



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
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The Honorable Bobby Jindal, Governor
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P.O. Box 94004
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The Honorable Joel T. Chaisson, II, President
Louisiana State Senate
P.O. Box 94183, Capitol Station
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The Honorable Jim Tucker, Speaker
Louisiana State House of Representatives
P.O. Box 94062, Capitol Station
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Re: Act 540 Uncompensated Care Costs Report - Collected per Survey for Dates of Services 7/1/2008 through 6/30/2009

Dear Governor Jindal, President Chaisson, and Speaker Tucker:

In response to Senate Bill No. 337 (SB337/Act 540) of the 2008 Regular Session, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) submits the enclosed report. The bill requires DHH to provide that as a condition of payment of uncompensated care costs, all state and non-state hospitals and other health care facilities, excluding rural hospitals included in the Rural Hospital Preservation Act and their provider based rural health clinics, report to DHH patient specific data on the amount and type of uncompensated care provided and all requested data on the amount and type of other services and activities financed by uncompensated care payments.

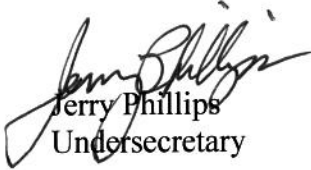
Myers & Stauffer, LC, a certified public accounting firm, was engaged by the Department of Health and Hospitals in SFY 2009 to collect and compile uncompensated care cost data as required by Act 540 of the 2008 Legislative Session. The attached report from Myers & Stauffer shows uncompensated care cost data for the time period of 7/1/2008 to 6/30/2009.

Hospitals that received Medicaid Disproportionate Share Payments were required to report uninsured patient specific information which included name, dates of service, type of service, number of inpatient days, number of outpatient visits, billed charges, and uninsured cash collections.

Using each hospital's latest filed Medicare/Medicaid cost report, the cost to charge ratios were calculated and applied to the uninsured charges compiled from the survey to determine the uninsured costs. Inpatient routine, inpatient ancillary, and outpatient uninsured costs are separately identified.

Please feel free to contact me at (225) 342-6726 with any questions or comments that you may have regarding the enclosed report.

Sincerely,



Jerry Phillips
Undersecretary

Enclosure

Cc: Senator Willie Mount
Representative Kay Katz
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