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MAY 25 2012

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Albany, NY 12237

RE: TN 11-046-A

Dear Mr. Helgerson:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-046-A. Effective July 1, 2011, this amendment denies additional Medicaid payments for costs incurred for potentially preventable conditions in the inpatient hospital setting.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2) 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a) and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. This is to inform you that New York 11-046-A is approved effective July 1, 2011. Enclosed please find the HCFA-179 and the approved plan page.

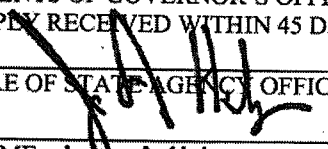
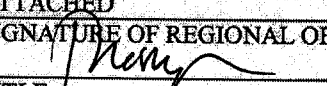
If you have any questions, please contact Tom Brady at 518-396-3810 or Rob Weaver at 410-786-5914.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Mann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a stylized "M".

Cindy Mann
Director, CMCS

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: #11-46-A	2. STATE New York
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2011	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act, and 42 CFR 447		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 07/01/11-09/30/11 \$0 b. FFY 10/01/11-09/30/12 \$0	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-A: Pages 146, 148(a) and 148(b)		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 4.19-A: Page 146	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Reduce Reimbursement for Hospital Acquired Conditions (HACs) (FMAP = 50% 7/1/11 forward)			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: New York State Department of Health Corning Tower Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12237	
13. TYPED NAME: Jason A. Helgerson			
14. TITLE: Medicaid Director & Deputy Commissioner Department of Health			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: May 3, 2012			
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17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED: MAY 25 2012	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: JUL - 1 2011		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Penny Thompson		22. TITLE: Deputy Director, CMCS	
23. REMARKS:			

Serious Adverse Events.

Effective October 1, 2008, through June 30, 2011, the New York State Medicaid program shall deny reimbursement or reduce payment for the higher DRG arising from the following three serious adverse events, defined as avoidable hospital complications and medical errors that are identifiable, preventable, and serious in their consequences to patients: foreign object left in patient after surgery, air embolism, and blood incompatibility. On and after November 1, 2009, hospitals will be required to bill all claims associated with one of the remaining ten (10) serious adverse events using the following procedures:

- a. For those cases where a serious adverse event occurs and the hospital elects to receive no payment for the admission (i.e., it is expected that Medicaid will deny the entire payment based on the type of event), the hospital will notify Medicaid of this case by submitting a claim using a new rate code 2590 (non-reimbursable with serious adverse events), along with the requisite billing information submitted with a claim.

Department of Health will identify claims billed with rate code 2590 and instruct the Island Peer Review Organization (IPRO), the New York State Medicaid review agent, to request the medical record for the admission and conduct a case review.

- b. For those cases where a serious adverse event occurs and the hospital anticipates at least partial payment for the admission, the hospital will follow a two-step process for billing the admission:
 - i. The hospital will first submit their claim for the entire stay in the usual manner, using the appropriate rate code (i.e., rate code 2946 for DRG claims or the appropriate exempt unit per diem rate code such as 2852 for psychiatric care, etc.). That claim will be processed in the normal manner and the provider will receive full payment for the case.

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Citation

42 CFR 447, 434, 438, and 1902(a)(4), 1902(a)(6), and 1903

Payment Adjustment for Provider Preventable Conditions

The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of 42 CFR Part 447, Subpart A, and sections 1902(a)(4), 1902(a)(6), and 1903 with respect to non-payment for provider-preventable conditions.

Health Care-Acquired Conditions

The State identifies the following Health Care-Acquired Conditions for non-payment under Section 4.19(A) of this State plan.

Hospital-Acquired Conditions as identified by Medicare other than Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)/Pulmonary Embolism (PE) following total knee replacement or hip replacement surgery in pediatric and obstetric patients.

Other Provider-Preventable Conditions

The State identifies the following Other Provider-Preventable Conditions for non-payment under Section 4.19(A) of this State plan.

Wrong surgical or other invasive procedure performed on a patient; surgical or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong body part; surgical or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong patient.

Additional Other Provider-Preventable Conditions identified below: Not applicable.

Effective July 1, 2011, reimbursement for inpatient hospital services shall be based on the Provider Preventable Conditions (PPC) policy defined in 42 CFR 447.26.

PPCs are defined as two distinct categories: Health Care-Acquired Conditions (HCAC) and Other Provider-Preventable Conditions (OPPC).

For APR-DRG cases, the APR-DRG payable shall exclude the diagnoses not present on admission for any HCAC.

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For per diem payments, the number of covered days shall be reduced by the number of days associated with diagnoses not present on admission for any HCAC. Claims containing a diagnosis not present on admission will be subsequently reviewed by clinical review staff to determine if the diagnosis contributed to a longer length of stay. If the clinical review can reasonably isolate that portion of the actual length of stay that is directly related to the diagnosis not present on admission, payment will be denied for the directly related length of stay.

No payment shall be made for inpatient services for OPPCs. OPPCs are the three Medicare National Coverage Determinations:

1. Wrong surgical or other invasive procedure performed on a patient;
2. Surgical or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong body part; and
3. Surgical or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong patient.

No reduction in payment for a PPC will be imposed on a provider when the condition defined as a PPC for a particular patient existed prior to the initiation of treatment for that patient by that provider.

Reductions in provider payment will be limited to the extent that the following apply:

1. The identified PPCs would otherwise result in an increase in payment.
2. The State can reasonably isolate for nonpayment the portion of the payment directly related to treatment for, and related to, the PPCs.

Non-payment of PPCs shall not prevent access to services for Medicaid beneficiaries.

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OS Notification

State/Title/Plan Number: NY-11-046-A

Type of Action: SPA Approval

Required Date for State Notification: May 29, 2012

Fiscal Impact:

FFY 2011	\$0
FFY 2012	\$0

Number of Services Provided by Enhanced Coverage, Benefits or Retained Enrollment: 0

Number of Potential Newly Eligible People: 0

Eligibility Simplification: No

Provider Payment Increase: No

Delivery System Innovation: No

Number of People Losing Medicaid Eligibility: 0

Reduces Benefits: No

Detail: Effective July 1, 2011, this SPA denies additional Medicaid payments for costs incurred for potentially preventable conditions in the inpatient hospital setting. There will be no reimbursement for HACs as identified by Medicare other than Deep Vein Thrombosis/Pulmonary Embolism following total knee replacement or hip replacement surgery in pediatric and obstetric patients. Other Provider-Preventable Conditions (OPPCs) identified for non-payment are wrong surgical or other invasive procedure performed on a patient; surgical or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong body part; and surgical or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong patient. New York is separately addressing PPCs in non-institutional settings in a separate pending SPA. The State represented to CMS that PPCs that might occur in other institutional settings such as nursing homes or ICF-MRs would not be treated in those settings.

In its response to CMS access questions, NY indicated that the reduction would have a negligible financial impact on NYS providers. The State monitors access in a variety of ways and in so doing is not currently aware of any access issues (geographically, or for any particular service).

Public notice was adequate and timely.

Standard funding question responses were adequate. State payments made to service providers under the provisions of this SPA are funded through appropriations. There are no Upper Payment Limit issues for this SPA. There is a zero dollar fiscal impact for this SPA for FFYs 2011 and 2012 because New York State told CMS the amount was negligible and could not be reasonably estimated.

Additionally, NY's plan had contained a provision since 2008 that denied reimbursement for several serious adverse events that were similar to, but not identical with, Medicare's HACs. This provision was sunset at the same time this amendment here was adopted.

Other Considerations:

Affordable Care Act Impact – NY assured CMS that:

1. This SPA complies with the conditions of the MOE provision of section 1902(gg) of the Act for continued funding under the Medicaid program.
2. The State does not require local political subdivisions to contribute amounts toward the non-Federal share of the State's expenditures at a greater percentage than would have been required on December 31, 2009.
3. This State is not a Disaster-Recovery FMAP Adjustment State as defined in ACA
4. This SPA complies with the requirements of section 1902(a)(37) of the Act regarding prompt payment of claims.

This SPA does not impact any I/T/U providers.

We do not recommend the Secretary contact the Governor.

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