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National Institutional Reimbursement Team
Attention: Mark Cooley
CMS, CMCS
7500 Security Boulevard, M/S S3-14-28
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

RE: SPA #16-0038
Long Term Care Facility Services

Dear Mr. Cooley:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #16-0038 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for long term care facility services to be effective April 1, 2016 (Appendix I). This amendment is being submitted based on enacted legislation. A summary of the proposed amendment is provided 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, Part 447, Subpart C, (42 CFR §447).

1. The State of New York pays for long-term care services using rates determined in accordance with methods and standards specified in an approved State Plan following a public process which complies with §1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act.
2. (a) It is estimated that the changes represented by the estimated average payment rates for long-term care facility services will have no adverse short-term or long-term effect on the availability of services on a statewide and geographic area basis.

(b) It is estimated that the changes represented by the estimated average payment rates for long-term care facility services will have no adverse short-term or long-term effect on care furnished.

(c) It is estimated that the changes represented by the estimated average payment rates for long-term care facility services will have no adverse short-term or long-term effect on the extent of provider participation.

In accordance with 42 CFR §447.272, New York assures that the aggregate Medicaid payments for inpatient services provided by nursing facilities for each prescribed category of providers does not exceed the upper payment limit for the particular category of providers.

A copy of the pertinent section of proposed State statute is enclosed for your information (Appendix III). Copies of the public notice of this proposed amendment, which was given in the New York State Register on March 30, 2016, is also enclosed for your information (Appendix IV). In addition responses to the five standard funding questions are also enclosed (Appendix V).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact John E. Ulberg, Jr., Medicaid Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, Office of Health Insurance Programs at (518) 474-6350.

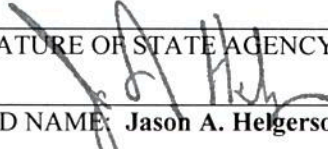
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason A. Helgeson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

Jason A. Helgeson
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Michael Melendez
Mr. Tom Brady

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 16-0038	2. STATE New York
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE April 1, 2016	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Check One</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: §1902(r)(5) of the Social Security Act, and 42 CFR 447		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: (in thousands) a. FFY 04/01/16-09/30/16 \$ 250,000 b. FFY 10/01/16-09/30/17 \$ 250,000	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-D: Page 47(x)(2)(b)		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Attachment 4.19-D: Page 47(x)(2)(b)	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: 2016 NH UPL Payments (FMAP = 50%)			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: New York State Department of Health Bureau of Federal Relations & Provider Assessments 99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza Suite 1460 Albany, NY 12210	
13. TYPED NAME: Jason A. Helgeson			
14. TITLE: Medicaid Director Department of Health			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: JUN 20 2016			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED:	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:	
21. TYPED NAME:		22. TITLE:	
23. REMARKS:			

Appendix I
2016 Title XIX State Plan
Second Quarter Amendment
Amended SPA Pages

**New York
47(x)(2)(b)**

For the period April 1, 1997 through March 31, 1999, proportionate share payments in an annual aggregate amount of \$631.1 million will be made under the medical assistance program to non-state public operated residential health care facilities, excluding public residential health care facilities operated by a town or city within a county. For the period April 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000, proportionate share payments in an annual aggregate amount of \$982 million will be made under the medical assistance program to non-state operated public residential health care facilities, excluding public residential health care facilities operated by a town or city within a county. For annual state fiscal year periods commencing April 1, 2000 and ending March 31, 2005, and April 1, 2005, through March 31, 2009, proportionate share payments in an annual aggregate amount of up to \$991.5 million and \$150.0 million, respectively, for state fiscal year April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010, \$167 million, and for state fiscal years commencing April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011, \$189 million in an annual aggregate amount, and for the period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 an aggregate amount of \$172.5 million and for state fiscal years commencing April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013, an aggregate amount of \$293,147,494, and for the period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, \$246,522,355, and for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, \$500 million, and for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016, \$500 million, and for the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, \$500 million in an annual aggregate amount will be made under the medical assistance program to non-state operated public residential health care facilities, including public residential health care facilities located in the counties of Erie, Nassau and Westchester, but excluding public residential health care facilities operated by a town or city within a county.

The amount allocated to each eligible public residential health care facility for the period April 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998 will be calculated as the result of \$631.1 million multiplied by the ratio of their 1995 Medicaid days relative to the sum of 1995 Medicaid days for all eligible public residential health care facilities. The amount allocated to each eligible public residential health care facility for the period April 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999 will be calculated as the result of \$631.1 million multiplied by the ratio of their 1996 Medicaid days relative to the sum of 1996 Medicaid days for all eligible public residential health care facilities. The amount allocated to each public residential health care facility for the period April 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000 will be calculated as the result of \$982 million multiplied by the ratio of their 1997 Medicaid days relative to the sum of 1997 Medicaid days for all eligible public residential health care facilities. The amount allocated to each public residential health care facility for annual state fiscal year periods commencing April 1, 2000 and ending March 31, 2005, and for annual state fiscal year periods commencing April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2009, and for state fiscal years commencing April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2011; April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012; April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; and April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; [and] April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016; [,] and April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, will be calculated as the result of the respective annual aggregate amount multiplied by the ratio of their Medicaid days relative to the sum of Medicaid days for all eligible public residential health care facilities for the calendar year period two years prior provided, however, that an additional amount of \$26,531,995 for the April 1, 2013 through March 2014 period will be distributed to those public residential health care facilities in the list which follows.

TN #16-0038 _____

Approval Date _____

Supersedes TN #15-0024 _____

Effective Date _____

Appendix II
2016 Title XIX State Plan
Second Quarter Amendment
Summary

SUMMARY
SPA #16-0038

This State Plan Amendment proposes to make additional payments to non-state government operated nursing homes, including government nursing homes located in the counties of Erie, Nassau, and Westchester, but excluding government nursing homes operated by a town or city within a county in aggregate amounts of \$500 million for state fiscal year April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

Appendix III
2016 Title XIX State Plan
Second Quarter Amendment
Authorizing Provisions

CHAPTER 60 OF THE LAWS OF 2014 - PART C

§ 66. Paragraph (e-1) of subdivision 12 of section 2808 of the public health law, as amended by section 63 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws 25 of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(e-1) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law or regulation, the commissioner shall provide, in addition to payments established pursuant to this article prior to application of this section, additional payments under the medical assistance program pursuant to title eleven of article five of the social services law for non-state operated public residential health care facilities, including public residential health care facilities located in the county of Nassau, the county of Westchester and the county of Erie, but excluding public residential health care facilities operated by a town or city within a county, in aggregate annual amounts of up to one hundred fifty million dollars in additional payments for the state fiscal year beginning April first, two thousand six and for the state fiscal year beginning April first, two thousand seven and for the state fiscal year beginning April first, two thousand eight and of up to three hundred million dollars in such aggregate annual additional payments for the state fiscal year beginning April first, two thousand nine, and for the state fiscal year beginning April first, two thousand ten and for the state fiscal year beginning April first, two thousand eleven, and for the state fiscal years beginning April first, two thousand twelve and April first, two thousand thirteen, and of up to five hundred million dollars in such aggregate annual additional payments for the state fiscal years beginning April first, two thousand fourteen, April first, two thousand fifteen and April first, two thousand sixteen. The amount allocated to each eligible public residential health care facility for this period shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (f) of this subdivision, provided, however, that patient days shall be utilized for such computation reflecting actual reported data for two thousand three and each representative succeeding year as applicable, and provided further, however, that, in consultation with impacted providers, of the funds allocated for distribution in the state fiscal year beginning April first, two thousand thirteen, up to thirty-two million dollars maybe allocated in accordance with paragraph (f-1) of this subdivision.

**Appendix IV
2016 Title XIX State Plan
Second 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

Deferred Compensation Board

Pursuant to the provisions of 9 NYCRR, Section 9003.2 authorized by Section 5 of the State Finance Law, the New York State Deferred Compensation Board, beginning March 30, 2016 is soliciting proposals from Financial Organizations to provide Target Date Fund and Balanced Fund management services. The funds will represent two or more of the investment options under the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions, a plan meeting the requirements of Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law, including all rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto.

A copy of the request for proposals may be obtained from Millie Viqueira and Thomas Shingler of Callan Associates (viqueira@callan.com and shingler@callan.com).

All proposals must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, April 29, 2016.

Product Design for Target Date Funds (TDFs): The Plan is seeking responses from providers that offer target maturity funds that automatically adjust their asset allocation to become more conservative over time. Responding TDFs must be designed to achieve the appropriate level of risk for each stage of a participant's life. Responding target maturity funds should be designed to be a simple "one-fund" retirement savings solution for participants in the Plan. The funds should be issued in five-year intervals, with each fund targeting a specific retirement date.

Product Design for Balanced Funds: Responding balanced funds should offer exposure to both equities and fixed income within one fund. Unlike with TDFs, which adjust the asset allocation over time as the participant nears and enters retirement, the equity/fixed income weights of responding balanced funds must be relatively static (e.g. two-thirds equities and one-third fixed income). The weight in equities must be at least 60% (predominantly U.S. equities), with the remainder in fixed income (predominantly U.S. investment grade fixed income). We are soliciting responses from balanced funds which

manage to these targets and use Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors in their investment process as well as from those that do not. This RFP does not seek responses from funds that dynamically allocate between stocks and bonds.

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, non-institutional, long term care, and prescription drug services to comply with proposed statutory provisions. The following changes are proposed:

Institutional Services

- For the state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, continues specialty hospital adjustments for hospital inpatient services provided on and after April 1, 2012, to public general hospitals, other than those operated by the State of New York or the State University of New York, located in a city with a population of over one million and receiving reimbursement of up to \$1.08 billion annually based on criteria and methodology set by the Commissioner of Health, which the Commissioner may periodically set through a memorandum of understanding with the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. Such adjustments shall be paid by means of one or more estimated payments, which shall be reconciled to the final adjustment determinations after the disproportionate share hospital payment adjustment caps have been calculated for such period under sections 1923(f) and (g) of the federal Social Security Act. Payments to eligible public general hospitals may be added to rates of payment or made as aggregate payments.

- Effective April 1, 2016, continues the supplemental upper payment limit payments made to general hospitals, other than major public general hospitals of \$339 million annually.

Indigent Care

- Extends effective beginning April 1, 2016 and for each state fiscal year thereafter, Intergovernmental Transfer Payments to eligible major public general hospitals run by counties and the State of New York.

Long Term Care Services

- For state fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016, continues additional payments to non-state government operated public residential health care facilities, including public residential health care facilities located in Nassau, Westchester, and Erie counties, but excluding public residential health care facilities operated by a town or city within a county, in aggregate amounts of up to \$500 million. The amount allocated to each eligible public RHCF will be in accordance with the previously approved methodology, provided, however that patient days shall be utilized for such computation reflecting actual reported data for 2014 and each representative succeeding year as applicable. Payments to eligible RHCF's may be added to rates of payment or made as aggregate payments.

- Effective on or after April 1, 2016, nursing home rates shall not consider transportation costs as allowable expenses pursuant to NYCRR § 86-2.10 and § 86-2.40. The direct price component of the rates for non-capital reimbursement will be revised effective April 1, 2016, to reflect to removal of transportation as an allowable costs.

Appendix V
2016 Title XIX State Plan
Second Quarter Amendment
Responses to Standard Funding Questions

LONG TERM CARE SERVICES
State Plan Amendment #16-0038

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-D of your 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 on-going 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 A-87 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 with federal and local funding through an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT). For these payments, the non-Federal share totals of up to \$250 million and is transferred from the sponsoring local county governments, who do have general taxing authority. There are no State appropriations for these governments for this purpose.

Regarding your question on the matching arrangement when the state receives the transferred amounts from the local government entity, please refer to the October 23, 2006 letter from Nicholas Meister, previously provided to CMS, whereby instructions are provided to local government entities when transferring funds for this purpose.

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: For the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 supplemental payments authorized in this Attachment will be paid to providers of services in an

amount totaling \$500 million. These payments will be made to the non-state government owned or operated provider category.

- 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 4447.272, 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 State and CMS are having ongoing discussion regarding the 2014 NH UPL demonstration upon which the 2015 NH UPL demonstration is contingent on.

- 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: Effective January 1, 2012, the rate methodology included in the approved State Plan for non-specialty nursing facility services for the operating component of the rate is a blended statewide/peer group price adjusted for case mix and wage differentials (WEF). Specialty nursing facility and units are paid the operating rate in effect on January 1, 2009. The capital component of the rate for all specialty and non-specialty facilities is based upon a cost based methodology. We are unaware of any requirement under current federal law or regulation that limits individual provider payments to their actual costs.

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, 2016.

- 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: This 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 11-06, 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.