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State Medicaid Director
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RE: State Plan Amendment (SPA) 14-015

Dear Mr. Helgeson:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 14-015. Effective January 1, 2014 this amendment proposes to extend the current Service Intensity Weights (SIW) and Average Lengths-of-Stay (LOS) used to calculate payments under the state's All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Group (APR-DRG) reimbursement system for acute inpatient hospital services through June 30, 2014.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a) and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR Part 447. We have found that the proposed reimbursement methodology complies with applicable requirements and therefore have approved them with an effective date of January 1, 2014. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended 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, appearing to read "Cindy Mann", is written over the typed name.

Cindy Mann
Director

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 14-15	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 January 1, 2014	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Check One</i>): <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 (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: §1902(a) of the Social Security Act		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 01/01/14-09/30/14 \$0 b. FFY 10/01/14-09/30/15 \$0	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-A Page: 108		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Attachment 4.19-A Page: 108	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Acute Hospital Inpatient Rates (FMAP = 50%)			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>): <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 Bureau of Federal Relations & Provider Assessments 99 Washington Ave - One Commerce Plaza Suite 1430 Albany, NY 12210	
13. TYPED NAME: Jason A. Helgerson			
14. TITLE: Medicaid Director Department of Health			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: March 25, 2014			
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17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED: JUN 11 2014	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: JAN 01 2014		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:	
21. TYPED NAME: Penny Thompson		22. TITLE: Deputy Director, Policy & Finance / HCFAS	
23. REMARKS:			

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Service Intensity Weights (SIW) and average length-of-stay (LOS).

1. The table of SIWs and statewide average LOS for each effective period is published on the New York State Department of Health website at:
<http://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/hospital/reimbursement/apr-drg/weights/>
and reflects the cost weights and LOS assigned to each All-Patient Refined (APR) diagnosis related group (DRG) patient classification category. The SIWs assigned to each APR-DRG indicates the relative cost variance of that APR-DRG classification from the average cost of all inpatients in all APR-DRGs. Such SIWs are developed using three years of Medicaid fee-for-service cost data, Medicaid managed care data and commercial third party payor data as reported to the Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS) for the years set forth in paragraph (2) below. Costs associated with hospitals that do not have an ancillary charge structure or associated with hospitals and services exempt from the case payment methodology, and costs associated with statistical outliers are excluded from the SIW calculations.
2. For periods on and after December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010, the SIW and statewide average LOS table shall be computed using SPARCS and reported cost data from the 2005, 2006 and 2007 calendar years as submitted to the Department by September 30, 2009.
3. For periods on and after January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, the SIW and statewide average LOS table shall be computed using SPARCS and reported cost data from the 2006, 2007 and 2008 calendar years as submitted to the Department by June 30, 2010.
4. For periods on and after January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, the SIW and statewide average LOS table shall be computed using SPARCS and reported cost data from the 2007, 2008 and 2009 calendar years as submitted to the Department by September 30, 2011.
5. For periods on and after January 1, 2013 through ~~[December 31, 2013]~~June 30, 2014, the SIW and statewide average LOS table shall be computed using SPARCS and reported cost data from the 2008, 2009 and 2010 calendar years as submitted to the Department by September 30, 2012.

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Supersedes TN #13-01

Approval Date JUN 11 2014

Effective Date JAN 01 2014