to receive CHGME Payment Program funding during the FY for which it is applying for funding.

Example:

The number of days in which CACC was eligible to participate in the CHGME Payment Program is 30 days (the number of days from July 1, 2023, to July 30, 2023). CACC chose to use July 30 as its "end date" to allow time for completing and validating its CHGME Payment Program application and to ensure that the application was postmarked by the CHGME Payment Program application deadline. CACC was not eligible to receive CHGME Payment Program funding prior to July 1, 2023, because it was not training residents.

1. CACC had 752 discharges from July 1 to July 30.
2. CACC's average number of discharges per day is 25.07 (752 discharges/30 days = 25.0666).
3. Since CACC will be caring for patients as a freestanding children's teaching hospital during the entire FY 2004 (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) for which it is applying for CHGME Payment Program funding, CACC will report 9,150 discharges on HRSA-99-2 [365 days x 25.07 discharges per day = 9,150.55 discharges (whole numbers only)].

Additional references:

- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.77(e)(2)
- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37980)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA 99-2

Calculating the Number of Available Beds for an Incomplete Cost Reporting Period

Hospitals that have not completed a MCR period will calculate their bed count by summing the total available bed count during the hospital's period of eligibility.

Example:

The number of days in which CACC was eligible to participate in the CHGME Payment Program is 30 days (the number of days from July 1, 2023, to July 30, 2023). CACC chose to use July 30 as its “end date” to allow time for completing and validating its CHGME Payment Program application and to ensure that the application was postmarked by the CHGME Payment Program application deadline. CACC was not eligible to receive CHGME Payment Program funding prior to July 1, 2023, because it was not training residents.

During the period July 1 to July 30, 2023, CACC had 2,730 beds available to house pediatric inpatients and 910 bassinets available for healthy newborn babies. Therefore, the bed count is 91 beds per day ($2,730 \text{ beds} / 30 \text{ days} = 91$) as healthy newborn babies should be excluded from the reported available bed count.

Additional references:

- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.77(e)(2)

- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37980)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA 99-2

Calculating Inpatient Days for an Incomplete Cost Reporting Period

Hospitals that have not completed a MCR period will calculate their inpatient days during the hospital’s period of eligibility using the following methodology:

1. Sum the daily midnight census during the hospital’s period of eligibility.
2. Divide that sum by the number of days in that period, resulting in the average midnight census.
3. Multiply the average midnight census with the number of days that the hospital is eligible for the CHGME Payment Program during the FY in which payments are to be made.

Example:

The number of days in which CACC was eligible to participate in the CHGME Payment Program is 30 days (the number of days from July 1, 2023, to July 30, 2023). CACC chose to use July 30 as its “end date” to allow time for completing and validating its CHGME Payment Program application and to ensure that the application was postmarked by the CHGME Payment Program application deadline. CACC was not eligible to receive CHGME Payment Program funding prior to July 1, 2023, because it was not training residents.

From July 1 to July 30, the CACC had a total of 1,911 inpatient days, resulting in an average of 63.70 inpatients per day ($1,911 \text{ inpatient days} / 30 \text{ days}$). Their inpatient day total for the

FY would be 365 days x 64 inpatients per day = 23,360 inpatient days (must also use whole numbers).

Additional references:

- ❖ CMS, 42 CFR 413.77

- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37980)

Applicable to the following application forms: HRSA 99-2

Calculating Outpatient Services for an Incomplete Cost Reporting Period

Hospitals will not complete this section until a MCR period has been completed.

Additional references:

- ❖ CHGME Payment Program, Federal Register Notice, July 20, 2001 (66 FR 37980)

Section XIII: Special Calculation Instructions for Establishing a CHGME cap for Newly Qualified Hospitals

Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013

Hospitals that are newly qualified to receive CHGME funds as “newly qualified hospitals” under the Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013, and that do not already have a CMS cap established and are not able to apply for a CMS cap as a new residency training program, will have a “CHGME cap” established. The “CHGME cap” will be established using the number of FTE residents trained during the most recent Medicare cost reporting period completed on or before April 7, 2014, the date of enactment of the Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013, as verified by the CHGME auditors during the FTE resident Assessment Program. The “CHGME cap” will be entered in Sections 4, 5, and 6 of the HRSA 99-1, on lines 4.06, 5.06, and 6.06 respectively.

Section XIV: CHGME Payment Program Application Form Instructions

HRSA 99: Hospital Demographic and Contact Information

The HRSA 99 must be completed in its entirety. All sections of this form must be completed unless otherwise specified. Specific line item instructions are provided below.

Section	Instructions
1	Provide the official name, physical address, tax identification number, county where the hospital is physically located, Medicare provider number, UEI number, and website of the applicant children's hospital. Information regarding UEI numbers can be obtained at 1-800-234-3867 or www.sam.gov .
2	Provide the complete name, title, mailing address, telephone number and email address of the person to be notified if the application is funded. All future correspondence will be mailed to this individual only (e.g., notice of award letters).
3	Provide the complete name, title, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the person authorized to submit the application for the applicant hospital.
4	Provide the complete name, title, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the hospital's Director of Graduate Medical Education. If the hospital does not have a Director of GME, the individual who has oversight responsibility for residents participating in GME programs at the hospital should be identified.
5	Provide the complete name, title, mailing address, telephone number and email address of the person who can provide documentation in support of the information reported in the CHGME Payment Program application for funding. Like all Federal programs, information submitted is subject to audit. All FTE resident Assessment inquiries and related communications will be directed to this individual.
6	Provide the complete name, title, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the person who prepared and/or completed this application package for the applicant hospital. This individual will be the person contacted if there are questions or issues related to the information submitted in the CHGME Payment Program application for funding.

HRSA 99-1: Determination of Weighted and Unweighted Resident FTE Counts

All values entered on HRSA 99-1 must be taken to the hundredth place [two decimal points (e.g., 38.00 or 12.43)] and the standard rounding rules applied [if the number is .5 or greater then round up to the next number (e.g., 38.189 would be rounded to 38.19)].

Instructions for the Initial Application Cycle

The Section and Line Number that the instructions apply to are identified in this area in the following table.

Hospitals that filed a full MCR for the subject cost reporting period must follow the instructions provided in this (left) column for each section. Where specified, hospitals must report the data as stated in the hospital's CMS 2552-10, Worksheet E-4 (formerly named CMS 2552-96 Worksheets E-3, Part IV and E-3, Part VI) from the subject cost reporting period. Deviation from what is stated on Worksheets E-3, Part IV and E-3, Part VI must be supported and attested to by the FI prior to submission of this application in order to be accepted by the CHGME Payment Program. In some instances, the instructions are the same for all hospitals irrespective of the type of MCR the hospital filed for the subject cost reporting period. In those cases, only one set (i.e., one column) of instructions is provided.

Hospitals that filed a Low or No-Utilization MCR for the subject recent cost reporting period must follow the instructions provided in this (right) column for each section. In some instances, the instructions are the same for all hospitals irrespective of the type of MCR the hospital filed for the subject cost reporting period. In those cases, only one set (i.e., one column) of instructions is provided.

Hospitals that have not completed at least three (3) MCR periods must follow the instructions provided in italics, where provided below.

Section 1: DETERMINATION OF RESIDENT FTE CAP FOR THE HOSPITAL'S MOST RECENT COST

REPORTING PERIOD ENDING ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1996

Hospitals that did not train residents during the most recent cost reporting period ending on or before December 31, 1996, should enter "N/A" on lines 1.01 through 1.03.

1.01: Enter the inclusive dates of the subject cost reporting period. The following format must be used: (From:) mm/dd/yyyy (To:) mm/dd/yyyy.

1.02: Enter the status of the subject MCR using the codes below:

S	<p><u>Settled.</u></p> <p>This status refers to cost reports that have been settled [a notice of program reimbursement (NPR) issued] by the MAC.</p>
S/R/P	<p><u>Settled/Reopened/Preliminary FI.</u></p> <p>This status refers to cost reports that have been settled (an NPR issued by the MAC), then re-opened by the MAC and any changes (to the resident FTE counts during the reopening) have been assessed by the CHGME FI (or MAC).</p>
S/R/RS	<p><u>Settled/Reopened/Resettled.</u></p> <p>This status refers to cost reports that have been settled (an NPR issued by the MAC), re-opened by the MAC, and then re-settled by the MAC.</p>
L	<p><u>Low-utilization MCR.</u></p> <p>This status refers to resident FTE counts submitted by the hospital in their initial application that have not been assessed by the CHGME FI.</p>
N	<p><u>No-utilization MCR.</u></p> <p>This status refers to resident FTE counts submitted by the hospital in their initial application that have not been assessed by the CHGME FI.</p>
C	<p><u>Complete.</u></p> <p>This status refers to resident FTE counts that have been assessed by the CHGME FI and reported to the hospital and the CHGME Payment Program in the CHGME FI's final assessment report.</p>

R	<p><u>Re-issue.</u></p> <p>This status refers to resident FTE counts reported in a CHGME FI's final assessment report that have been re-assessed based on a request from the children's hospital or the CHGME FI and the results of the reassessment reported to the hospital and the CHGME Payment Program in the CHGME FI's final re-assessment report.</p>
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1.03: Enter the unweighted resident FTE count for allopathic and osteopathic programs for the most recent cost reporting period ending on or before December 31, 1996. Worksheet E-4 (formerly named Worksheet E-3, Part IV) Line 3.01 on the hospital's MCR beginning on or after October 1, 1997.)

Hospitals must complete Sections 4 through 6 of Form HRSA-99-1 prior to completing Sections 2 and 3.

Section 2: AVERAGE UNWEIGHTED RESIDENT FTE COUNT

2.01: Enter the amount from line 4.19 of the 1996 Cap Year column.

2.02: Enter the amount from line 5.19 of the 1996 Cap Year column. *Hospitals that have not completed three (3) MCR periods should enter "N/A".*

2.03: Enter the amount from line 6.19 of the 1996 Cap Year column. *Hospitals that have not completed three (3) MCR periods should enter "N/A".*

2.04: Enter the sum of lines 2.01, 2.02 and 2.03 from above divided by 3. *Hospitals that have not completed three (3) MCR periods should enter the amount from line 2.01 above.*

2.05: Enter the unweighted number of resident FTEs in the initial years of all programs that meet the rolling average exception criteria in 42 CFR 413.79(d).

2.06: Enter the sum of lines 2.04 and 2.05 from above.

2.07: Enter the amount from line 4.19 of the §422 of the MMA column.

2.08: Enter the sum of lines 2.06 and 2.07 from above.

Section 3: AVERAGE WEIGHTED RESIDENT FTE COUNT

3.01: Enter the amount from line 4.20 of the 1996 Cap Year column.

3.02: Enter the amount from line 5.20 of the 1996 Cap Year column. *Hospitals that have not completed three (3) MCR periods should enter “N/A”.*

3.03: Enter the amount from line 6.20 of the 1996 Cap Year column. *Hospitals that have not completed three (3) MCR periods should enter “N/A”.*

3.04: Hospitals that have not completed three (3) MCR periods should enter the amount from line 3.01 above.

Hospitals that have completed three (3) MCR periods should enter the sum of lines 3.01, 3.02 and 3.03 from above divided by 3. Enter the sum of lines 3.15 and 3.21 from CMS 2552-10, Worksheet E-4 (formerly named CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV) from your most recently filed MCR which is equivalent to the sum of lines 3.01, 3.02 and 3.03 from above divided by 3. If the sum of lines 3.01 through 3.03 divided by 3 does not equal the sum of lines 3.15 and 3.21 from CMS 2552-10, Worksheet E-4 (formerly named CMS 2552-96) on your most recently filed MCR, please contact your regional manager immediately.

3.05: Hospitals that have not completed three (3) MCR periods should enter the weighted number of resident FTEs in the initial years of all programs that meet the rolling average exception criteria in 42 CFR 413.79(d).

Hospitals that have completed three (3) MCR periods should enter the weighted number of resident FTEs in the initial years of all programs that meet the rolling average exception criteria in 42 CFR 413.79(d).

3.06: Hospitals that have not completed three (3) MCR should enter the sum of lines 3.04 and 3.05 from above. This is the weighted resident FTE count.

Hospitals that have completed three (3) MCR periods should enter the sum of lines 3.04 and 3.05 from above.

3.07: Enter the amount from line 4.20 of the §422 of the MMA column.

3.08: Enter the sum of lines 3.06 and 3.07 from above.

Section 4: DETERMINATION OF RESIDENT FTE COUNT FOR THE HOSPITAL’S MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED COST REPORTING PERIOD

Hospitals that have not completed a MCR period must use the methodology described in the application guidance section titled “Special Calculation Instructions for Hospitals that Have Not Completed a Medicare Cost Reporting Period” to determine their weighted and unweighted resident FTE counts based upon an incomplete cost reporting period.

4.01: Enter the inclusive dates of the subject cost reporting period. The following format must be used: (From:) mm/dd/yyyy (To:) mm/dd/yyyy.

Hospitals that have not completed a full MCR period must enter the date in which the hospital became eligible to participate (i.e., date that the hospital obtained a Medicare provider

number and began training residents) and the CHGME Payment Program application deadline. This is the hospital's period of eligibility.

4.02: Enter the status of the subject MCR using the codes below:

AF	<p><u>As Filed.</u></p> <p>This status refers to cost reports that have been submitted by the children's hospital to the MAC but have not yet been reviewed by the CHGME FI (or MAC).</p>
AM	<p><u>Amended.</u></p> <p>This status refers to cost reports that have been amended and submitted by the children's hospital to the MAC but have not yet been reviewed by the CHGME FI (or MAC).</p>
P	<p><u>Preliminary.</u></p> <p>This status refers to resident FTE counts that have been assessed by the CHGME FI (or MAC where the cost report has not yet been settled (notice of program reimbursement has not been issued).</p>
S	<p><u>Settled.</u></p> <p>This status refers to cost reports that have been settled [an NPR issued] by the MAC.</p>
S/R/P	<p><u>Settled/Reopened/Preliminary FI.</u></p> <p>This status refers to cost reports that have been settled (an NPR issued by the Medicare FI), then re-opened by the Medicare FI and any changes (to the resident FTE counts during the reopening) have been assessed by the CHGME FI (or MAC).</p>
S/R/RS	<p><u>Settled/Reopened/Resettled.</u></p> <p>This status refers to cost reports that have been settled (an NPR issued by the MAC),</p>

	re-opened by the MAC, and then re-settled by the MAC.
L	<u>Low-utilization MCR.</u> This status refers to resident FTE counts submitted by the hospital in their initial application that have not been assessed by the CHGME FI.
N	<u>No-utilization MCR.</u> This status refers to resident FTE counts submitted by the hospital in their initial application that have not been assessed by the CHGME FI.
C	<u>Complete.</u> This status refers to resident FTE counts that have been assessed by the CHGME FI and reported to the hospital and the CHGME Payment Program in the CHGME FI's final assessment report.
R	<u>Re-issue.</u> This status refers to resident FTE counts reported in a CHGME FI's final assessment report that have been re-assessed based on a request from the children's hospital or the CHGME FI and the results of the reassessment reported to the hospital and the CHGME Payment Program in the CHGME FI's final re-assessment report.

4.03: Enter the unweighted resident FTE count for allopathic and osteopathic programs for the most recent cost reporting period ending on or before December 31, 1996, which is equivalent to Line 3.01 Line 3.01 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV or to Line 1.0 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 from the subject cost reporting period. For hospitals whose MCR did not contain an entry on line 3.01, enter "0". If Line 3.01 from Worksheet E-3, Part IV does not equal line 1.03 from above, line 3.01 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, part IV or to Line 1.0 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 must be supported and attested to by the FI prior to submission of this application in order to be accepted by the CHGME Payment Program.

4.04: Enter the unweighted resident FTE count for allopathic and osteopathic programs which meet the criteria for an add-on to the cap for new programs in accordance with 42 CFR 413.79(e) [which is equivalent to Line 3.02 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV or to Line 2 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 from the subject MCR]

4.04a: Enter the reduction for the unweighted resident FTE count for allopathic or osteopathic programs due to §422 of the MMA [which is equivalent to Line 2.0 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part VI or to Line 3.0 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 from the subject cost reporting period].

4.04b: Enter the reduction for the unweighted resident FTE count for allopathic or osteopathic programs due to §5503 of the ACA in accordance with 42 CFR 413.79(m) [which is equivalent to Line 3.01 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 from the subject cost reporting period].

4.05: Enter the adjustment (increase or decrease) for the unweighted resident FTE count for allopathic or osteopathic programs for affiliated programs in accordance with 42 CFR 413.75(b), 413.79(c)(2)(iv), and 63 FR 26336 of May 12, 1998 [which is equivalent to Line 3.03 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV or to Line 4.0 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 from the subject cost reporting period], and/or 413.75(b) and 87 FR 49075 (August 10, 2022) [which is equivalent to Line 3.02 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV or to Line 4.0 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 from the subject cost reporting period].

4.05a: Enter the addition for unweighted FTE resident count for allopathic and osteopathic programs in accordance with §5503 of the ACA [which is equivalent to Line 4.01 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 from the subject cost reporting period], and/or § 126, § 127, and/or § 131 of the CAA [which is equivalent to Line 1.01, 2.26, 4.21 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 from the subject cost reporting period].

4.05b: Enter the addition for unweighted FTE resident count for allopathic and osteopathic programs in accordance with §5506 of the ACA [which is equivalent to Line 4.02 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 from the subject cost reporting period].

4.06 - 1996 cap year column: Enter the sum of lines 4.03 through 4.05b from above. This is the FTE adjusted cap. If the hospital's 1996 Base Year Cap is reduced under 42 CFR 413.79(c)(3) due to unused resident slots, effective for cost reporting periods ending on or after July 1, 2005, enter Line 3.04 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV from the subject MCR which is equivalent to the sum of Line 3.03 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV and Line 4 from Worksheet E-3, Part VI from the subject MCR. cost reporting period. Line 5 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 is equivalent to the sum of Line 3.03 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 and Line 4.0 from Worksheet E-4 from the subject cost reporting period.

If the hospital was not required to file CMS 2552-96 Worksheets E-3, Part IV or E-3, Part VI following the 1996 Base Year Cap reduction under 42 CFR 413.79(c)(3) for the subject cost reporting period contact your regional manager.

For “newly qualified” hospitals which will have a CHGME “cap” established by the Secretary according to Public Law 113-98, enter the number of FTEs trained during the most recent Medicare Cost Report period completed on or before April 7, 2014.

4.06 - §422 of the MMA column: Enter the number of unweighted allopathic and osteopathic GME FTE resident cap slots the hospital received under 42 CFR 413.79(c)(4) [which is equivalent to Line 5 (or 5.01 for cost reporting periods that overlap July 1, 2005) from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part VI or Line 20.0 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 from the subject cost reporting period. If the hospital received GME FTE resident cap slots under 42 CFR 413.79(c)(4) but was not required to file CMS 2552-96 Worksheets E-3, Part VI or to file CMS 2552-10 Worksheets E-4 for the subject cost reporting period contact your regional manager. If the hospital did not receive GME FTE resident cap slots under 42 CFR 413.79(c) enter “zero” on Lines 4.06 through 4.13, 4.19 and 4.20 of this columns.

4.07 - 1996 cap year column: Enter the unweighted resident FTE count for allopathic or osteopathic programs for the current year from your records, other than those in the initial years of the program that meet the criteria for an exception to the rolling average rules (42 CFR 413.79(d) and/or (e)). This is equivalent to Line 3.05 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV or enter line 6.0 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 from the subject cost reporting period.

4.07 - §422 of the MMA column: Enter the sum of Lines 4.07 minus 4.08 from the 1996 Cap Year Column.

4.08 - 1996 cap year column: Enter the lesser of lines 4.06 or 4.07 from above (lesser of lines 5.06 or 5.07 for Section 5 and lines 6.06 or 6.07 for Section 6). Enter line 3.06 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV or enter line 7.0 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4 from the subject cost reporting period.

4.08 - §422 of the MMA column: enter the lesser of Lines 4.06 or 4.07 from above.

4.09 - 1996 cap year column: Enter the unweighted FTE resident count for allopathic and osteopathic residents in their initial residency period.

4.09 - §422 of the MMA column: Enter the unweighted FTE resident count for allopathic and osteopathic residents in their initial residency period.

4.10 - 1996 cap year column: Enter the hospital’s unweighted FTE resident count for allopathic and osteopathic residents beyond their initial residency period. The sum of lines 4.09 and 4.10 should equal line 4.07 from above (the sum of lines 5.09 and 5.10 should equal line 5.07 for Section 5 and the sum of lines 6.09 and 6.10 should equal line 6.07 for Section 6).

4.10 - §422 of the MMA column: Enter the hospital’s unweighted FTE resident count for allopathic and osteopathic residents beyond their initial residency period. The sum of lines 4.09 and 4.10 should equal line 4.07 from above.

4.11 - 1996 cap year column: Multiply line 4.10 from above (line 5.10 for Section 5 and line 6.10 for Section 6) by 0.5 and enter the product. This is the weighted FTE resident count for allopathic and osteopathic residents beyond their initial residency period.

4.11 - §422 of the MMA column: Multiply line 4.10 from above by 0.5 and enter the product. This is the weighted FTE resident count for allopathic and osteopathic residents beyond their initial residency period.

4.12 - 1996 cap year column: Enter the sum of lines 4.09 and 4.11 from above (sum of lines 5.09 and 5.11 for Section 5 and lines 6.09 and 6.11 for Section 6). This is the total weighted resident FTE count for allopathic and osteopathic programs.

Enter line 3.09 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV or enter line 8.0 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4. This should equal the sum of lines 4.09 and 4.11 from above.

4.12 - §422 of the MMA column: Enter the sum of lines 4.09 and 4.11 from above.

4.13 - 1996 cap year column: For Section 4: If line 4.07 is less than or equal to line 4.06 enter the amount from line 4.12 above. [= IF 4.07 < = 4.06, THEN 4.13 = 4.12]

If line 4.07 is greater than line 4.06 AND line 4.12 is greater than line 4.06, enter the amount from line 4.06 above. [= IF 4.07 > 4.06 AND 4.12 > 4.06, THEN 4.13 = 4.06] Enter line 3.10 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV or enter line 9.0 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4.

For Section 5: If line 5.07 is less than or equal to line 5.06 enter the amount from line 5.12 above. [= IF 5.07 < = 5.06, THEN 5.13 = 5.12]

If line 5.07 is greater than line 5.06 AND line 5.12 is greater than line 5.06, enter the amount from line 5.06 above. [= IF 5.07 > 5.06 AND 5.12 > 5.06, THEN 5.13 = 5.06] For Section 6: If line 6.07 is less than or equal to line 6.06 enter the amount from line 6.12 above. [= IF 6.07 < = 6.06, THEN 6.13 = 6.12]

If line 6.07 is greater than line 6.06 AND line 6.12 is greater than line 6.06, enter the amount from line 6.06 above. [= IF 6.07 > 6.06 AND 6.12 > 6.06, THEN 6.13 = 6.06]**4.13 - §422 of the MMA column:** If line 4.07 is less than or equal to line 4.06, enter the amount from line 4.12 above. [= IF 4.07 < = 4.06, THEN 4.13 = 4.12]

If line 4.07 is greater than line 4.06 AND line 4.12 is greater than line 4.06, enter the amount from line 4.06 above. [= IF 4.07 > 4.06, THEN 4.13 = 4.06 * (4.12 / 4.12)]

4.14: Enter the unweighted resident FTE count for dental and podiatric programs.

4.15: Enter the unweighted resident FTE count for dental and podiatric residents in their initial residency period.

4.16: Enter the unweighted resident FTE count for dental and podiatric residents beyond their initial residency period.

4.17: Multiply line 4.16 from above (line 5.16 for Section 5 and line 6.16 for Section 6) by 0.5 and enter the product.

4.18: 1996 cap year column: Enter the sum of lines 4.15 and 4.17 from above (the sum of lines 5.15 and 5.17 for Section 5 and lines 6.15 and 6.17 for Section 6). This is the total weighted resident FTE count for dental and podiatric programs.

Enter line 3.11 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV or enter line 10.0 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4. This should equal the sum of lines 4.15 and 4.17. For hospitals who's MCR did not contain an entry on line 3.11 on Worksheet E-3, Part IV enter the sum of lines 4.15 and 4.17 from above (the sum of lines 5.15 and 5.17 for Section 5 and lines 6.15 and 6.17 for Section 6).

4.19 - 1996 cap year column: Enter the sum of lines 4.08, 4.15 and 4.16 from above (the sum of lines 5.08, 5.15 and 5.16 for Section 5 and the sum of lines 6.08, 6.15 and 6.16 for Section 6). This is the hospital's total unweighted FTE resident count.

4.19 - §422 of the MMA column: Enter line 4.08 from above.

4.20 - 1996 cap year column: Enter the sum of lines 4.13 and 4.18 from above (sum of lines 5.13 and 5.18 for Section 5 and the sum of lines 6.13 and 6.18 for Section 6). This is the hospital's total weighted FTE resident count.

Enter the sum of lines 3.10 and 3.11 from CMS 2552-96 Worksheet E-3, Part IV or enter line 11.0 from CMS 2552-10 Worksheet E-4. This should equal the sum of lines 4.13 and 4.18 (sum of lines 5.13 and 5.18 for Section 5 and the sum of lines 6.13 and 6.18 for Section 6).

4.20 - §422 of the MMA column: Enter line 4.13 from above.

Section 5: DETERMINATION OF RESIDENT FTE COUNT FOR THE HOSPITAL'S PRIOR COST REPORTING PERIOD

The direct GME FTE resident cap slots hospitals received under 42 CFR 413.79(c)(4) are not subject to the 3-year rolling average; therefore, Section 5 does not include a §422 of the MMA column and related guidance is not applicable this section.

Hospitals that have not completed three (3) MCR periods should enter "N/A" on lines 5.01 through 5.20.

Section 6: DETERMINATION OF FTE RESIDENT COUNT FOR THE HOSPITAL'S PENULTIMATE COST REPORTING PERIOD

The direct GME FTE resident cap slots hospitals received under 42 CFR 413.79(c)(4) are not subject to the 3-year rolling average; therefore, Section 6 does not include a §422 of the MMA column and related guidance is not applicable this section.

Hospitals that have not completed three (3) MCR periods should enter “N/A” on lines 6.01 through 6.20.

Instructions for the Reconciliation Application Cycle

All children’s hospitals, regardless of their filing status, will use the resident FTE counts as reported by their CHGME FI in his/her final Resident FTE Assessment Report to complete their reconciliation application which includes an updated and revised, as needed, HRSA 99-1. For additional information regarding the Resident FTE Assessment Program see Section II.

HRSA 99-2: Determination of Indirect Medical Education Data Related to the Teaching of Residents

Inpatient Data for the Current Medicare Cost Report (MCR) Period

The “current” MCR period is defined as the hospital’s most recently filed MCR for hospitals that file full MCRs (report residents to Medicare on CMS 2552-10, Worksheet E-4 (formerly named CMS 2552-96, Worksheet E-3, Part IV)) or the most recently completed MCR period for hospitals that file low or no-utilization MCRs.

Hospitals that have not completed a full MCR period must use the methodology described in the application guidance section titled “Special Calculation Instructions for Hospitals that Have Not Completed a Medicare Cost Reporting Period” to complete the below.

1.01: Inclusive dates of the current MCR period. Enter the inclusive dates of the MCR period reported on line 4.01 of HRSA 99-1.

1.02: Number of Inpatient Days. The sum of the entire midnight census counts including nursery days for the MCR period reported on line 1.01 above. **[Value must be taken to two decimal points (i.e., 38.00 or 12.43).]**

1.03: Number of Inpatient Discharges. The sum of all inpatient discharges including healthy newborns for the MCR period reported on line 1.01 above. **[Value must be taken to two decimal points (i.e., 38.00 or 12.43).]**

1.04: Case Mix Index (CMI). The CMI is the sum of the diagnosis-related group (DRG) weights for all discharges during the MCR period identified on line 1.01 above divided by the number of discharges. The CMI represents the average DRG relative weight for the hospital. All hospitals must submit a CMI on all patient discharges using the appropriate CMS DRG

version, **excluding** healthy newborns. **[Value must be taken to 4 decimal points (i.e., 1.2105).]**

The CMI is utilized in the IME formula to determine IME payments. Hospitals that do not submit a CMI are not eligible for IME payments. These hospitals are required to initial the appropriate box on line 1.04 of HRSA 99-2 acknowledging their ineligibility for IME payments.

Intern/Resident-to-Bed (IRB) Ratio

To comply as closely as possible with Medicare rules and regulations, the Department applies a cap on the IRB ratio, similar to the cap applied by the Medicare program pursuant to regulations at 42 CFR 412.105(a)(1), whereby the ratio may not exceed the ratio for the hospital's most recent prior cost reporting period. For those hospitals whose IRB ratio changes, there will be a 1-year delay in the implementation of the revised IRB. Starting in FY 2002 the CHGME Payment Program will implement a cap on the IRB ratio. The IRB cap may not exceed the ratio for the hospital's previous cost reporting period.

Calculate the IRB Ratio for the Current MCR Period

The "current" MCR period is defined as the hospital's most recently filed MCR for hospitals that file full MCRs (report residents to Medicare on CMS 2552-10, Worksheet E-4 (formerly named CMS 2552-96, Worksheet E-3, Part IV)) or the most recently completed MCR period for hospitals that file low or no-utilization MCRs.

Hospitals that meet the criteria for an exception or adjustment to the cap should refer to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services August 1, 2001, Federal Register Notice (66 FR 39878) which provides additional information and guidance in calculating the IRB ratio.

1.05: Enter the 3-year adjusted unweighted FTE rolling average for the current MCR period. The 3-year unweighted FTE rolling average for the current MCR period is equal to line 2.06 of HRSA 99-1. Enter the data reported on line 2.06 of HRSA 99-1. **[Value must be taken to two decimal points (i.e., 38.00 or 12.43).]**

1.06: Enter the bed count for the current MCR period. The bed count for the current MCR period is the sum of all available beds per day in the cost reporting period, **excluding** beds and bassinets in the healthy newborn nursery, divided by the number of days in that period. If a children's hospital has not completed a Medicare cost report period prior to submission of an application to the CHGME Payment Program, it would base the bed count on the sum of all available beds per day, **excluding** beds and bassinets in the healthy newborn nursery, in the period from the day it became eligible for the CHGME program until the CHGME application deadline, divided by the number of days in that period. A bed is any bed that is permanently maintained for lodging inpatients. The bed count number is utilized in the IME formula to determine IME payments. **[Value must be taken to two decimal points (i.e., 38.00 or 12.43).]**

1.07: Enter the IRB ratio for the current MCR period. The IRB ratio is equal to the 3-year unweighted rolling average (line 1.05 above) divided by the bed count (line 1.06 above). **[Value must be taken to six decimal points (i.e., 34.567800).]**

Calculate the IRB Ratio for the Previous MCR Period

The “previous” MCR period refers to the annual cost reporting period that ended 1 year prior to the cost reporting period identified on line 1.01 above. The previous MCR period should equal line 5.01 of HRSA 99-1

Hospitals that were not required to complete section 5 of HRSA 99-1 should contact their regional manager for additional information and guidance for lines 1.08 through 1.11 below.

Hospitals that meet the criteria for an exception or adjustment to the cap should refer to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services August 1, 2001, Federal Register Notice (66 FR 39878) which provides additional information and guidance in calculating the IRB ratio.

1.08: Inclusive dates of the previous MCR period. Enter the inclusive dates of the MCR period reported on line 5.01 of HRSA 99-1.

1.09: Unweighted FTE count for the previous MCR period. Enter the unweighted FTE count for the previous MCR period which is equal to line 5.19 of HRSA 99-1. **[Value must be taken to two decimal points (i.e., 38.00 or 12.43).]**

1.10: Bed count for the previous MCR period. Calculate the available bed count for the previous MCR period. The bed count for the previous MCR period is the sum of all available beds per day in the cost reporting period, **excluding** beds and bassinets in the healthy newborn nursery, divided by the number of days in that period. **[Value must be taken to two decimal points (i.e., 38.00 or 12.43).]**

1.11: IRB ratio for the previous MCR period. Calculate the IRB ratio for the previous MCR period. The IRB ratio is equal to the unweighted FTE count for the previous MCR period (line 1.09 above) divided by the bed count (line 1.10 above). **[Value must be taken to six decimal points (i.e., 34.567890 or 12.540000).]**

IRB Cap

1.12: IRB Cap. Enter the lesser of 1.07 or 1.11. **[Value must be taken to six decimal points (i.e., 34.567890.)]** Hospitals that have not completed three (3) MCR periods should enter the amount from line 1.07 above.

§422 of the MMA IRB Ratio for the Current MCR Period

1.13: §422 of the MMA unweighted resident FTE count for the current MCR period. The unweighted resident FTE count for the current MCR period is equal to line 4.19 of the §422 of the MMA column of the HRSA 99-1. Enter the data reported on line 4.19 from the §422

of the MMA column of HRSA 99-1. **[Value must be taken to two decimal points (i.e., 38.00 or 12.43).]**

1.14: Bed count for the current MCR period. Enter the available bed count for the current MCR period. This should be consistent with the data reported in line 1.06 above. **[Value must be taken to two decimal points (i.e., 38.00 or 12.43).]**

1.15: §422 of the MMA IRB ratio for the current MCR period. Calculate the §422 of the MMA IRB ratio for the current MCR period. The §422 of the MMA IRB ratio is equal to the increase in the unweighted FTE count (line 1.13 above) divided by the bed count (line 1.14 above). **[Value must be taken to six decimal points (i.e., 34.567890 or 12.540000).]**

Outpatient Data

1.16: Number of Ambulatory Surgery Visits. Total number of scheduled outpatient ambulatory surgical visit provided to patients who do not remain in the hospital overnight. The surgery may be performed in operating suites also used for inpatient surgery specifically designed surgical suites for outpatient surgery, or procedure rooms within an outpatient care facility.

1.17: Number of Radiology Visits. Total number of diagnostic radiology visits provided to patients in the outpatient setting such as computed tomographic scanner (CT scan), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), positron emission tomography (PET), Single photon emission computerized tomography (SPECT), and ultrasound. (Do not include inpatient testing)

1.18: Number of Urgent Care Visits. Total number of urgent care visits that provide care and treatment for problems that are not life threatening but require attention over the short term.

1.19: Number of Emergency Department Visits. Total number of emergency room visits for patients whose condition requires immediate care.

1.20: Number of Clinic Visits. Total number of clinic visits to each specialized medical unit responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of patients on an outpatient, non-emergency basis. Visits to the satellite clinics and primary group practices should be included if revenue is received by the hospital.

HRSA 99-4: Government Performance and Results Act Tables

Hospitals must report data from the cost reporting period reflected on line 4.01 of HRSA 99-1

Table 1. Number of FTE Residents Supported by the Children’s Hospitals in Approved Residency Training Programs

Note: Applicants requesting funding must submit the required data in the following format. This data is for residents rotating through both the inpatient and outpatient settings of the hospital. Resident FTE counts reported below should be unweighted and line 1.04 (below) should be consistent with the unweighted resident FTE counts reflected in Form HRSA 99-1 Section 4.

Line	Instructions
1.01	Sponsored* by the Children’s Hospital and Rotating at the Children’s Hospital. Provide the number of FTE residents (family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, preventive medicine, geriatric medicine, osteopathic general practice, general surgery, subspecialty pediatric & fellows, and all other non-pediatric) training in your hospital and sponsored by your hospital during the cost reporting period.
1.02	Sponsored by the Children’s Hospital and Rotating at Non-provider Sites. Provide the number of FTE residents in family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, preventive medicine, geriatric medicine, osteopathic general practice, general surgery, subspecialty pediatric & fellows, and all other non-pediatric sponsored by your hospital but are rotating to non-provider sites during the cost reporting period.
1.03	Sponsored by Other Hospitals and Rotating at the Children’s Hospital. Provide the number of FTE residents (family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, preventive medicine, geriatric medicine, osteopathic general practice, general surgery, subspecialty pediatric & fellows, and all other non-pediatric sponsored by another hospital but are rotating to your hospital during the cost reporting period.
1.04	Total Number of FTE Residents. Provide the total number of FTE Residents from the sum of Lines 1.01 through 1.03 (above)
1.05	Sponsored by the Children’s Hospital and Rotating at Other Hospitals. Provide the number of FTE residents in family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, preventive medicine, geriatric medicine, osteopathic general practice, general surgery, subspecialty pediatric & fellows, and all other non-pediatric sponsored by your hospital but are rotating to other hospitals during the cost reporting period.

Definitions

Sponsoring Institution	<p>*CHGME Payment Program defines a sponsoring institution as an institution, which assumes the ultimate responsibility for a graduate medical education program.</p> <p>According to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the following are the institutional requirements for a Sponsoring Institution: 1) A residency program must operate under the authority and control of a sponsoring institution. 2) There must be a written statement of institutional commitment to GME that is supported by the governing authority, the administration, and the teaching staff. 3) Sponsoring institutions must be in substantial compliance with the Institutional Requirements and must ensure that their ACGME-accredited programs are in substantial compliance with the Program Requirements and the applicable Institutional Requirements. 4) An institution's failure to comply substantially with the Institutional Requirements may jeopardize the accreditation of all of its sponsored residency programs.</p>
Family Medicine Resident	Residents training in their initial residency period of a family medicine residency program
General Internal Medicine Resident	Residents training in their initial residency period of a general internal medicine residency program
General Pediatric Resident	Residents training in their initial residency period of a general pediatric residency program
Preventive Medicine Resident	Residents training in their initial residency period of a preventive medicine residency program
Geriatric Medicine Resident	Residents training in their initial residency period of a geriatric medicine residency program
Osteopathic General Practice Resident	Residents training in their initial residency period of an osteopathic general practice residency program
General Surgery Resident	Residents training in their initial residency period of a general surgery residency program
Subspecialty Pediatric Resident	Residents training beyond their initial residency period (i.e., fellows)
All Other Non-Pediatric Resident	Residents training in their initial residency period not specifically in family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, preventive medicine, geriatric medicine, osteopathic general practice, general surgery (i.e., radiology, pathology, endocrinology, dental)

Table 2. Hospital's Total and Operating Margins

Total Margins

Hospitals Filing Low or No-Utilization Medicare Cost Reports

Total margin is defined as the net income from all sources [(net patient revenue + all other income) - [(total operating expenses + other expenses)] divided by total hospital revenues (net patient revenues + total other income) multiplied by 100

Hospitals Filing Full Medicare Cost Reports

To calculate the total margin, take Worksheet G-3 Line 31 and divide it by Line 3 + Line 25.

Operating Margins

Hospitals Filing Low or No-Utilization Medicare Cost Reports

The operating margin is defined as the net income from service to patients (net patient revenues – total operating expenses) divided by net patient revenues (total patient revenues – contractual allowances) multiplied by 100

Hospitals Filing Full Medicare Cost Reports

To calculate the operating margin, take the number from Worksheet G-3 line 3, subtract the number from worksheet A Column 3 line 118, divide by the number from worksheet G-3, line 3 and multiply it by 100.

Table 3. Hospital's Allowable Operating Expenses

Margin Types

Total Allowable Operating Expenses

Hospitals Filing Low or No-Utilization Medicare Cost Reports

Contact the hospital's fiscal intermediary to clarify what Medicare accepts as allowable operating expenses, if mechanism is not already identified in the hospital's financial statements.

Hospitals Filing Full Medicare Cost Reports

The total allowable operating expenses can be identified on the hospital's Medicare cost report - Worksheet G-2 Part II Line 29.

Table 4. Hospital’s Revenue and Expenses Attributed to Patient Care

Inpatient	Outpatient
<p>Hospital’s gross revenue attributed to Medicaid and SCHIP (Medicaid refers to any funding provided by Title XIX including that from Medicaid HMOs and DSH payments. SCHIP-State Children’s Health Insurance Program refers to funding provided under Title XXI).</p> <p>Revenue received by the hospital from the Medicaid and SCHIP programs for inpatient care. Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages</p>	<p>Hospital’s gross revenue attributed to Medicaid and SCHIP (Medicaid refers to any funding provided by Title XIX including that from Medicaid HMOs and DSH payments. SCHIP-State Children’s Health Insurance Program refers to funding provided under Title XXI).</p> <p>Revenue received by the hospital from the Medicaid and SCHIP programs for outpatient care. Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages</p>
<p>Hospital’s gross revenue attributed to Medicare</p> <p>Revenue received by the hospital from the Medicare for inpatient care. Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages</p>	<p>Hospital’s gross revenue attributed to Medicare</p> <p>Revenue received by the hospital from the Medicare for outpatient care. Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages</p>
<p>Hospital’s gross revenue attributed to self-pay</p> <p>Revenue received by the hospital directly from patients for inpatient care. Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages</p>	<p>Hospital’s gross revenue attributed to self-pay</p> <p>Revenue received by the hospital directly from patients for outpatient care. Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages</p>
<p>Hospital’s gross revenue attributed to other sources</p> <p>Revenue received by the hospital from other sources for inpatient care not listed above. Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages</p>	<p>Hospital’s gross revenue attributed to other sources</p> <p>Revenue received by the hospital from other sources for outpatient care not listed above. Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages</p>
<p>Hospital’s total gross revenue attributed to patient care</p> <p>Total gross revenue received by the hospital for inpatient care (sum of inpatient columns 1-4). Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages.</p>	<p>Hospital’s total gross revenue attributed to patient care</p> <p>Total gross revenue received by the hospital for outpatient care (sum of outpatient columns 1-4). Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages.</p>
<p>Hospital’s total expenses attributed to uncompensated care</p> <p>Total expenses that the hospital attributes to uncompensated inpatient care. Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages.</p>	<p>Hospital’s total expenses attributed to uncompensated care</p> <p>Total expenses that the hospital attributes to uncompensated outpatient care. Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages.</p>
<p>Hospital’s total expenses attributed to charity care</p>	<p>Hospital’s total expenses attributed to charity care</p>

Total expenses that the hospital attributes to charity care in the inpatient setting. Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages.	Total expenses that the hospital attributes to charity care in the outpatient setting. Report as dollar amounts rather than percentages.
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HRSA 99-5: Application Checklist

The application checklist must be completed following the instructions provided on the checklist itself. All required forms and supporting documentation should be included in the application package submitted in the HRSA Electronic Handbooks to the CHGME Payment Program in the order that the forms and supporting documentation are listed on the checklist.

Application Checklist Attachments Include:

- 1- Medicaid Cost Report Information
- 2- Medicare Affiliation agreements
- 3- FTE resident cap changes
- 4- Federal debt and exclusion explanation
- 5- Other relevant documents

Section XV: References

Commonly Used Acronyms

ACGME	ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
AF	AS FILED
CH	CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
CHGME Payment Program	CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PAYMENT PROGRAM
CMI	CASE MIX INDEX
CMS	CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
D(G)ME	DIRECT (GRADUATE) MEDICAL EDUCATION
EHBs	ELECTRONIC HANDBOOKS
FEL	FELLOW
FI	FISCAL INTERMEDIARY
FY	FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR
FRN	FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE
FTE	FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
GME	GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
GPRA	GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT OF 1993
HRSA	HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
IME	INDIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION
IRB	INTERN RESIDENT BED COUNT
IRP	INITIAL RESIDENCY PERIOD
MAC	MEDICARE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTOR
MCR	MEDICARE COST REPORT
NBME	NATIONAL BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PGY1	POST-GRADUATE YEAR (1, 2,....)
PPS	PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM
RES (R)	RESIDENT (1,2,...)
USMLE	UNITED STATES MEDICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION
WI	WAGE INDEX