



DSH^{pro}

Medicare DSH Reimbursement Services

Dixon Hughes' services related to Medicare DSH have extended from our deep commitment to service and continuing enhancement of our healthcare knowledge and skills. Our DSH^{pro} has resulted in millions of dollars of additional reimbursement for our clients. DSH^{pro} includes several components, all of which are a part of the Medicare DSH reimbursement calculation.



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- **Medicaid Eligible Days** – There are many components and regulations related to the identification of eligible unpaid Medicaid days. We can assist in the documentation of these days as well as submission to the intermediary in accordance with the latest rules and regulations. We can also prepare the amended Medicare cost report, request a reopening, or if at all possible, include in the filed Medicare cost report.
- **Labor and Delivery Room Days** – DSH^{pro} includes research to determine if an adjustment to labor and delivery room days is necessary. We can help in the analysis of the hospital labor and delivery room charge procedures and, if applicable, a patient log. We will keep you up to date on the latest issues surrounding this controversial adjustment and advise you accordingly.
- **Observation Days** – Beginning in 2005, days for observation patients who are subsequently admitted are included in the DSH calculation. We will assist in the preparation and maintenance of documentation in order to adequately support these days.
- **Medicare Audit Services** – The Medicare DSH calculation will most likely be scrutinized by the intermediary given the high dollar amount of reimbursement. We will work with the intermediary to provide documentation and help ensure the conclusions reached by the intermediary are reasonable and within the intent of the regulations. We will also advise you regarding any appeal issues.
- **340B Drug Pricing** – The Medicare DSH percentage is used as the threshold for qualification under this discount pricing program for outpatient drugs. We have been successful in helping clients obtain a higher DSH add-on in order to qualify for this program. In many cases the annual cost savings related to 340B are over \$200,000.
- **Medicare SSI** – A key component of the DSH reimbursement is the SSI percentage published by CMS. The past few years have seen several court cases related to this issue. We can work with CMS to obtain the detail behind the SSI calculation and, if necessary, assist the hospital with pursuing an appeal or a recalculation.

Over the years, Dixon Hughes has become a critical part of the healthcare delivery system. Call us toll-free today at 877.424.6324 to find out how we can help you improve your financial health.