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State/Territory Name: NY

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 23-0025

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Financial Management Group

September 5, 2024

Amir Bassiri
Medicaid Director
New York State Department of Health
99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza Suite 1432 Albany, NY 12210

RE: TN 23-0025

Dear Medicaid Director:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed New York state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-D NY 23-0025, which was submitted to CMS on (March 30, 2023). This plan amendment updates the minimum wage values to bring minimum wage up to the authorized final minimum wage of \$15.00.

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements, including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903 as it relates to the identification of an adequate source for the non-federal share of expenditures under the plan, as required by 1902(a)(2) of the Social Security Act and the applicable implementing Federal regulations.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 1, 2023. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Kristina Mack at 617-565-1225 or via email at Kristina.Mack-Webb@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Rory Howe
Director
Financial Management Group

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 2 3 — 0 0 2 5 2. STATE NY

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT XIX XXI

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
January 1, 2023

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
§ 1905(a)(4)(A) Nursing Facility Services


6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 01/01/23-09/30/23 \$ 787,535
b. FFY 10/01/23-09/30/24 \$ 1,050,046

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 4.19-D Part I - Page: 110(d)(27)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
Attachment 4.19-D Part I - Page: 110(d)(27)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Nursing Home Minimum Wage 2023

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
March 30, 2023

15. RETURN TO
New York State Department of Health
Division of Finance and Rate Setting
99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza
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Albany, NY 12210

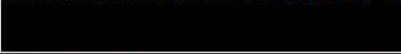
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16. DATE RECEIVED
March 30, 2023

17. DATE APPROVED
September 5, 2024

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
January 1, 2023

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL


20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Rory Howe

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Director, Financial Management Group

22. REMARKS

**New York
110(d)(27)**

1905(a)(4)(A) Nursing Facility Services

Adjustment for Minimum Wage Increases. Effective January 1, 2017, and every January 1, thereafter until the minimum wage reaches the state statutorily described per hour wage as shown below, a minimum wage add-on will be developed and applied to the specialty and non-specialty Nursing Home rate.

Minimum Wage (MW) Region	12/31/2016	12/31/2017	12/31/2018	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2022
New York City	\$11.00	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Nassau, Suffolk, & Westchester counties	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$13.00	\$14.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Remainder of the State	\$9.70	\$10.40	\$11.10	\$11.80	\$12.50	\$13.20	\$14.20*

*Effective January 1, 2023, the minimum wage value for the Remainder of the State will be \$14.20.

The minimum wage adjustment will be developed and implemented as follows:

1. Minimum wage costs will mean the additional costs incurred beginning January 1, 2017, and thereafter, as a result of New York State statutory increases to minimum wages until all regions of the state reach \$15.00 per hour.
2. The 2017 facility specific minimum wage add-on will be developed based on collected survey data received and attested to by nursing facility providers. If a facility does not submit a survey, the minimum wage add-on will be calculated based on the facility's Residential Health Care Facility (RHCF) cost report wage data from two years prior to the period being calculated. If a facility fails to submit both the attested survey and the cost report, the facility's minimum wage add-on will not be calculated.
 - i. Minimum wage cost development based on survey data collected.
 - a. Survey data will be collected for facility specific wage data.
 - b. Facilities will report by wage bands, the total count of FTEs and total hours paid to all employees (contracted and non-contracted staff) earning less than the statutory minimum wage applicable for each region.
 - c. Facilities will report an average fringe benefit percentage for the employees directly affected by the minimum wage increase.
 - d. The minimum wage costs are calculated by multiplying the total hours paid by the difference between the statutory minimum wage and the midpoint of each wage band where the facility has reported total hours paid. To this result, the facility's average fringe benefit percentage is applied and added to the costs.

TN #23-0025

Approval Date September 5, 2024

Supersedes TN #22-0025

Effective Date January 1, 2023