



Department of Health

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

December 30, 2025

Todd McMillion
Director
Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
233 North Michigan Ave, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: SPA #25-0065
Inpatient Hospital Services

Dear Director McMillion:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #25-0065 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for inpatient hospital services to be effective October 1, 2025 (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.

Notices of the changes in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for general hospital inpatient services were given in the *New York State Register* on September 24, 2025, and October 29, 2025. Copies of pertinent sections of enacted legislation are 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,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Amir Bassiri.

Amir Bassiri
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 5 — 0 0 6 5

2. STATE

N Y3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT

XIX



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TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

October 01, 2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

§ 1905(a)(1) Inpatient Hospital Services

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 10/01/25-09/30/26 \$ 42,596,714b. FFY 10/01/26-09/30/27 \$ 36,355,832

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-A Part I Page: 136(b)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Attachment 4.19-A Part I Page: 136(b)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Safety Net/VAP- Bassett, Calvary, Community Memorial and Buffalo General

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT



COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED



NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL



OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

Amir Bassiri

13. TITLE

Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

December 30, 2025

15. RETURN TO

New York State Department of Health
Division of Finance and Rate Setting
99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza
Suite 1432
Albany, NY 12210**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED

17. DATE APPROVED

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

22. REMARKS

Appendix I
2025 Title XIX State Plan
Fourth Quarter Amendment
Amended SPA Pages

**New York
136(b)**

1905(a)(1) Inpatient Hospital Services

- b. Temporary rate adjustments have been approved for the following hospital providers in the amounts and for the effective periods listed:

Hospitals:

Provider Name	Gross Medicaid Rate Adjustment	Rate Period Effective
<u>Bassett Medical Center</u>	<u>\$11,824,784</u>	<u>10/01/2025 – 03/31/2026</u>
	<u>\$11,824,784</u>	<u>04/01/2026 – 03/31/2027</u>
	<u>\$11,824,784</u>	<u>04/01/2027 – 03/31/2028</u>
Brookdale Hospital Medical Center	\$ 88,248,783	03/01/2023 – 03/31/2023
	\$106,344,546	04/01/2023 – 03/31/2024
	\$120,401,180	04/01/2024 – 03/31/2025
<u>Buffalo General Medical Center</u>	<u>\$26,000,000</u>	<u>11/01/2025 – 03/31/2026</u>
	<u>\$52,000,000</u>	<u>04/01/2026 – 03/31/2027</u>
	<u>\$52,000,000</u>	<u>04/01/2027 – 03/31/2028</u>
<u>Calvary Hospital</u>	<u>\$4,600,000</u>	<u>10/01/2025 – 03/31/2026</u>
	<u>\$4,600,000</u>	<u>04/01/2026 – 03/31/2027</u>
	<u>\$4,600,000</u>	<u>04/01/2027 – 03/31/2028</u>
Catskill Regional Medical Center	\$3,514,212	01/01/2023 – 03/31/2023
	\$3,514,212	04/01/2023 – 03/31/2024
	\$3,514,212	04/01/2024 – 03/31/2025
<u>Community Memorial Hospital</u>	<u>\$6,026,241</u>	<u>10/01/2025 – 03/31/2026</u>
	<u>\$5,060,023</u>	<u>04/01/2026 – 03/31/2027</u>
	<u>\$3,513,736</u>	<u>04/01/2027 – 03/31/2028</u>
Eastern Niagara Hospital	\$666,667	08/19/2021 – 09/30/2021
	\$666,667	10/01/2021 – 12/31/2021
	\$666,667	01/01/2022 – 03/31/2022
	\$1,000,000	04/01/2022 – 06/30/2022
	\$1,000,000	07/01/2022 – 09/30/2022

*Denotes this provider is a Critical Access Hospital (CAH).

TN # 25-0065 _____

Approval Date: _____

Superseding TN # 23-0021 _____

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Appendix II
2025 Title XIX State Plan
Fourth Quarter Amendment
Summary

SUMMARY
SPA #25-0065

This State Plan Amendment proposes awarding \$35,474,352 to Bassett Medical Center, \$13,800,000 to Calvary Hospital, and \$14,600,000 to Community Memorial Hospital to be paid over a three-year period beginning 10/1/2025 and ending 3/31/2028. Additionally, \$130,000,000 will be provided to Buffalo General Medical Center to be paid over a three-year period beginning 11/1/2025 and ending 3/31/2028. This funding will support these providers' strategic plans to stabilize cash flow and ensure long-term sustainability by investing in practice transformation and expansion efforts, enhancing each organization's financial stability.

Appendix III
2025 Title XIX State Plan
Fourth Quarter Amendment
Authorizing Provisions

Public Health Law

§ 2826. Temporary adjustment to reimbursement rates.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, within funds appropriated and subject to the availability of federal financial participation, the commissioner may grant approval of a temporary adjustment to the non-capital components of rates, or make temporary lump-sum Medicaid payments, to eligible general hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, clinics and home care providers, provided however, that should federal financial participation not be available for any eligible provider, then payments pursuant to this subdivision may be made as grants and shall not be deemed to be medical assistance payments.

(b) Eligible providers shall include:

(i) providers undergoing closure;

(ii) providers impacted by the closure of other health care providers;

(iii) providers subject to mergers, acquisitions, consolidations or restructuring; or

(iv) providers impacted by the merger, acquisition, consolidation or restructuring of other health care providers.

(c) Providers seeking temporary rate adjustments under this section shall demonstrate through submission of a written proposal to the commissioner that the additional resources provided by a temporary rate adjustment will achieve one or more of the following:

(i) protect or enhance access to care;

(ii) protect or enhance quality of care;

(iii) improve the cost effectiveness of the delivery of health care services; or

(iv) otherwise protect or enhance the health care delivery system, as determined by the commissioner.

(c-1) The commissioner, under applications submitted to the department pursuant to subdivision (d) of this section, shall consider criteria that includes, but is not limited to:

(i) Such applicant's financial condition as evidenced by operating margins, negative fund balance or negative equity position;

(ii) The extent to which such applicant fulfills or will fulfill an unmet health care need for acute inpatient, outpatient, primary or residential health care services in a community;

(iii) The extent to which such application will involve savings to the Medicaid program;

(iv) The quality of the application as evidenced by such application's long term solutions for such applicant to achieve sustainable health care services, improving the quality of patient care, and/or transforming the delivery of health care services to meet community needs;

(v) The extent to which such applicant is geographically isolated in relation to other providers; or

(vi) The extent to which such applicant provides services to an underserved area in relation to other providers.

(d) (i) Such written proposal shall be submitted to the commissioner at least sixty days prior to the requested effective date of the temporary rate adjustment, and shall include a proposed budget to achieve the goals of the proposal. Any Medicaid payment issued pursuant to this section shall be in effect for a specified period of time as determined by the commissioner, of up to three years. At the end of the specified timeframe such payments or adjustments to the non-capital component of rates shall cease, and the provider shall be reimbursed in accordance with the otherwise applicable rate-setting methodology as set forth in applicable statutes and regulations. The commissioner may establish, as a condition of receiving such temporary rate adjustments or grants, benchmarks and goals to be achieved in conformity with the provider's written proposal as approved by the commissioner and may also require that the facility submit such periodic reports concerning the achievement of such benchmarks and goals as the commissioner deems necessary. Failure to achieve satisfactory progress, as determined by the commissioner, in accomplishing such benchmarks and goals shall be a basis for ending the facility's temporary rate adjustment or grant prior to the end of the specified timeframe. (ii) The commissioner may require that applications submitted pursuant to this section be submitted in response to and in accordance with a Request For Applications or a Request For Proposals issued by the commissioner.

(e) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, general hospitals defined as critical access hospitals pursuant to title XVIII of the federal social security act shall be allocated no less than seven million five hundred thousand dollars annually pursuant to this section. The department of health shall provide a report to the governor and legislature no later than June first, two thousand fifteen providing recommendations on how to ensure the financial stability of, and preserve patient access to, critical access hospitals, including an examination of permanent Medicaid rate methodology changes.

(e-1) Thirty days prior to executing an allocation or modification to an allocation made pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall provide written notice to the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee with regards to the intent to distribute such funds. Such notice shall include, but not be limited to, information on the methodology used to distribute the funds, the facility specific allocations of the funds, any facility specific project descriptions or requirements for receiving such funds, the

multi-year impacts of these allocations, and the availability of federal matching funds. The commissioner shall provide quarterly reports to the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee on the distribution and disbursement of such funds.

Within sixty days of the effectiveness of this subdivision, the commissioner shall provide a written report to the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee on all awards made pursuant to this section prior to the effectiveness of this subdivision, including all information that is required to be included in the notice requirements of this subdivision.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and subject to federal financial participation, no less than ten million dollars shall be allocated to providers described in this subdivision; provided, however that if federal financial participation is unavailable for any eligible provider, or for any potential investment under this subdivision then the non-federal share of payments pursuant to this subdivision may be made as state grants.

(i) Providers serving rural areas as such term is defined in section two thousand nine hundred fifty-one of this chapter, including but not limited to hospitals, residential health care facilities, diagnostic and treatment centers, ambulatory surgery centers and clinics shall be eligible for enhanced payments or reimbursement under a supplemental rate methodology for the purpose of promoting access and improving the quality of care.

(ii) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and subject to federal financial participation, essential community providers, which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean a provider that offers health services within a defined and isolated geographic region where such services would otherwise be unavailable to the population of such region, shall be eligible for enhanced payments or reimbursement under a supplemental rate methodology for the purpose of promoting access and improving quality of care. Eligible providers under this paragraph may include, but are not limited to, hospitals, residential health care facilities, diagnostic and treatment centers, ambulatory surgery centers and clinics.

(iii) In making such payments the commissioner may contemplate the extent to which any such provider receives assistance under subdivision

(a) of this section and may require such provider to submit a written proposal demonstrating that the need for monies under this subdivision exceeds monies otherwise distributed pursuant to this section.

(iv) Payments under this subdivision may include, but not be limited to, temporary rate adjustments, lump sum Medicaid

payments, supplemental rate methodologies and any other payments as determined by the commissioner.

(v) Payments under this subdivision shall be subject to approval by the director of the budget.

(vi) The commissioner may promulgate regulations to effectuate the provisions of this subdivision.

(vii) Thirty days prior to adopting or applying a methodology or procedure for making an allocation or modification to an allocation made pursuant to this subdivision, the commissioner shall provide written notice to the chairs of the senate finance committee, the assembly ways and means committee, and the senate and assembly health committees with regard to the intent to adopt or apply the methodology or procedure, including a detailed explanation of the methodology or procedure.

(viii) Thirty days prior to executing an allocation or modification to an allocation made pursuant to this subdivision, the commissioner shall provide written notice to the chairs of the senate finance committee, the assembly ways and means committee, and the senate and assembly health committees with regard to the intent to distribute such funds.

Such notice shall include, but not be limited to, information on the methodology used to distribute the funds, the facility specific allocations of the funds, any facility specific project descriptions or requirements for receiving such funds, the multi-year impacts of these allocations, and the availability of federal matching funds. The commissioner shall provide quarterly reports to the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee

on the distribution and disbursement of such funds.

(g) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of this section, and within amounts appropriated for such purposes as described herein, the commissioner may award a temporary adjustment to the non-capital components of rates, or make temporary lump-sum Medicaid payments to eligible facilities with serious financial instability and requiring extraordinary financial assistance to enable such facilities to maintain operations and vital services while such facilities establish long term solutions to achieve sustainable health services. Provided, however, the commissioner is authorized to make such a temporary adjustment or make such temporary lump sum payment only pursuant to criteria, an application, and an evaluation process acceptable to the commissioner in consultation with the director of the division of the budget. The department shall publish on its website the criteria, application, and evaluation process and notification of any award recipients.

(i) Eligible facilities shall include:

(A) a public hospital, which for purposes of this subdivision, shall mean a general hospital operated by a county, municipality or a public benefit corporation;

(B) a federally designated critical access hospital;
(C) a federally designated sole community hospital;
(D) a residential health care facility;
(E) a general hospital that is a safety net hospital,
which for purpose of this subdivision shall mean:

(1) such hospital has at least thirty percent of its inpatient discharges made up of Medicaid eligible individuals, uninsured individuals or Medicaid dually eligible individuals and with at least thirty-five percent of its outpatient visits made up of Medicaid eligible individuals, uninsured individuals or Medicaid dually-eligible individuals; or

(2) such hospital serves at least thirty percent of the residents of a county or a multi-county area who are Medicaid eligible individuals, uninsured individuals or Medicaid dually-eligible individuals; or

(3) such hospital that, in the discretion of the commissioner, serves a significant population of Medicaid eligible individuals, uninsured individuals or Medicaid dually-eligible individuals; or

(F) an independent practice association or accountable care organization authorized under applicable regulations that participate in managed care provider network arrangements with any of the provider types in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of this paragraph; or an entity that was formed as a preferred provider system pursuant to the delivery system reform incentive payment (DSRIP) program and collaborated with an independent practice association that received VBP innovator status from the department for purposes of meeting DSRIP goals, and which preferred provider system remains operational as an integrated care system.

(ii) Eligible applicants must demonstrate that without such award, they will be in serious financial instability, as evidenced by:

(A) certification that such applicant has less than fifteen days cash and equivalents;

(B) such applicant has no assets that can be monetized other than those vital to operations; and

(C) such applicant has exhausted all efforts to obtain resources from corporate parents and affiliated entities to sustain operations.

(iii) Awards under this subdivision shall be made upon application to the department.

(A) Eligible applicants shall submit a completed application to the department.

(B) The department may authorize initial award payments to eligible applicants based solely on the criteria pursuant to paragraphs

(i) and

(ii) of this subdivision.

(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the department may suspend or repeal an award if an eligible applicant fails to submit a multi-year transformation plan pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph that is acceptable to the department by no later than the thirtieth day of September two thousand fifteen.

(D) Applicants under this subdivision shall detail the extent to which the affected community has been engaged and consulted on potential projects of such application, as well as any outreach to stakeholders and health plans.

(E) The department shall review all applications under this subdivision, and determine:

- (1) applicant eligibility;
- (2) each applicant's projected financial status;
- (3) criteria or requirements upon which an award of funds shall be

conditioned, such as a transformation plan, savings plan or quality improvement plan. In the event the department requires an applicant to enter into an agreement or contract with a vendor or contractor, the department shall approve the selected vendor or contractor but shall not specify the vendor or contractor that the applicant must utilize; and

- (4) the anticipated impact of the loss of such services.

(F) After review of all applications under this subdivision, and a determination of the aggregate amount of requested funds, the department may make awards to eligible applicants; provided, however, that such

awards may be in an amount lower than such requested funding, on a per applicant or aggregate basis.

- (iv) Awards under this subdivision may not be used for:

(A) capital expenditures, including, but not limited to: construction, renovation and acquisition of capital equipment, including major medical equipment; or

- (B) bankruptcy-related costs.

(v) Payments made to awardees pursuant to this subdivision that are made on a monthly basis will be based on the applicant's actual monthly financial performance during such period and the reasonable cash amount necessary to sustain operations for the following month. The applicant's monthly financial performance shall be measured by such applicant's monthly financial and activity reports, which shall include, but not be limited to, actual revenue and expenses for the prior month, projected cash need for the current month, and projected cash need for the following month.

(vi) The department shall provide a report on a quarterly basis to the chairs of the senate finance, assembly ways and means, senate health and assembly health committees. Such reports shall be submitted no later than sixty days after the close of the quarter, and shall include for each award, the name of the applicant, the amount of the award, payments to date, and a description of the status of the multi-

year transformation plan pursuant to paragraph (iii) of this subdivision.

Appendix IV
2025 Title XIX State Plan
Fourth Quarter Amendment
Public Notice

Web The webcast information for this meeting will be posted on the Division of Criminal Justice website under the information: Newsroom, Open Meeting/ Webcasts.
<https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/pio/openmeetings.htm>

If you require any ADA Reasonable Accommodation to participate fully in the meeting, please email dei@dcjs.ny.gov to communicate your request at least 10 business days prior to this meeting. For more information on Americans with Disabilities or Reasonable Accommodations, please visit the Division of Criminal Justice Services website at Reasonable Accommodation - NY DCJS. Please contact dei@dcjs.ny.gov with any questions about accessibility.

For further information, contact: Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, 80 Swan St., Albany, NY 12210, (518) 485-7692.

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 as authorized by § 2826 of New York Public Health Law. The following changes are proposed:

Institutional Services

Effective on or after November 1, 2025, temporary rate adjustments have been approved for services related to providers that are undergoing closure, merger, consolidation, acquisition or restructuring themselves or other health care providers. The temporary rate adjustments have been reviewed and approved for the following Hospital:

- Buffalo General Medical Center with aggregate payment amounts totaling up to \$26,000,000 for the period November 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, \$52,000,000 for the period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, \$52,000,000 for the period of April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2028.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 is \$26,000,000, \$52,000,000 and \$52,000,000, respectively.

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:

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 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, NY 12210 spa-inquiries@health.ny.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

In accordance with subdivision (c) of section 427.4 of title 9 NYCRR notice is hereby given that the New York State Board for Historic Preservation will be considering nomination proposals for listing of properties in the State and National Register of Historic Places at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 3, at the New York State Museum.

The following properties will be considered:

1. Hamlet of Schuyler Falls Historic District, Schuyler Falls, Clinton County
2. Au Sable Forks Historic District, Jay, Essex County
3. Benton-Sherwood House, Cortland, Cortland County
4. Norstar Building, Buffalo, Erie County
5. Smith-Henry Building, Buffalo, Erie County
6. Buffalo Envelope Company Building, Buffalo, Erie County
7. Unitarian Universalist Church of Staten Island, Staten Island, Richmond County
8. Burton H. Hurd House, Elma, Erie County
9. West Winfield Historic District, West Winfield, Herkimer County
10. Lustron House Westchester Deluxe Model 02, Syracuse, Onondaga County
11. McDonald Towers, Cohoes, Albany County
12. Roulter Heights Historic District, Cohoes, Albany County
13. Center and Pearl Streets Historic District, Forestville, Chautauqua County
14. Saint Mary of the Angels, Olean, Cattaraugus County
15. Bay View Houses, Brooklyn, Kings County
16. Bailey Avenue-West 193rd Street Houses, Bronx, Bronx County
17. East 180th Street-Monterey Avenue Houses, Bronx, Bronx County
18. Fort Independence Street-Heath Avenue Houses, Bronx, Bronx County
19. Richard Mott House, Far Rockaway, Queens County

To be considered by the board, comments may be submitted to Daniel Mackay, Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Division for Historic Preservation, Peebles Island, P.O. Box 189, Waterford, New York 12188-0189, no later than Tuesday, December 2 or may be submitted in person at the meeting by contacting Daniel Mackay at the same address no later than December 2.

For further information, contact: Daniel Mackay, Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Division for Historic Preservation, Peebles Island, P.O. Box 189, Waterford, NY 12188-0189, 518-268-2171

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of State

F-2025-0384

Date of Issuance – October 29, 2025

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.

In F-2025-0384, the applicant the Town of Huntington, is proposing to install stone scour protection along approximately 100 linear feet of existing seawall by excavating approx. 28 cubic yards of material and

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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 long term care services to comply with Section 2808-f of Public Health Law. The following changes are proposed:

Long Term Care

The following is a clarification to the March 26, 2025, noticed provision to establish a demonstration program for aging adults with medical fragility.

With clarification to a July 1, 2025, effective date, the estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2025-2026 is now \$44.7 million.

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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Institutional Services

Effective on or after October 1, 2025, temporary rate adjustments have been approved for services related to providers that are undergoing closure, merger, consolidation, acquisition or restructuring themselves or other health care providers. The temporary rate adjustments have been reviewed and approved for the following three Hospitals:

- Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital with aggregate payment amounts totaling up to \$11,824,784 for the period October 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, \$11,824,784 for the period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, \$11,824,784 for the period of April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2028.

- Calvary Hospital, Inc with aggregate payment amounts totaling up to \$4,600,000 for the period October 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, \$4,600,000 for the period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, \$4,600,000 for the period of April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2028.

- Community Memorial Hospital, Inc with aggregate payment amounts totaling up to \$6,026,241 for the period October 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, \$5,060,023 for the period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, \$3,513,736 for the period of April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2028.

Non - Institutional Services

Effective on or after October 1, 2025, temporary rate adjustments have been approved for services related to providers that are undergoing closure, merger, consolidation, acquisition or restructuring themselves or other health care providers. The temporary rate adjustments have been reviewed and approved for the following three Hospitals:

- North Country Family Health Center, Inc with aggregate payment amounts totaling up to \$621,365 for the period October 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, \$496,007 for the period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, \$251,506 for the period of April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2028.

- Richmond University Medical Center with aggregate payment amounts totaling up to \$6,656,002 for the period October 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, \$2,450,000 for the period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027, \$500,000 for the period of April 1, 2027, through March 31, 2028.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 is \$29,728,392, \$24,430,814 and \$20,690,026 respectively.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

New York State and Local Retirement System Unclaimed Amounts Payable to Beneficiaries

Pursuant to the Retirement and Social Security Law, the New York State and Local Retirement System hereby gives public notice of the amounts payable to beneficiaries.

The State Comptroller, pursuant to Sections 109(a) and 409(a) of the Retirement and Social Security Law has received, from the New York State and Local Retirement System, a listing of beneficiaries or Estates having unclaimed amounts in the Retirement System. A list of names contained in this notice is on file and open to public inspection at the office of the New York State and Local Retirement System located at 110 State St., in the City of Albany, New York.

Set forth below are the names and last known city of record of the beneficiaries and Estate appearing from the records of the New York State and Local Retirement System, entitled to the unclaimed benefits.

At the expiration of six months from the date of publication of this list of beneficiaries and Estates, unless previously paid to the claimant, the amounts shall be deemed abandoned and placed in the pension accumulation fund to be used for the purposes of said fund.

Any amounts so deemed abandoned and transferred to the pension accumulation fund, may be claimed by the executor or administrator of the Estates or beneficiaries so designated to receive such amounts, by filing a claim with the State Comptroller. In the event such claim is properly made, the State Comptroller shall pay over to the Estates or the person or persons making such claim, the amount without interest.

Beneficiary Name Beneficiary City

Adams, Estate of Roberta M Ripley
Allen, Cindy L HOUSTON
Amos P Snopek, Estate of Binghamton
Anita Hyman Kaplan Cutler, Estate of HIGHLAND PARK
Anticoli, Estate of Rose LACKAWANNA
Armstrong, Estate of Dolores POUGHKEEPSIE
Arthur Walker, Estate of ALBANY
Aurelio Ortiz Cora, Estate of ORLANDO
Bannister, Donna M WHITE PLAINS
Barrett, Fatima CORAM
Barry, Estate of Jean LORIS
Beck, Estate of Harford Clayton Elmira
Beikirch, Estate of Richard N ROCHESTER
Beley, Estate of Ruth OCEANSIDE
Bevacqua, Estate of Dorothy T SANTA FE
Bochnik, Estate of Raymond G DOBBS FERRY
Bockelmann, Estate of Katherine Ann KINGSTON
Brady, Estate of Doris Utica
Buffington, Jeannie F CHITTENANGO
Bullard, Julie DELMAR
Burke, Jason O HUNTINGTON

Byers, Richard W NEW PALTZ
CAMPBELL III, Estate of JAMES H Auburn
Carmelo Sferrazza, Estate of WHITESTONE
Carter, Estate of Carol A UTICA
Colletti, Tara I ISLIP
Comfort, Teri A WADSWORTH
Condon, Estate of Jean Syracuse
Connolly, Estate of Charlene FARMINGVILLE
Cutler, Leon NISKAYUNA
Daisy W Blatch, Estate of West Park
Daniels, Shamar ROCHESTER
Dawson, Estate of Carolyn A SUGAR LAND
Decker, Grace E HERKIMER
Decker, Ronald David WHITESBORO
DelPozzo, Estate of Lucia MANORVILLE
Demy, Estate of Joan B NEW YORK
DeRose, Estate of Patricia BELLEROSE VLG
Diane Toscano, Estate of Mamaroneck
Drucker, Myra E. MEADOW,
Eccleston, Arthur George NEW BERLIN
Eccleston, Emily NEW BERLIN
Edwards III, Adolph M OLNEY
Eriksen, Estate of Ruth WANTAGH
Fender, Robin A TOMS RIVER
Ferrara Jr., Joseph G STATEN ISLAND
Ferrara Nelsen, Nancy SOMERSET
Figueroa, Estate of Edythe Marie NORTH BABYLON
Fine, Paul CHARLOTTE
Fuller, Estate of Brian D BENNINGTON
Gaffey, Barbara L ROCKY POINT
Gaffey, Patrick G BABYLON
Gannon, Estate of Natalie Washington Township
Gordon J. Simon, Estate of SEBASTIAN
Grandinetti, Estate of Gloria MANCHESTER CTR
Gray, James E MOHAWK
Gray, Steven L YORK
Griffin, Melissa L STANHOPE
Hall, Estate of Christopher J ALBRIGHTSVILLE
Hanley, Josephine APO
Hardenbrook, Estate of Cole KENDALL
Harrington, Estate of Carolyn M EAST ISLIP
Harris, Estate of Edward Dunkirk
Harris, Robert J THORNTON
Harrison, Estate of Anita HARRISON
Harvey, Barbara WEEKI WACHEE
Hatcher, Ntozake R RIVERHEAD
Hofmann, Estate of Charlotte L UNIONDALE
Hughes, Naji-Capri COLUMBIA
Husner, Estate of Bess MILTON
IVEY, MARY E SCHENECTADY
Jean Dombkowski, Estate of Fort Myers
JEAN PICKERING, Estate of CAPE CORAL
Jester, Estate of Paul DANSVILLE
John B Daley, Estate of WEST SENECA
John P Brady, Estate of NORTHPORT
John Walker, Estate of CHITTENANGO
Johnson, Estate of John M EASTCHESTER
Kelleher, Estate of Mary T SCHENECTADY
Kelley, Estate of Sylvia NEWARK

Appendix V
2025 Title XIX State Plan
Fourth Quarter Amendment
Responses to Standard Funding Questions

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES
State Plan Amendment #25-0065

CMS Standard Funding Questions

The following questions are being asked and should be answered in relation to all payments made to all providers reimbursed pursuant to a methodology described in 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 receive and retain 100 percent of total Medicaid expenditures claimed by the State and the State does not require any provider to return any portion of such payments to the State, local government entities, or any other intermediary organization.

- 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: The Non-Federal share Medicaid provider payment is funded through the following funding source through enacted appropriations authority to the Department of Health (DOH) for the New York State Medicaid program.

		4/1/25 – 3/31/26	
Payment Type	Non-Federal Share Funding	Non-Federal	Gross
Vital Access Provider (VAP) Program	General Fund	\$24.2M	\$48.5M

A. **General Fund:** Revenue resources for the State's General Fund includes taxes (e.g., income, sales, etc.), and miscellaneous fees (including audit recoveries). Medicaid expenditures from the State's General Fund are authorized from Department of Health Medicaid.

- 1) New York State Audit Recoveries: The Department of Health collaborates with the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) and the Office of the Attorney General (AG) in recovering improperly expended Medicaid funds. OMIG conducts and coordinates the investigation, detection, audit, and review of Medicaid providers and recipients to ensure they are complying with all applicable laws and regulation. OMIG recovers any improper payments through cash collections and voided claim recoveries. Cash collections are deposited into the State's General Fund to offset Medicaid costs.

In addition to cash collections, OMIG finds inappropriately billed claims within provider claims. To correct an error, OMIG and DOH process the current accurate claim, and reduce this claim by the inappropriate claim value to recoup the previous overclaim and decrease state spending.

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 Medicaid payments authorized under this State Plan Amendment are supplemental payments and total \$48.5 million for State Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Payment Type	Private	State Government	Non-State Government	4/1/25-3/31/26 Gross Total
Supplemental	\$48.5M	\$0	\$0	\$48.5M

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: The inpatient UPL demonstration utilizes cost-to-payment and payment-to-payment methodologies to estimate the upper payment limit for each class of providers. The Medicaid payments under this State Plan Amendment will be included in the 2025 inpatient UPL when it is revised and re-submitted to CMS.

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: Providers do not receive payments that in the aggregate exceed their reasonable costs of providing services. If any providers received payments that in the aggregate exceeded their reasonable costs of providing services, the State would recoup the excess and return the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report.

ACA Assurances:

1. **Maintenance of Effort (MOE).** Under section 1902(gg) of the Social Security Act (the Act), as amended by the Affordable Care Act, as a condition of receiving any Federal payments under the Medicaid program during the MOE period indicated below, the State shall not 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.

Prior to January 1, 2014 States may potentially require contributions by local political subdivisions toward the non-Federal share of the States' expenditures at percentages greater than were required on December 31, 2009. However, 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 anticipate potential violations and/or appropriate corrective actions by the States and the Federal government.

Response: This SPA would [] / would not [✓] 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 complies 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 17-0066, 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.