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March 25, 2014

Mr. Michael Melendez
Associate Regional Administrator
Department of Health & Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
New York Regional Office
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations
26 Federal Plaza - Room 37-100 North
New York, New York 10278

RE: SPA #14-19
Non-Institutional Services

Dear Mr. Melendez:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #14-19 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to be effective February 1, 2014 (Appendix I). This amendment is being submitted based upon regulations. A summary of the plan amendment is provided in Appendix II.

The State of New York reimburses these services through the use of rates that are consistent with and promote efficiency, economy, and quality of care and are sufficient to enlist enough providers so that care and services are available under the plan at least to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area as required by §1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR §447.204.

A copy of pertinent sections of State regulation is enclosed for your information (Appendix III). A copy of the public notice of this plan amendment, which was given in the New York State Register on January 29, 2014, is also enclosed for your information (Appendix IV). In addition, responses to the five standard funding questions are also enclosed (Appendix V).

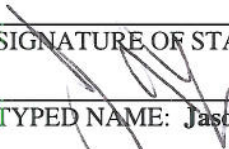
If you have any questions regarding this State Plan Amendment submission, please do not hesitate to contact John E. Ulberg, Jr., Medicaid Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance and Rate Setting at (518) 474-6350.

Sincerely,



Jason A. Helgeson
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 14-19	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 February 1, 2014	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Check One</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act, and 42 CFR 447		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 02/01/14-09/30/14 \$ 1,207,717 b. FFY 10/01/14-09/30/15 \$ 586,699	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-B Page: 2(am)		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Attachment 4.19-B Page: 2(am)	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Safety Net/VAP – NI (Freestanding Clinic) – Phase 2 (Group 2) (FMAP = 50%)			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: New York State Department of Health Bureau of Federal Relations & Provider Assessments 99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza Suite 1430 Albany, NY 12210	
13. TYPED NAME: Jason A. Helgerson			
14. TITLE: Medicaid Director Department of Health			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: March 25, 2014			
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17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED:	
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
2014 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Amended SPA Pages

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Freestanding Clinics (Continued):

Provider Name	Gross Medicaid Rate Adjustment	Rate Period Effective
Planned Parenthood of the Rochester/Syracuse Region, Inc.	\$1,396,150	01/01/2014 – 03/31/2014
	\$534,990	04/01/2014 – 03/31/2015
	\$225,090	04/01/2015 – 03/31/2016
<u>Premier HealthCare</u>	<u>\$1,681,159</u>	<u>02/01/2014 – 03/31/2014</u>
	<u>\$1,468,551</u>	<u>04/01/2014 – 03/31/2015</u>
	<u>\$878,246</u>	<u>04/01/2015 – 03/31/2016</u>
Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood	\$200,000	01/01/2014 – 03/31/2014
	\$150,000	04/01/2014 – 03/31/2015

TN #14-19

Approval Date _____

Supersedes TN #13-73

Effective Date _____

Appendix II
2014 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Summary

SUMMARY
SPA #14-19

This State Plan Amendment proposes to modify the listing of hospital-based outpatient providers previously approved to receive temporary rate adjustments under the closure, merger, consolidation, acquisition, or restructuring of a health care provider, which will be deemed Phase 2, Group 2. The additional adjustment for the provider for which approval is being requested is: Premier HealthCare.

Appendix III
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Authorizing Provisions

achievement of benchmarks and goals that are established by the Commissioner and are in conformity with the provider's approved written proposal.

The rule will have no direct effect on local governments.

Professional Services:

No new or additional professional services are required in order to comply with the proposed amendments.

Compliance Costs:

No initial capital costs will be imposed as a result of this rule, nor is there an annual cost of compliance.

Economic and Technological Feasibility:

Small businesses will be able to comply with the economic and technological aspects of this rule because there are no technological requirements other than the use of existing technology, and the overall economic aspect of complying with the requirements is expected to be minimal.

Minimizing Adverse Impact:

This regulation seeks to provide needed relief to eligible providers, thus a positive impact for small businesses that are eligible and no impact for the remainder. In addition, local districts' share of Medicaid costs is statutorily capped; therefore, there will be no adverse impact to local governments as a result of this proposal.

Small Business and Local Government Participation:

The State filed a Federal Public Notice, published in the State Register, prior to the effective date of the change. The Notice provided a summary of the action to be taken and instructions as to where the public, including small businesses and local governments, could locate copies of the corresponding proposed State Plan Amendment. The Notice further invited the public to review and comment on the related proposed State Plan Amendment. In addition, contact information for the Department of Health was provided for anyone interested in further information.

Rural Area Flexibility Analysis

Effect on Rural Areas:

Rural areas are defined as counties with populations less than 200,000 and, for counties with populations greater than 200,000, include towns with population densities of 150 persons or less per square mile. The following 43 counties have populations of less than 200,000:

Allegany	Hamilton	Schenectady
Cattaraugus	Herkimer	Schoharie
Cayuga	Jefferson	Schuyler
Chautauqua	Lewis	Seneca
Chemung	Livingston	Steuben
Chenango	Madison	Sullivan
Clinton	Montgomery	Tioga
Columbia	Ontario	Tompkins
Cortland	Orleans	Ulster
Delaware	Oswego	Warren
Essex	Otsego	Washington
Franklin	Putnam	Wayne
Fulton	Rensselaer	Wyoming
Genesee	St. Lawrence	Yates
Greene		

The following nine counties have certain townships with population densities of 150 persons or less per square mile:

Albany	Erie	Oneida
Broome	Monroe	Onondaga
Dutchess	Niagara	Orange

Compliance Requirements:

For residential health care facilities that receive the temporary rate adjustment, periodic reports must be submitted concerning the achievement of benchmarks and goals as approved by the Commissioner.

Professional Services:

No new additional professional services are required in order for providers in rural areas to comply with the proposed amendments.

Compliance Costs:

No initial capital costs will be imposed as a result of this rule, nor is there an annual cost of compliance.

Minimizing Adverse Impact:

This regulation provides needed relief to eligible providers, thus a posi-

tive impact for small businesses that are eligible and no impact for the remainder. In addition, local districts' share of Medicaid costs is statutorily capped; therefore, there will be no adverse impact to local governments as a result of this proposal.

Rural Area Participation:

A concept paper was shared with the hospital and long-term care industry associations, both of which include members from rural areas. Comments were received and taken into consideration while drafting the regulations. In addition, a Federal Public Notice, published in the New York State Register invited comments and questions from the general public.

Job Impact Statement

A Job Impact Statement is not required pursuant to Section 201-a(2)(a) of the State Administrative Procedure Act. It is apparent, from the nature and purpose of the proposed rule, that it will not have a substantial adverse impact on jobs or employment opportunities. The proposed regulation provides a temporary rate adjustment to eligible residential health care facilities that are subject to or impacted by the closure, merger, acquisition, consolidation, or restructuring of a health care provider in its service delivery area. In addition, the proposed regulation sets forth the conditions under which a provider will be considered eligible, the requirements for requesting a temporary rate adjustment, and the conditions that must be met in order to receive a temporary rate adjustment. The proposed regulation has no implications for job opportunities.

**EMERGENCY
RULE MAKING**

Temporary Rate Adjustment (TRA) - Licensed Ambulatory Care Facilities (LACF)

I.D. No. HLT-14-12-00008-E

Filing No. 449

Filing Date: 2012-05-11

Effective Date: 2012-05-11

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE State Administrative Procedure Act, NOTICE is hereby given of the following action:

Action taken: Addition of section 86-8.15 to Title 10 NYCRR.

Statutory authority: Public Health Law, section 2807(2-a)(e)

Finding of necessity for emergency rule: Preservation of public health.

Specific reasons underlying the finding of necessity: Paragraph (e) of subdivision 2-a of Section 2807 of the Public Health Law (as added by Section 2 of Part C of Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2009) specifically provides the Commissioner of Health with authority to issue emergency regulations in order to compute rates of payment for Article 28 licensed ambulatory care providers as authorized in accordance with the provisions of such subdivision 2-a.

Subject: Temporary Rate Adjustment (TRA) - Licensed Ambulatory Care Facilities (LACF).

Purpose: Expand TRA to include Article 28 LACFs subject to or affected by closure, merger, acquisition, consolidation, or restructuring.

Text of emergency rule: Subpart 86-8 of title 10 of NYCRR is amended by adding a new section 86-8.15, to read as follows:

86-8.15 Closures, mergers, acquisitions, consolidations, restructurings and inpatient bed de-certifications. (a) The commissioner may grant approval of a temporary adjustment to the non-capital components of rates calculated pursuant to this subpart for eligible ambulatory care facilities licensed under article 28 of the Public Health Law ("PHL").

(b) Eligible facilities shall include:

- (1) facilities undergoing closure;
- (2) facilities impacted by the closure of other health care facilities;
- (3) facilities subject to mergers, acquisitions, consolidations or restructuring;
- (4) facilities impacted by the merger, acquisition, consolidation or restructuring of other health care facilities; or
- (5) outpatient facilities of general hospitals which have entered into an agreement with the Department to permanently decertify a specified number of staffed inpatient beds, as reported to the Department.

(c) Facilities seeking 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:

- (1) protect or enhance access to care;
- (2) protect or enhance quality of care;

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

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

(d)(1) 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 temporary rate adjustment 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, the facility shall be reimbursed in accordance with the otherwise applicable rate-setting methodology as set forth in applicable statutes and this Subpart. The commissioner may establish, as a condition of receiving such a temporary rate adjustment, benchmarks and goals to be achieved in conformity with the facility'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 prior to the end of the specified timeframe.

(2) 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) Federally qualified health centers with reimbursement rates issued pursuant to PHL § 2807(8) may apply for a temporary rate adjustment pursuant to this section as an alternative rate-setting methodology in accordance with the provisions of PHL § 2807(8)(f).

This notice is intended to serve only as a notice of emergency adoption. This agency intends to adopt the provisions of this emergency rule as a permanent rule, having previously submitted to the Department of State a notice of proposed rule making, I.D. No. HLT-14-12-00008-P, Issue of April 4, 2012. The emergency rule will expire July 9, 2012.

Text of rule and any required statements and analyses may be obtained from: Katherine Ceroalo, DOH, Bureau of House Counsel, Reg. Affairs Unit, Room 2438, ESP Tower Building, Albany, NY 12237, (518) 473-7488, email: regsqa@health.state.ny.us

Regulatory Impact Statement

Statutory Authority:

The statutory authority for this regulation is contained in Section 2807(2-a)(e) of the Public Health Law (PHL) which authorizes the Commissioner to promulgate regulations, including emergency regulations, with regard to Medicaid reimbursement rates for outpatient services. Such outpatient rate regulations are set forth in Subpart 86-8 of Title 10 (Health) of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulation of the State of New York.

Legislative Objectives:

Subpart 86-8 of Title 10 (Health) of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulation of the State of New York, will be amended to add this Section 8.15, which provides the commissioner authority to grant temporary rate adjustments to eligible Article 28 licensed ambulatory care providers subject to or affected by the closure, merger, acquisition, consolidation, or restructuring of a health care provider in their service delivery area. In addition, the proposed regulation sets forth the conditions under which a provider will be considered eligible, the requirements for requesting a temporary rate adjustment, and the conditions that must be met in order to receive a temporary rate adjustment. The temporary rate adjustment shall be in effect for a specified period of time, as approved by the Commissioner, of up to three years. This regulation is necessary in order to maintain beneficiaries' access to services by providing needed relief to providers that meet the criteria.

Proposed section 86-8.15 requires providers seeking a temporary rate adjustment to submit a written proposal demonstrating 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. The proposed amendment permits the Commissioner to establish benchmarks and goals, in conformity with a provider's written proposal as approved by the Commissioner, and to require the provider to submit periodic reports concerning its progress toward achievement of such. Failure to achieve satisfactory progress in accomplishing such benchmarks and goals, as determined by the Commissioner, shall be a basis for ending the provider's temporary rate adjustment prior to the end of the specified timeframe.

Needs and Benefits:

In the center of a changing health care delivery system, the closure, merger, acquisition, consolidation or restructuring of a health care provider

within a community often happens without adequate planning of resources for the impact on health care providers in the service delivery area. In addition, maintaining access to needed services while also maintaining or improving quality becomes challenging for the impacted providers. The additional reimbursement provided by this adjustment will support the impacted Article 28 licensed ambulatory care providers in achieving these goals, thus improving quality while reducing health care costs.

Costs:

Costs to Private Regulated Parties:

There will be no additional costs to private regulated parties. The only additional data requested from providers would be periodic reports demonstrating progress against benchmarks and goals.

Costs to State Government:

There is no additional aggregate increase in Medicaid expenditures anticipated as a result of these regulations, as the cost of the temporary rate adjustment will be offset by the overall reduction in Medicaid expenditures due to the closure, merger, acquisition, consolidation or restructuring occurring in a particular service delivery area.

Costs to Local Government:

Local districts' share of Medicaid costs is statutorily capped; therefore, there will be no additional costs to local governments as a result of this proposed regulation.

Costs to the Department of Health:

There will be no additional costs to the Department of Health as a result of this proposed regulation.

Local Government Mandates:

The proposed regulation does not impose any new programs, services, duties or responsibilities upon any county, city, town, village, school district, fire district or other special district.

Paperwork:

An eligible provider must submit a written proposal, including a proposed budget. If a temporary rate adjustment is approved for a provider, the provider must submit periodic reports, as determined by the Commissioner, concerning the achievement of benchmarks and goals that are established by the Commissioner and are in conformity with the provider's approved written proposal.

Duplication:

This is an amendment to an existing State regulation and does not duplicate any existing federal, state or local regulations.

Alternatives:

No significant alternatives are available. Any potential ambulatory care provider project that would otherwise qualify for funding pursuant to the revised regulation would, in the absence of this amendment, either not proceed or would require the use of existing provider resources.

Federal Standards:

The proposed regulation does not exceed any minimum standards of the federal government for the same or similar subject area.

Compliance Schedule:

The proposed regulation provides the Commissioner of Health the authority to grant approval of temporary adjustments to rates calculated for Article 28 licensed ambulatory care providers that are subject to or affected by the closure, merger, acquisition, consolidation, or restructuring of a health care provider, for a specified period of time, as determined by the Commissioner, of up to three years.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Effect of Rule:

For the purpose of this regulatory flexibility analysis, small businesses were considered to be Article 28 licensed ambulatory care providers with 100 or fewer full-time equivalents. Based on recent financial and statistical data extracted from the Institutional Cost Report, 384 Article 28 licensed ambulatory care providers were identified as employing fewer than 100 employees.

No health care providers subject to this regulation will see a decrease in average per discharge Medicaid funding as a result of this regulation.

This rule will have no direct effect on local governments.

Compliance Requirements:

Article 28 licensed ambulatory care providers that receive the temporary rate adjustment under this regulation will be required to submit periodic reports demonstrating their progress toward benchmarks and goals established by the Commissioner.

The rule will have no direct effect on local governments.

Professional Services:

No new or additional professional services are required in order to comply with the proposed amendments.

Compliance Costs:

No initial capital costs will be imposed as a result of this rule, nor will there be an annual cost of compliance.

Economic and Technological Feasibility:

Small businesses will be able to comply with the economic and technological aspects of this rule. The proposed amendments are techno-

logically feasible because it requires the use of existing technology. The overall economic impact to comply with the requirements of this regulation is expected to be minimal.

Minimizing Adverse Impact:

This regulation provides needed relief to eligible providers, thus a positive impact for small businesses that are eligible and no impact for the remainder. In addition, local districts' share of Medicaid costs is statutorily capped; therefore, there will be no adverse impact to local governments as a result of this proposal.

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Chenango	Madison	Sullivan
Clinton	Montgomery	Tioga
Columbia	Ontario	Tompkins
Cortland	Orleans	Ulster
Delaware	Oswego	Warren
Essex	Otsego	Washington
Franklin	Putnam	Wayne
Fulton	Rensselaer	Wyoming
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Greene		

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Compliance Requirements:

For Article 28 licensed ambulatory care providers that receive the temporary rate adjustment, periodic reports must be submitted which demonstrate the achievement of benchmarks and goals set by the Commissioner.

Professional Services:

No new additional professional services are required in order for providers in rural areas to comply with the proposed amendments.

Compliance Costs:

No initial capital costs will be imposed as a result of this rule, nor is there an annual cost of compliance.

Minimizing Adverse Impact:

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Rural Area Participation:

The proposal resulting in this regulation was endorsed by the Medicaid Redesign Team, which was established by the Governor. The Medicaid Redesign Team included members representing ambulatory care providers and rural areas and utilized a very public approach for soliciting both proposals and feedback from stakeholders and the public in general.

Job Impact Statement

A Job Impact Statement is not required pursuant to Section 201-a(2)(a) of the State Administrative Procedure Act. It is apparent, from the nature and

purpose of the proposed rule, that it will not have a substantial adverse impact on jobs or employment opportunities. The proposed regulation provides for a temporary rate adjustment to eligible Article 28 ambulatory care providers subject to or affected by the closure, merger, acquisition, consolidation, or restructuring of a health care provider in its service delivery area. The proposed regulation has no implications for job opportunities.

**PROPOSED RULE MAKING
NO HEARING(S) SCHEDULED**

Limits on Executive Compensation and Administrative Expenses in Agency Procurements

I.D. No. HLT-22-12-00012-P

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE State Administrative Procedure Act, NOTICE is hereby given of the following proposed rule:

Proposed Action: Addition of Part 1002 to Title 10 NYCRR.

Statutory authority: Social Services Law, section 363-a(2); and Public Health Law, sections 201(1)(o), (p), 206(3) and (6)

Subject: Limits on Executive Compensation and Administrative Expenses in Agency Procurements.

Purpose: Ensure state funds and state authorized payments are expended in the most efficient manner and appropriate use of funds.

Substance of proposed rule (Full text is posted at the following State website: www.health.ny.gov): The Department proposes regulations to implement Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 38, which sets forth standards for executive compensation paid by, and administrative expenses paid to, covered providers receiving state funds or state authorized payments. The regulations define key terms including "administrative expenses," "program services expenses," and "covered provider," and provide standards to be used in determining whether a covered provider's executive compensation and administrative costs are within certain limits. The regulations further provide means for waivers with regard to the executive compensation and administrative cost limits under limited circumstances and subject to specific criteria. Finally, the regulations provide for review of decisions denying requests for waiver, penalties for failure to comply with applicable limitations, and covered entity reporting obligations.

Text of proposed rule and any required statements and analyses may be obtained from: Katherine Ceroalo, DOH, Bureau of House Counsel, Reg. Affairs Unit, Room 2438, ESP Tower Building, Albany, NY 12237, (518) 473-7488, email: regsqna@health.state.ny.us

Data, views or arguments may be submitted to: Same as above.

Public comment will be received until: 45 days after publication of this notice.

This action was not under consideration at the time this agency's regulatory agenda was submitted.

Regulatory Impact Statement

Statutory Authority:

The authority for the promulgation of these regulations is contained section 363-a(2) of the Social Services law and in sections 201(1)(o), 201(1)(p), 206(3) and 206(6) of the Public Health Law.

Legislative Objectives:

This rule furthers the proper use of funds in furtherance of the Department's oversight of the various programs and procurements for which it pays, or authorizes payment.

Needs and Benefits:

The New York State Department of Health is proposing to adopt the following regulation because the State of New York directly or indirectly funds with taxpayer dollars a large number of tax exempt organizations and for-profit entities that provide critical services to New Yorkers in need and the goal is to ensure that taxpayers' dollars are used properly, efficiently, and effectively to improve the lives of New Yorkers. In certain instances, providers of services that receive State funds or State-authorized payments have used such funds to pay for excessive administrative costs or inflated compensation for their senior executives, rather than devoting a greater proportion of such funds to providing direct care or services to their clients. Such abuses involving public funds harm both the people of New York who are paying for such services, and those persons who must depend upon such services to be available and well-funded. These regulations, which are required by Executive Order No. 38, will ensure that State funds or State-authorized payments paid by this agency to providers are not used to support excessive compensation or unnecessary administrative costs.

Appendix IV
2014 Title XIX State Plan
First 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING New York State Energy Planning Board

Pursuant to New York State Energy Law, Article 6, the New York State Energy Planning Board hereby gives notice of the following public hearings:

Time, Date, and Place: 10:00 a.m., February 18, 2014 at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE), National Science Foundation (NSF) Auditorium, 255 Fuller Road, Albany, NY; 3:00 p.m., February 19, 2014 at Brooklyn College, Gold Room, Student Center, 6th Floor, Campus Road and East 27th Street, Brooklyn, NY; 10:00 a.m., February 20, 2014 at John Jay College, Second Floor, 524 West 59th Street, (between 10th and 11th Avenues), New York, NY; 10:00 a.m., February 25, 2014 at SUNY Buffalo, Center for Tomorrow, North Campus, Flint & Service Center Roads, Buffalo, NY; 1:00 p.m., March 3, 2014 at SUNY Farmingdale, Little Theater at Roosevelt Hall, Melville Road, Farmingdale, NY; and 11:00 a.m., March 6, 2014 at SUNY College of Environment Science and Forestry (ESF) Gateway Center, 1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY.

Purpose: To receive public comment on the 2014 Draft New York State Energy Plan.

For further information, contact: John Williams, NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203, (518) 862-1090, ext. 3333, e-mail: jgw@nysesda.ny.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE Department of Civil Service

PURSUANT to the Open Meetings Law, the New York State Civil Service Commission hereby gives public notice of the following:

Please take notice that the regular monthly meeting of the State Civil Service Commission for February 2014 will be conducted on February 11 and February 12 commencing at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be conducted at NYS Media Services Center, Suite 146, South Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY.

For further information, contact: Office of Commission Operations, Department of Civil Service, Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 1, Albany, NY 12239, (518) 473-6598

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, long term care, and non-institutional related to temporary rate adjustments to providers that are undergoing a closure, merger, consolidation, acquisition or restructuring themselves or other health care providers. These payments are authorized by current State statutory and regulatory provisions.

The temporary rate adjustment has been reviewed and approved for 8 providers with aggregate payment amounts totaling \$48,488,410 for the period February 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016. The approved providers and provider type along with their individual estimated aggregate amounts include:

1. Adirondack Medical Center-Uihlein (Residential Health Care Facility), up to \$2,492,542;
2. Benedictine / Kingston (Hospital), up to \$2,500,000;
3. Brookdale Hospital (Hospital), up to \$14,000,000;
4. Brooklyn Hospital Center (Hospital), up to \$14,000,000;
5. Mercy-Samaritan (Hospital), up to \$9,000,000;
- * 6. Premier HealthCare (Diagnostic and Treatment Center), up to \$4,027,956;
7. River Hospital (EJ Noble-Alexandria Bay) (Critical Access Hospital), up to \$1,444,695; and
8. Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital (Critical Access Hospital), up to \$1,023,217.

Total estimated aggregate expenditures for the 8 providers listed above is \$48,488,410.

The previously approved aggregate payments amounts totaling \$30,700,000 have been modified. In addition to such amount, the estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for State Fiscal Years 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016, by provider category, is as follows: institutional, \$29,023,217; long term care, \$11,492,542; non-institutional (hospital-based outpatient), \$7,972,651, totaling \$79,188,410 for all provider categories.

Modified aggregate temporary rate adjustments for the periods February 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016 include: \$57,836,453 for the period February 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014; up to \$19,756,152, for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015; and up to \$1,595,805 for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment. Copies of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state_plans/status.

Copies of the proposed State Plan Amendments will be on file in each local (county) social services district and available for public review.

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, Bureau of Federal Relations & Provider Assessments, 99 Washington Ave., One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1430, Albany, NY 12210, (518) 474-1673, (518) 473-8825 (FAX), e-mail: spa_inquiries@health.state.ny.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

New York State Energy Planning Board

Pursuant to New York State Energy Law, Article 6, the New York State Energy Planning Board hereby gives notice of the following: Pursuant to a resolution of the New York State Energy Planning Board on January 7, 2014, the 2014 Draft New York State Energy Plan has been issued for public comment. The public is invited to review and comment on the 2014 Draft State Energy Plan. Copies of the 2014 Draft State Energy Plan, as well as information on how to submit public comments, are available on the State Energy Plan website at <http://energyplan.ny.gov>. Public comments will be received through March 31, 2014.

For further information, contact: John Williams, NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203, (518) 862-1090, ext. 3333, e-mail: jgw@nyserda.ny.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617, the regulations implementing Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act SEQR) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

Location and Description of Action: The environmental setting for SCORP consists of the people and the natural, recreational, scenic, historic and cultural resources of New York State, as well as social and economic characteristics.

This SEQR Type I action involves adoption and implementation of a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) for 2014-2019. A draft plan has been prepared that includes a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS). SCORP is prepared periodically by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) to provide statewide policy direction and to fulfill the agency's recreation and preservation mandate. The updated SCORP serves as a status report and as an overall guidance document for recreation, resource preservation, planning, and development from 2014 through 2019. The direction for recreation in the state is guided by three overarching statewide initiatives, with associated goals and recommendations. These together respond to the current issues impacting the state's natural, cultural and recreational resources. The initiative areas are: 1. Enhance and Revitalize the State Outdoor Recreation System, 2. Improve Connections between Recreation, Eco-

nomics, Sustainability, and Healthy Lifestyles, and 3. Strengthen the Link between People, Nature, Recreation, and Resource Stewardship. The Draft Plan/GEIS describes potential environmental impacts and mitigation of those that may be adverse.

Webinar Information: The NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) will hold a public webinar to provide information on SCORP and offer the public an opportunity to comment on the Draft SCORP and DGEIS. The webinar will be on February 4, 2014 from 2-4 pm. People wishing to attend the webinar should send an email to SCORP.Plan@parks.ny.gov with their name, title and organization requesting registration for the webinar. A registration confirmation email will be sent. Three working days prior to the webinar they will receive login information. Deadline to register is January 28, 2014.

Availability of Draft GEIS and Comments: A hard copy of the DEIS/FEIS is available at the following location: NYS OPRHP Resource and Facility Planning Bureau, 2nd Floor, 625 Broadway, Albany NY 12238. The document can also be reviewed on OPRHP's website at: <http://www.nysparks.state.ny.us/inside-our-agency/public-documents.aspx>. Comments on the Draft SCORP and DGEIS are requested and will be accepted by the contact persons until February 21, 2014.

Agency contact: Diana Carter, Director of Resource and Facility Planning, (518) 486-2909, Fax: (518) 474-7013, e-mail: Diana.Carter@parks.ny.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of State
F-2013-0988

Date of Issuance – January 29, 2014

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 at the New York State Department of State offices located at One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, in Albany, New York.

In F-2013-0988, Riverside Basin Marina, Hammonasset River, Clinton, Middlesex County, CT, is proposing to perform maintenance dredging of approximately 2,895 cy from the existing commercial marina basin. The proposal is for mechanical dredging with unconfined, sequential placement of the material at the Central Long Island Sound Disposal Site (CLIS). The CLIS is an open-water disposal site located within Long Island Sound, approximately 5.6 nautical miles south of East Haven, CT.

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., 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, or, by Saturday, February 8, 2014.

Comments should be addressed to: Department of State, Consistency Review Unit, One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1010, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231, (518) 474-6000, Fax (518) 473-2464. Comments can also be submitted electronically via e-mail at: CR@dos.ny.gov

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

Appendix V
2014 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Responses to Standard Funding Questions

NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES
State Plan Amendment #14-19

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-B of this SPA. For SPAs that provide for changes to payments for clinic or outpatient hospital services or for enhanced or supplemental payments to physician or other practitioners, the questions must be answered for all payments made under the state plan for such service.

- 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 payments, a complete listing of providers that return a portion of their payments, 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 through 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 governmental 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 general appropriation received by the State agency that oversees medical assistance (Medicaid), which is the Department of Health. The source of the appropriation is the Local Assistance Account under the General Fund/Aid to Localities.

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. **For clinic or outpatient hospital services 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.

Response: The State submitted the 2012 and 2013 clinic UPL demonstrations for CMS review on March 21, 2013.

- 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 State Plan for freestanding diagnostic and treatment and ambulatory surgery center services is based upon the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) system with the exception of Federally Qualified Health Centers who have the option to opt into the APG system or remain on the Prospective Payment Methodology (PPS) as approved by CMS in SPA 01-03. We are unaware of any requirement under current federal law or regulation that limits individual providers' 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, 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: This SPA 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.