

Attachment EE: Global Payment Program Funding and Mechanics Protocol

A. Public Health Care Systems (PHCS)

GPP Payments are available for PHCS, which are comprised of a designated public hospital and its affiliated and contracted providers. Each PHCS participating in the GPP is listed in Attachment C. Where multiple designated public hospitals are operated by the same legal entity, the PHCS includes multiple designated public hospitals, as set forth in Attachment C.

The GPP provides support for the delivery of more cost-effective and higher value care for indigent, uninsured individuals. PHCS will provide an assurance that, to the extent the GPP exceeds the amount that is attributable to the state's Adjusted DSH (determined pursuant to STC 167), a percentage of GPP points earned by each PHCS will be associated with care and activities that are furnished through charity care and discount payment policies for financially qualified, uninsured individuals that adhere to California state law ability-to-pay requirements. The required percentage is equal to the amount of the GPP that is in excess of the Adjusted DSH divided by the total GPP for the year. For the first year of the GPP, each PHCS is required in the aggregate to satisfy the above assurance for at least 21.4% of GPP points earned.

Each PHCS shall identify to DHCS the affiliated and contracted providers that will constitute the PHCS, and shall notify DHCS of changes.

B. Determination of GPP Annual Limits

For each GPP PY, DHCS shall work with CMS to determine the annual limit for the GPP consistent with STC 167. The annual limit shall be calculated as the sum of the Adjusted DSH allotment and the Uncompensated Care Component. The Adjusted DSH allotment shall be determined consistent with the provisions of Attachment NN (DSH Coordination Methodology).

C. Establishment of Participating PHCS global budgets

DHCS will determine for each PHCS a global budget for each GPP PY, which is the total amount of funding each PHCS will earn if it meets or exceeds its applicable threshold. Threshold amounts for each PHCS for GPP PY1 are set forth in Attachment FF, section B. Threshold amounts for subsequent GPP PYs will be calculated through adjustments in proportion to changes in the size of the aggregate GPP annual limits, as set forth in Attachment FF, section B.

To determine a PHCS' global budget for a GPP year, DHCS shall calculate the PHCS' allocation percentage, which is the PHCS's point threshold for a GPP PY divided by the sum of all PHCS point thresholds for the same GPP PY. The PHCS's global budget shall equal the allocation percentage multiplied by the total computable annual limit for the GPP, as set forth in ¶ 167 of the Special Terms and Conditions ("Funding and Annual Limits").

DHCS shall determine an initial total computable annual limit for a GPP PY based on the initial CA DSH allotment published by CMS for the applicable GPP PY and any uncompensated care funding allocated

under the Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver. DHCS shall determine initial threshold amounts and annual budgets for each PHCS based on this information and publish the information on its GPP webpage within 10 days of the determination. DHCS shall determine the final total computable annual limit for a GPP PY once the final CA DSH allotment is published by CMS and shall publish the final amounts, and associated PHCS threshold amounts and annual budgets within 10 days of such determination.

D. Reporting Requirements

By August 15th following each GPP PY, each PHCS shall submit an interim year-end summary report summarizing the aggregate number of uninsured units of service provided during the GPP PY, broken out by the service categories, tiers, and types as defined in Attachment FF (Valuation Protocol). The summary report will also compute the number of points earned based on the corresponding point valuations for the services provided, and the payments due to the PHCS (net of any payments previously received for the GPP PY). Data contained in the interim year-end summary report will be based on the best data available through the close of the GPP PY. Revisions to the interim data will be reflected in the final reconciliation report.

By March 31st following the close of each GPP PY, each PHCS shall submit a final year-end reconciliation summary report in the same format as the interim year-end summary report referenced above that includes the PHCS final submission with regard to the services, points, and funds earned for the GPP PY. The final reconciliation summary report shall reflect any necessary revisions to the interim data and shall serve as the basis for the final reconciliation of GPP payments for the GPP PY.

Starting with GPP PY 2, each PHCS shall submit encounter-level data on their uninsured services in order to provide auditable verification that the reported uninsured services were provided. For this purpose, encounter-level data may include line-level encounters or documentation of claims or other reliable methods for determining the number of contracted units of service to the uninsured by contracted providers. Such reporting shall be provided at the time of the final reconciliation summary reports. All reports shall be submitted in a manner and format as set forth by DHCS. In addition, for all GPP PYs, PHCS shall maintain documentation of services and shall make such information available to DHCS or CMS upon request.

DHCS shall review all summary reports and data submitted for accuracy and compliance with established procedures, and perform tests for reasonableness. If discrepancies or inconsistencies are identified, DHCS shall work directly with PHCS staff to promptly resolve issues and correct data and reporting. PHCS shall provide a formal response to DHCS inquiries within five (5) business days of receipt of an inquiry or question; additional time to respond may be requested by the PHCS and approved by DHCS.

The interim year-end summary report and the final year-end reconciliation summary report shall be due at the times specified in Table 1 below. If the identified date falls on a weekend or holiday, the report shall be due at the close of the following business day.

Table 1: Reporting timeline

Report name	Reporting period	Report due date to DHCS		
Interim year-end summary report	July 1 – June 30	August 15 (following program year)		

Final year-end reconciliation summary report	July 1 – June 30	March 31 (following program year)		
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E. Payment schedule.

Interim Payments

PHCS shall receive interim quarterly GPP payments based on 25% of their annual global budget for the first three quarters of the GPP PY. DHCS will notify PHCS of the IGT due dates and payment dates according to Table 2. Payments will be made within 15 days after the quarter end as long as IGTs are submitted by the IGT due date as identified in Table 2. For a PHCS that is comprised of more than one DPH, payments will be made to the health system under which the DPHs operate.

For the fourth quarter of each GPP PY, an interim payment shall be made to each PHCS that is sufficient to bring the PHCS’ interim payments for the GPP PY to the amount earned by the PHCS based on its interim year-end summary report. The total Interim payments earned by a PHCS shall be determined by multiplying the PHCS’s annual global budget by the ratio of the value of the points earned during the GPP PY to the PHCS’s threshold, as reported in the interim year-end summary report; however, no PHCS may earn more than its annual global budget prorated by the number of months in the reporting period. The fourth quarter interim payment shall be calculated based on the amount earned by the PHCS for the GPP PY, net of any GPP payments previously received by the PHCS for the GPP PY. If the PHCS’ interim year-end summary report reflects an annual payment that is less than 75% of its total annual budget, no additional interim payment shall be made for the fourth quarter. DHCS shall calculate the amount of the required IGTs for the fourth quarter and make GPP IGT notifications to all PHCS no later than 30 calendar days after submission of the interim year-end summary report, as shown in Table 2. PHCS shall submit IGTs within 7 days of receiving notification. Interim payments will be made to all PHCS no later than one month following their respective IGT notification date, if IGTs are received within the required 7 days.

Final Reconciliation and Redistribution Process

There will be a final reconciliation annually following the submission of each PHCS’ final reconciliation summary report and (beginning with GPP PY 2) the required supporting encounter data. DHCS shall determine the amount earned by each PHCS based on the total number of points earned by each PHCS for the GPP PY, as reported in the final year-end reconciliation summary reports. For PHCS that exceeded their threshold for the GPP PY, the amount earned is subject to adjustment in accordance with the following redistribution process set forth below.

DHCS will identify any GPP global budget amounts that PHCS were individually unable to claim and redistribute such unclaimed amounts to the PHCS that exceeded their point thresholds for the applicable GPP PY. To determine redistribution amounts, DHCS shall first calculate a dollar amount of funding per GPP point by dividing the total GPP annual limit for the GPP PY by the aggregate threshold points for all PHCS. DHCS will then multiply this dollar amount by the amount by which each PHCS has exceeded its threshold to determine the PHCS’s maximum redistribution amount. Each PHCS that has exceeded its threshold will receive its maximum redistribution amount if there are sufficient unused funds for the year from other PHCS. If there are insufficient unused funds to pay all PHCS that exceeded their thresholds their maximum redistribution amount, then each PHCS will receive an adjusted redistribution amount, prorating the amount of unused funds available by the number of points each PHCS is above its

applicable threshold. The redistributed amounts following this determination shall be added to the GPP amounts earned by the applicable PHCS for the purposes of the final reconciliation.

Based on the final reconciliation amounts determined as set forth above, DHCS shall adjust, as necessary, the interim payments previously made to the PHCS for the GPP PY. Within 90 calendar days of receiving the final reconciliation summary reports from the PHCS DHCS shall calculate the amount of the required IGTs for the reconciliation and make GPP IGT notifications to all PHCS, as shown in Table 2 above. PHCS shall submit IGTs within 14 days of receiving notification. Final payments will be made to all PHCS no later than 45 days following their respective IGT notification date, if PHCS have submitted the IGTs within the 14 day requirement. If the necessary IGTs are submitted past the 14 day requirement, final payments, as well as any other associated payments, will be made no later than 45 days following submission of the necessary IGT amounts. If, at the end of the reconciliation process, it is determined that the interim GPP funds for a GPP PY exceeded the amounts due upon final reconciliation, DHCS shall recoup the amounts from the appropriate PHCS. In the event of any recoupments, DHCS shall return the associated IGT funds to the transferring entity within 14 calendar days.

Payment Summary Report to CMS

For each GPP PY, DHCS will submit a Payment Summary Report to CMS (following the schedule in Table 2) that summarizes all GPP transactions to date which pertain to that GPP PY and includes a list of entities that have provided IGTs during the report period and the amount of the IGTs provided. Transactions include interim payments, final payments, and recoupments. Each transaction record will include the name of the PHCS to which the transaction pertains, whether the transaction is an interim, reconciliation, or redistribution payment, the interim year-end Summary Report or Final Reconciliation Summary Report that supports the transaction, and the Quarterly Expenditure Report on which the transaction was or will be reported. The Payment Summary Report following the Final Reconciliation Summary Report will show how the sum of all transactions for each PHCS matches the PHCS final reconciliation amount.

Table 2: Interim and Final Payment timeline

Payment	Payment Amount	Payment Amount & IGT Notification Date	IGT Due Date	Payment Date	Payment Summary Report to CMS
Interim Quarter 1	25% of Annual	September 15	September 22	October 15	November 15
Interim Quarter 2	25% of Annual	December 15	December 22	January 15	February 15
Interim Quarter 3	25% of Annual	March 15	March 22	April 15	May 15
Interim Quarter 4	Final Interim based on interim year-end summary report	September 15 following the GPP PY end	September 22 following the GPP PY end	October 15 following GPP PY end	November 15 following GPP PY end
Final Reconciliation	Final reconciled amount	June 30 following the GPP PY end	July 14 after notification date	August 15 after notification date	September 15 after notification date