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LISA J. PINO, M.A., J.D.Executive Deputy Commissioner

National Institutional Reimbursement Team Attention: Mark Cooley CMS, CMCS 7500 Security Boulevard, M/S S3-14-28 September 25, 2020

Re: SPA #20-0062 Inpatient Hospital Services

Dear Mr. Cooley:

Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #20-0062 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for inpatient hospital services to be effective July 1, 2020 (Appendix I). This amendment is being submitted based upon enacted legislation. A summary of the proposed amendment is contained in Appendix II.

This amendment is submitted pursuant to §1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1396a(a)) and Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 447, Subpart C.

Notice of the changes in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for general hospital inpatient services were given in the <u>New York State Register</u> on June 24, 2020.

A copy of pertinent sections of enacted legislation is enclosed for your information (Appendix III). In addition, responses to the five standard funding questions are also enclosed (Appendix V).

If you have any questions regarding this State Plan Amendment submission, please do not hesitate to contact Regina Deyette, Medicaid State Plan Coordinator, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, Office of Health Insurance Programs at (518) 473-3658.

Sincerely,

Donna Frescatore Medicaid Director Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures cc: Todd McMillion

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B. RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Medicaid rates for Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Youth ("RTFs") are established prospectively, based upon actual costs and patient days as reported on cost reports for the fiscal year two years prior to the rate year. The RTF fiscal year and rate year are for the twelve months July 1 through June 30. Alternate Cost Reports may be utilized to align with appealed rate periods until such time that the appealed information would be fully reflected in the facilities annual cost report. Actual patient days are subject to a maximum utilization of 96 percent and a minimum utilization of 90 percent. [For the rate years July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995 and July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996 the base year for both rate years for the purpose of setting rates will be July 1, 1992 through June 30, 1993.

Effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, the rate of payment will be that which was in effect June 30, 2011.

Effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, the rate of payment will be that which was in effect June 30, 2011.

Effective July 1, 2015, such rate of payment will be lowered to reflect the removal of pharmaceutical costs, except as provided for in Section 1, below.]

1. OPERATING COSTS

Allowable operating costs are subject to the review and approval of the Office of Mental Health[, and will exclude eligible pharmaceuticals which will be reimbursed using the Fee-for-Service Program through the Medicaid formulary administered by the New York State Department of Health. The Fee-for-Service Program will be utilized for the purchase of eligible pharmaceuticals commencing on the date the child is determined to be Medicaid eligible. The cost of medications provided to the child before the determination of Medicaid eligibility will be the responsibility of the RTF, and considered an allowable cost in the development of the provider's reimbursement rate for inpatient stays]. In determining the allowability of costs, the Office of Mental Health reviews the categories of cost, described below, with consideration given to the special needs of the patient population to be served by the RTF. The categories of costs include:

- (i) Clinical/<u>Direct</u> Care <u>(C/DC)</u>. This category of costs includes salaries and fringe benefits for clinical and direct care staff.
- (ii) [Other than Clinical Care.] <u>Administration, Maintenance and Supports (AMS).</u> This category of costs includes the costs associated with administration, maintenance and child support.
- (iii) Purchased Health Services (PHS). This category of costs includes clinical services such as dental services, purchased on a contractual basis and not subject to the clinical standard if the services are not uniformly provided by all RTFs and thus not considered by the Commissioner in the establishment of the approved staffing levels.

Allowable per diem operating costs in the category of [clinical care] <u>C/DC</u> are limited to the lesser of the reported costs or the amount derived from the number of clinical staff approved by the Commissioner multiplied by a standard salary and fringe benefit amount. [Clinical services such as dental services, purchased on a contractual basis will be considered allowable and not subject to the clinical standard if the services are not uniformly provided by all RTFs and thus not considered by the Commissioner in the establishment of the approved staffing levels.]

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Allowable per diem operating costs in the category of other than clinical care are limited to the lesser of the reported costs or a standard amount.

The standard amounts for the [clinical and other than clinical] <u>C/DC and AMS</u> categories are computed as follows. For RTFs located in the New York City metropolitan statistical area and Nassau and Suffolk counties the standard is: the sum of 50 percent of the average per diem cost for all RTFs in this geographic area and 50 percent of the average per diem cost for all RTFs in the state; increased by seven and one half percent. For RTFs located outside the New York City metropolitan statistical area and Nassau and Suffolk counties the standard is: the sum of 50 percent of the average per diem cost for all RTFs located outside the New York City metropolitan statistical area and Nassau and Suffolk Counties and 50 percent of the average per diem cost for all RTFs in the state; increased by seven and one half percent.

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Allowable operating costs as determined in the preceding paragraphs [will be increased annually by the Medicare inflation factor for hospitals and units excluded from the prospective payment system except for the rate periods effective July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, where no inflation factor will be used to trend costs. Effective January 1, 2015, allowable operating costs] will be trended by the Medicare inflation factor.

2. CAPITAL COSTS

To allowable operating costs are added allowable capital costs. Allowable capital costs are determined by the application of principles developed for determining reasonable cost payments under the Medicare program. Allowable capital costs include an allowance for depreciation and interest. To be allowable, capital expenditures which are subject to the Office of Mental Health's [certificate of need] Prior Approval Review (PAR) procedures must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Mental Health.

Transfer of Ownership

In establishing an appropriate allowance for depreciation and for interest on capital indebtedness and (if applicable) a return on equity capital with respect to an asset of a hospital which has undergone a change of ownership, that the valuation of the asset after such change of ownership [shall] will be the lesser of the allowable acquisition cost of such asset to the owner of record as of July 18, 1984 (or, in the case of an asset not in existence as of such date, the first owner of record of the asset after such date), or the acquisition cost of such asset to the new owner.

3. APPEALS

The Commissioner may consider requests for rate revisions which are based on errors in the calculation of the rate or [in the data submitted by the facility or] based on significant changes in [operating] costs resulting from changes in: [service, programs, or shall

- <u>Capital projects approved by the Commissioner in connection with OMH's [certificate of need] PAR procedures.</u>
- OMH approved changes in staffing plans submitted to DOH in a form as determined by the DOH.
- OMH approved changes in capacity approved by the Commissioner in connect with OMH's PAR procedures;
- Other rate revisions may be based on [additional staffing] require[d]ments to meet accreditation standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, or other Federal or State mandated requirements resulting in increased costs.

Revised rates <u>will utilize existing facility cost reports</u>, adjusted as necessary. The rates of payment will be subject to total allowable costs, total allowable days, staffing standards as approved by the Commissioner, and a limitation on operating expenses as <u>determined by the Commissioner</u>. These rates must be certified by the Commissioners of <u>OMH and DOH</u> and approved by the Director of the Budget.

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4. NEW RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES WITH INADEQUATE COST EXPERIENCE

Rates of payment for a <u>new</u> residential treatment facility with inadequate cost experience [shall] <u>will</u> be determined on the basis of satisfactory cost projections as submitted to the Commissioner. The rate of payment [shall] <u>will</u> [take into consideration] <u>be subject to</u> total allowable costs, total allowable days, [and shall be subject to] staffing standards as approved by the Commissioner, and a limitation on operating expenses as determined by the Commissioner.

Financial reports, reflecting actual cost and statistical information, in a form prescribed by the Commissioner, [shall] will be required within one hundred twenty days following the first six month period during which the Residential Treatment Facility has operated at an average utilization of at least ninety percent or one year after the first resident was admitted to the Residential Treatment Facility, whichever event occurs earlier. The Commissioner may, at his discretion, utilize this cost report to adjust the RTF's budget-based rate of payment to more accurately reflect the costs of operating the facility. In any event, the Commissioner will calculate a cost-based rate for the facility no later than two years after the facility has opened.

5. DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE ADJUSTMENT

<u>Due to State's reliance on Section 1923(e) of the Social Security Act, the reimbursement methodology for residential treatment centers for children and youth does not include a disproportionate share adjustment.</u>

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[year after the first resident was admitted to the Residential Treatment Facility, whichever event occurs earlier. The Commissioner may, at his discretion, utilize this cost report to adjust the RTF's budget-based rate of payment to more accurately reflect the costs of operating the facility. In any event, the Commissioner will calculate a cost-based rate for the facility no later than two years after the facility has opened, unless the Commissioner determines that the facility has not achieved the status of a stable, ongoing operation with reliable cost information, in which case the budget based rate will be continued, adjusted as necessary, for updated budget projections as appropriate.

5. REDUCED PAYMENT FOR INAPPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE

Effective twelve months after the date the RTF submits financial reports reflecting actual operating costs or two years after the RTF begins operating, whichever is earlier, if it is determined by a utilization review committee that a Medicaid recipient no longer requires inpatient psychiatric hospital services but must remain in the RTF because a medically necessary long term care bed is not available in the community, and it is determined by the Commissioner that there is a significant excess of operational beds at the RTF or in the RTFs located in the OMH region in which the RTF is located, the RTF will be reimbursed at a rate equal to the average Medicaid skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility rate within the State, as appropriate, at the time such services are furnished. For purposes of this paragraph, a significant excess of operational beds exists if the occupancy rate for the RTF for the most recently reported twelve month period is less than 80 percent in the case of RTFs with certified bed capacities greater than 20 beds or 60 percent in the case of RTFs with certified bed capacities of 20 beds or less, as stated on the operating certificate issued by the Office of Mental Health. A significant excess of operational bed exists in an OMH region if the overall occupancy rate for RTFs in the region is less than the weighted average of 80 percent for RTFs in the region with certified bed capacities greater than 20 beds and 60 percent for RTFs in the region with certified bed capacities of 20 beds or less. The occupancy rate shall be determined without including alternate care days. The determination of average occupancy rate for RTFs in the region is applied to each of the five geographical OMH regions and is based on RTFs which are subject to the provisions of this section and which are located within the same OMH Region.

Alternate care determinations must be reported to the Office of Mental Health on such forms and in such manner as shall be prescribed by OMH. OMH will notify providers of procedures for collecting and reporting data prior to the effective date of the reduced payment provision.]

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[Due to State's reliance on Section 1923(e) of the Social Security Act, the reimbursement methodology for residential treatment centers for children and youth does not include a disproportionate share adjustment.]

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[A "disproportionate share hospital" for purposes of receiving additional disproportionate share payments under this provision is any hospital which furnishes medical or remedial care to a qualified low-income person without expectation of payment from the person due to the patient's inability to pay as documented by his or her having met the income and resource standards for Home Relief benefits as set forth above. In addition, a "disproportionate share hospital" (except hospitals serving an in-patient population predominantly composed of persons under 18 years of age and hospitals which did not offer non-emergency obstetrical care on or before December 21, 1987) must have at least two obstetricians with staff privileges who have agreed to provide obstetrical care and services to Medicaid-eligible patients on a non-emergency basis.

The amount of this disproportionate share adjustment will vary by hospital and reflect the dollar amount of payments from the State to the hospital for services provided to low income patients. For each hospital such adjustments shall be paid in the normal Medicaid payment process and according to established rates or fees. To receive payment of this adjustment each hospital must submit a claim in the form and manner specified by this Department.

For purposes of calculating disproportionate share (DSH) distributions pursuant to this section, if the hospital receiving the distribution is a public hospital (operated by the State, a city, county or other municipal subdivision), then the payments determined hereunder are further limited. Unless the hospital qualifies as a "high DSH" facility (as defined below), payments made during a distribution period shall not exceed the cost incurred by the hospital for furnishing hospital services to Medicaid recipients less non-DSH reimbursement and to uninsured patients less patient payments. In the case of a hospital defined as "high-DSH", payments made during a distribution period shall be limited to 200 percent of the amount described in the previous sentence. To be considered a "high-DSH' facility, a hospital must have a Medicaid inpatient utilization rate of at least one standard deviation above the mean Medicaid inpatient utilization rate for hospitals receiving Medicaid payments in the State, or have the largest number of Medicaid inpatient days of any hospital in the State in the previous distribution period. Previous years' data for both uninsured and Medicaid cost and payments shall be used to estimate the limitation. A cost determination of both the uninsured and the Medicaid inpatient costs shall be made upon receipt of an appropriate report.]

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Appendix II 2020 Title XIX State Plan Third Quarter Amendment Summary

SUMMARY SPA #20-0062

This State Plan Amendment proposes to make revisions to the Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) language to clarify (1) reimbursement methodologies, particularly with regards to facilities who experience changes in capacity, open a new RTF; and (2) methods for smooth transition of services or closure of facilities.

Appendix III 2020 Title XIX State Plan Third Quarter Amendment Authorizing Provisions

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New York State Mental Hygiene Law §43.02: Rates of methods of payment for services at facilities subject to licensure or certification by the office of mental health, the office for people with developmental disabilities or the office alcoholism and substance abuse services

- (a) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, payment made by government agencies pursuant to title eleven of article five of the social services law for services provided by any facility licensed by the office of mental health pursuant to article thirty-one of this chapter or certified by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services pursuant to this chapter to provide inpatient chemical dependence services, as defined in section 1.03 of this chapter, shall be at rates or fees certified by the commissioner of the respective office and approved by the director of the division of the budget, provided, however, the commissioner of mental health shall annually certify such rates or fees which may vary for distinct geographical areas of the state and, provided, further, that rates or fees for service for inpatient psychiatric services or inpatient chemical dependence services, at hospitals otherwise licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health law shall be established in accordance with section two thousand eight hundred seven of the public health law and, provided, further, that rates or fees for services provided by any facility or program licensed, operated or approved by the office for people with developmental disabilities, shall be certified by the commissioner of health; provided, however, that such methodologies shall be subject to approval by the office for people with developmental disabilities and shall take into account the policies and goals of such office.
- (b) Operators of facilities licensed by the office of mental health pursuant to article thirty-one of this chapter, licensed by the office for people with developmental disabilities pursuant to article sixteen of this chapter or certified by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services pursuant to this chapter to provide inpatient chemical dependence services shall provide to the commissioner of the respective office such financial, statistical and program information as the commissioner may determine to be necessary. The commissioner of the appropriate office shall have the power to conduct on-site audits of books and records of such facilities.
- (c) The commissioner of the office of mental health, the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities and the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this section. Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, provisions relating to:
- (i) the establishment of a uniform statewide system of reports and audits relating to the quality of care provided, facility utilization and costs of providing services; such a uniform statewide system may provide for appropriate variation in the application of the system to different classes or subclasses of facilities licensed by the office of mental health pursuant to article thirty-one of this chapter or licensed or operated by the office for people with developmental disabilities pursuant to article sixteen of this chapter, or certified by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services pursuant to this chapter to provide inpatient chemical dependence services; and
- (ii) methodologies used in the establishment of the schedules of rates or fees pursuant to this section provided, however, that the commissioner of health shall adopt rules and regulations including methodologies developed by him or her for services provided by any facility or program licensed, operated or

approved by the office for people with developmental disabilities; provided, however, that such rules and regulations shall be subject to the approval of the office for people with developmental disabilities and shall take into account the policies and goals of such office.

Appendix IV 2020 Title XIX State Plan Third Quarter Amendment Public Notice

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES/HEARINGS

Notice of Abandoned Property Received by the State Comptroller

Pursuant to provisions of the Abandoned Property Law and related laws, the Office of the State Comptroller receives unclaimed monies and other property deemed abandoned. A list of the names and last known addresses of the entitled owners of this abandoned property is maintained by the office in accordance with Section 1401 of the Abandoned Property Law. Interested parties may inquire if they appear on the Abandoned Property Listing by contacting the Office of Unclaimed Funds, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at:

1-800-221-9311 or visit our web site at: www.osc.state.ny.us

Claims for abandoned property must be filed with the New York State Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds as provided in Section 1406 of the Abandoned Property Law. For further information contact: Office of the State Comptroller, Office of Unclaimed Funds, 110 State St., Albany, NY 12236.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Health

Pursuant to 42 CFR Section 447.205, the Department of Health hereby gives public notice of the following:

The Department of Health proposes to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for institutional services. The following changes are proposed:

Institutional Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2020 this provision proposes to revise Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) language to clarify (1) reimbursement methodologies, particularly with regards to facilities who experience changes in capacity, open a new RTF; and (2) methods for smooth transition of services or closure of facilities.

There is no additional estimated annual change to gross Medicaid expenditures as a result of this proposed amendment.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment, a copy of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state_plans/status. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

For the New York City district, copies will be available at the following places:

New York County 250 Church Street New York, New York 10018

Queens County, Queens Center 3220 Northern Boulevard Long Island City, New York 11101

Kings County, Fulton Center 114 Willoughby Street Brooklyn, New York 11201

Bronx County, Tremont Center 1916 Monterey Avenue Bronx, New York 10457

Richmond County, Richmond Center 95 Central Avenue, St. George Staten Island, New York 10301

For further information and to review and comment, please contact: Department of Health, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, 99 Washington Ave., One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1432, Albany, New York 12210, e-mail: spa_inquiries@health.ny.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Health

Pursuant to 42 CFR Section 447.205, the Department of Health hereby gives public notice of the following:

The Department of Health proposes to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to comply with Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2018. The following changes are proposed: Non-Institutional Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2020, this proposes to clarify existing State Plan language related to targeted Medicaid support for personal care in rural areas of the State.

There is no additional estimated annual change to gross Medicaid expenditures as a result of this proposed amendment.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment, a copy of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state_plans/status. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

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For further information and to review and comment, please contact: Department of Health, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, 99 Washington Ave., One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1432, Albany, NY 12210, e-mail: spa_inquiries@health.ny.gov

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Department of Health

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The Department of Health proposes to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to comply with enacted statutory provisions. The following changes are proposed:

Non-Institutional Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2020 in accordance with Sections 368-d and 368-e of the Social Services Law, the Department of Health proposes to request federal CMS approval to extend utilization of certified public expenditures (CPEs) reimbursement methodology for School Supportive Health Services through June 30, 2023.

There is no additional estimated annual change to gross Medicaid expenditures as a result of the proposed amendment.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment, a copy of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state_plans/status. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of State F-2020-0007

Date of Issuance – June 24, 2020

The New York State Department of State (DOS) is required by Federal regulations to provide timely public notice for the activities described below, which are subject to the consistency provisions of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the approved New York State Coastal Management Program. The applicant's consistency certification and accompanying public information and data are available for inspection on the New York State Department of State's website at: http://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/programs/pdfs/Consistency/F-2020-0007.pdf

In F-2020-0007, or the "West Meadow Creek Shoreline Stabilization Project", the applicants – Chuni-Lal Ruder and Usha C. Ruder – propose to replace a failed living shoreline with a hybrid living shoreline incorporating a stone revetment toe with maritime plantings above Spring High Water. In addition, the applicants propose to repair/replacement in kind and in place of the existing timber stairs and footings to restore beach access. The purpose is to reduce severe bank erosion and restore native plantings in and adjacent to the coastal zone along West Meadow Creek Proposed repair replacement in kind and in place of damaged timber stairs and footings to restore beach access.

The project is located at 24 Night Heron Drive in the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County on West Meadow Creek.

Any interested parties and/or agencies desiring to express their views concerning the above proposed activities may do so by filing their comments, in writing, no later than 4:30 p.m., 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, or, July 9, 2020.

Comments should be addressed to Department of State, Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure, Consistency Review Unit, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231, (518) 474-6000, Fax (518) 473-2464. Electronic submissions can be made by email at: CR@dos.ny.gov

This notice is promulgated in accordance with Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 930.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of State F-2020-0158

Date of Issuance – June 24, 2020

The New York State Department of State (DOS) is required by Federal regulations to provide timely public notice for the activities described below, which are subject to the consistency provisions of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972, as amended.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activities comply with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the federally approved New York State Coastal Management Program (NYSCMP). The applicant's consistency certification and accompanying public information and data are available for inspection at the New York State Department of State offices located at One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, in Albany, New York.

In F-2020-0158 the applicant, Shannon Harris, is proposing to remove an existing 210-foot long seawall and replace it with a precast concrete block seawall that is approximately 208 linear feet, 1.5-3' taller than the existing, and is placed a maximum of 10' in front of the existing. This new seawall will have tie backs, geogrid, and earthwork to secure it. This project is located at the 123 River Road, Town of Esopus, Ulster County, Hudson River.

The applicant's consistency certification and supporting information are available for review at: http://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/programs/pdfs/Consistency/F-2020-0158.pdf

The proposed activity would be located within or has the potential to affect the following Special Management or Regulated Area(s):

- Town of Esopus Local Waterfront Revitalization Program: https://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/programs/lwrp.html
- Estates District Scenic Area of Statewide Significance: https://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/programs/HudsonSASS/Hudson%20River%20Valley%20SASS.pdf

Any interested parties and/or agencies desiring to express their views concerning any of the above proposed activities may do so by filing their comments, in writing, no later than 4:30 p.m., 30 days from the date of publication of this notice or July 24, 2020.

Appendix V 2020 Title XIX State Plan Third Quarter Amendment Responses to Standard Funding Questions

APPENDIX V HOSPITAL SERVICES State Plan Amendment #20-0062

CMS Standard Funding Questions (NIRT Standard Funding Questions)

The following questions are being asked and should be answered in relation to all payments made to all providers under Attachment 4.19-A of the state plan.

1. Section 1903(a)(1) provides that Federal matching funds are only available for expenditures made by States for services under the approved State plan. Do providers receive and retain the total Medicaid expenditures claimed by the State (includes normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced payments, other) or is any portion of the payments returned to the State, local governmental entity, or any other intermediary organization? If providers are required to return any portion of payments, please provide a full description of the repayment process. Include in your response a full description of the methodology for the return of any of the amount or percentage of payments that are returned and the disposition and use of the funds once they are returned to the State (i.e., general fund, medical services account, etc.)

Response: Providers do retain the payments made pursuant to this amendment. However, this requirement in no way prohibits the public provider, including county providers, from reimbursing the sponsoring local government for appropriate expenses incurred by the local government on behalf of the public provider. The State does not regulate the financial relationships that exist between public health care providers and their sponsoring governments, which are extremely varied and complex. Local governments may provide direct and/or indirect monetary subsidies to their public providers to cover ongoing unreimbursed operational expenses and assure achievement of their mission as primary safety net providers. Examples of appropriate expenses may include payments to the local government which include reimbursement for debt service paid on a provider's behalf, reimbursement for Medicare Part B premiums paid for a provider's retirees, reimbursement for contractually required health benefit fund payments made on a provider's behalf, and payment for overhead expenses as allocated per federal Office of Management and Budget Circular 2 CFR 200 regarding Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments. The existence of such transfers should in no way negate the legitimacy of these facilities' Medicaid payments or result in reduced Medicaid federal financial participation for the State. This position was further supported by CMS in review and approval of SPA 07-07C when an on-site audit of these transactions for New York City's Health and Hospitals Corporation was completed with satisfactory results.

2. Section 1902(a)(2) provides that the lack of adequate funds from local sources will not result in lowering the amount, duration, scope, or quality of care and services available under the plan. Please describe how the state share of each type of Medicaid payment (normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced, other) is funded. Please describe whether the state share is from appropriations from the legislature to the Medicaid agency, through

intergovernmental transfer agreements (IGTs), certified public expenditures (CPEs), provider taxes, or any other mechanism used by the state to provide state share. Note that, if the appropriation is not to the Medicaid agency, the source of the state share would necessarily be derived through either an IGT or CPE. In this case, please identify the agency to which the funds are appropriated. Please provide an estimate of total expenditure and State share amounts for each type of Medicaid payment. If any of the non-federal share is being provided using IGTs or CPEs, please fully describe the matching arrangement including when the state agency receives the transferred amounts from the local government entity transferring the funds. If CPEs are used, please describe the methodology used by the state to verify that the total expenditures being certified are eligible for Federal matching funds in accordance with 42 CFR 433.51(b). For any payment funded by CPEs or IGTs, please provide the following:

- (i) a complete list of the names of entities transferring or certifying funds;
- (ii) the operational nature of the entity (state, county, city, other);
- (iii) the total amounts transferred or certified by each entity;
- (iv) clarify whether the certifying or transferring entity has general taxing authority; and,
- (v) whether the certifying or transferring entity received appropriations (identify level of appropriations).

Response: Payments made to service providers under the provisions of this SPA are funded through a budget appropriation in the Office of Mental Health, that is received by the State agency that oversees medical assistance (Medicaid), which is the Department of Health.

The source of the appropriation is the Office of Mental Health General Fund Local Assistance Account.

There have been no new provider taxes and no existing taxes have been modified.

3. Section 1902(a)(30) requires that payments for services be consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. Section 1903(a)(1) provides for Federal financial participation to States for expenditures for services under an approved State plan. If supplemental or enhanced payments are made, please provide the total amount for each type of supplemental or enhanced payment made to each provider type.

Response: The payments authorized for this provision are not supplemental or enhanced payments.

4. Please provide a detailed description of the methodology used by the state to estimate the upper payment limit (UPL) for each class of providers (State owned or operated, non-state government owned or operated, and privately owned or operated). Please provide a current (i.e. applicable to the current rate year) UPL demonstration. Under regulations at 42 CFR 447.272, States are prohibited

from setting payment rates for Medicaid inpatient services that exceed a reasonable estimate of the amount that would be paid under Medicare payment principals.

Response: This SPA is not contingent on the UPL.

5. Does any governmental provider receive payments that in the aggregate (normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced, other) exceed their reasonable costs of providing services? If payments exceed the cost of services, do you recoup the excess and return the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report?

Response: The rate methodology included in the approved State Plan for institutional services is prospective payment. We are unaware of any requirement under current federal law or regulation that limits individual provider payments to their actual costs.

ACA Assurances:

1. <u>Maintenance of Effort (MOE)</u>. Under section 1902(gg) of the Social Security Act (the Act), as amended by the Affordable Care Act, as a condition of receiving <u>any</u> Federal payments under the Medicaid program <u>during the MOE period</u> indicated below, the State shall <u>not</u> have in effect any eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures in its Medicaid program which are more restrictive than such eligibility provisions as in effect in its Medicaid program on March 10, 2010.

MOE Period.

- Begins on: March 10, 2010, and
- Ends on: The date the Secretary of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services determines an Exchange established by a State under the provisions of section 1311 of the Affordable Care Act is fully operational.

Response: 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. Section 1905(y) and (z) of the Act provides for increased FMAPs for expenditures made on or after January 1, 2014 for individuals determined eligible under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Act. Under section 1905(cc) of the Act, the increased FMAP under sections 1905(y) and (z) would not be available for States that 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.

<u>Prior to January 1, 2014</u> States may potentially require contributions by local political subdivisions toward the non-Federal share of the States' expenditures at percentages <u>greater than</u> were required on December 31, 2009. <u>However</u>, because of the provisions of section 1905(cc) of the Act, it is important to determine and document/flag any SPAs/State plans which have such greater

percentages prior to the January 1, 2014 date in order to <u>anticipate potential</u> <u>violations and/or appropriate corrective actions</u> by the States and the Federal government.

Response: This SPA would [] / would not [\checkmark] violate these provisions, if they remained in effect on or after January 1, 2014.

3. Please indicate whether the State is currently in conformance with the requirements of section 1902(a)(37) of the Act regarding prompt payment of claims.

Response: The State does comply with the requirements of section 1902(a)(37) of the Act regarding prompt payment of claims.

Tribal Assurance:

Section 1902(a)(73) of the Social Security Act the Act requires a State in which one or more Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnish health care services to establish a process for the State Medicaid agency to seek advice on a regular ongoing basis from designees of Indian health programs whether operated by the Indian Health Service HIS Tribes or Tribal organizations under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act ISDEAA or Urban Indian Organizations under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

IHCIA Section 2107(e)(I) of the Act was also amended to apply these requirements to the Children's Health Insurance Program CHIP. Consultation is required concerning Medicaid and CHIP matters having a direct impact on Indian health programs and Urban Indian organizations.

- a) Please describe the process the State uses to seek advice on a regular ongoing basis from federally recognized tribes Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations on matters related to Medicaid and CHIP programs and for consultation on State Plan Amendments waiver proposals waiver extensions waiver amendments waiver renewals and proposals for demonstration projects prior to submission to CMS.
- b) Please include information about the frequency inclusiveness and process for seeking such advice.
- c) Please describe the consultation process that occurred specifically for the development and submission of this State Plan Amendment when it occurred and who was involved.

Response: Tribal consultation was performed in accordance with the State's tribal consultation policy as approved in SPA 17-0065, and documentation of such is included with this submission. To date, no feedback has been received from any tribal representative in response to the proposed change in this SPA.