Feedback, Assessing New Hospitals, and Rebase Period

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Hospital Assessment Feedback

• Support for the principle that no hospital system faces a loss
• Mixed feedback on assessing currently exempt hospitals
• One hospital suggested collapsing the Pediatric Intensive and Medium Pediatric categories into one category and assessing at the lower rate
• Concern that Legislature could revise the assessment to support additional policy proposals
• One suggestion to update discharge data at least every three years with a more thorough review every five years
Future Hospital Assessment Rebases

- AHCCCS intends to rebase the hospital assessment every 3 years
  - Update discharge data to more current year
  - Review exemptions
  - Ensure that no hospital system will be negatively impacted
New Hospitals

• New hospitals are added to the assessment model on an annual basis
• AHCCCS currently assesses new hospitals based on the first MCR with a full 12 months worth of data or by annualizing self-reported data if no such MCR data exists
• AHCCCS intends to clarify the Rule
  o Specify which data to be used if not using MCR data
  o Define how the data will be annualized
Timeline

- July – Sept 2017: Analysis
- 9/15/17: First workgroup meeting
- Sept/Oct: Analysis based on feedback
- 11/7/17: Second workgroup meeting
- Jan-Mar 2018: Analysis/address workgroup feedback
- Feb/Mar 2018: Third workgroup if necessary
- By 5/1/18: Submit assessment waiver to CMS
- May 2018: Post proposed Rule
- June/July 2018: Post final Rule
- 7/15/18: Invoices available for 8/15/18 payment
- 8/15/18: First SFY 19 payment due