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New York Regional Office
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations
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New York, New York 10278

RE: SPA #15-0013
Non-Institutional Services

Dear Mr. Melendez:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #15-0013 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to be effective October 1, 2015 (Appendix I). This amendment is being submitted based on Federal rule. 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.

Copies of pertinent sections of proposed State statute are 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 September 9, 2015, 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, Office of Health Insurance Programs at (518) 474-6350.

Sincerely,

Jason A. Helgerson
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 0938-0193

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL **FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION**	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: **15-0013**	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 **October 1, 2015**	

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL *(Check One)*:

☐ NEW STATE PLAN ☐ AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN ☒ AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT *(Separate Transmittal for each amendment)*

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: **§1902(a) of the Social Security Act, and 42 CFR 447**	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: **(in thousands)** **a. FFY 10/01/15-09/30/16 $ 0** **b. FFY 10/01/16-09/30/17 $ 0**
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: **Attachment 4.19-B: Pages 2(h), 2(i), 2(j), 2(o), 2(p)(i)**	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*: **Attachment 4.19-B: Pages 2(h), 2(i), 2(j), 2(o), 2(p)(i)**

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:
ICD-10 – Freestanding Clinics
(FMAP = 50%)

11. 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:

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:	16. RETURN TO: **New York State Department of Health** **Division of Finance and Rate Setting** **99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza** **Suite 1460** **Albany, NY 12210**
13. TYPED NAME: **Jason A. Helgerson**	
14. TITLE: **Medicaid Director** **Department of Health**	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: NOV 2 4 2015	

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17. DATE RECEIVED:	18. DATE APPROVED:
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23. REMARKS:

Appendix I
2015 Title XIX State Plan
Fourth Quarter Amendment
Amended SPA Pages

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Ambulatory Patient Group System - Freestanding Clinics

The following is a list of definitions relating to the Ambulatory Patient Group reimbursement system. Links to detailed APG reimbursement methodology lists are located in the APG Reimbursement Methodology – Freestanding Clinics section.

Allowed APG Weight shall mean the relative resource utilization for a given APG after adjustment for bundling, packaging, and discounting.

Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) shall mean a group of outpatient procedures, encounters or ancillary services, which reflect similar patient characteristics and resource utilization and which incorporate the use of [ICD-9-CM] ICD-10-CM diagnosis and HCPCS procedure codes, as defined below. APGs are defined under 3M's grouping logic outlined in the APG Definitions Manual version 3.1 dated March 6, 2008 and as subsequently amended by 3M. A link to the APG Definitions Manual versions and effective dates is available in the APG Reimbursement Methodology – Freestanding Clinics section.

APG Relative Weight shall mean a numeric value that reflects the relative expected average resource utilization (cost) for each APG as compared to the expected average resource utilization for all other APGs.

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Associated Ancillaries shall mean laboratory and radiology tests and procedures ordered in conjunction with an APG visit. The ancillary policy for freestanding clinics has been delayed from September 1, 2009, to July 1, 2011. A link to the list of associated ancillaries for all periods is available in the APG Reimbursement Methodology – Freestanding Clinics section.

APG Software shall mean the New York State-specific version of the APG computer software developed and published by 3M Health Information Systems (3M) to process HCPCS/CPT-4 and [ICD-9-CM] ICD-10-CM code information in order to assign patient visits, at the procedure code level, to the appropriate APGs and apply appropriate bundling, packaging, and discounting logic to in turn calculate the final APG weight and allowed reimbursement for a patient visit. Each time the software is updated, 3M will automatically send updated software to all license holders. Providers and other interested parties that do not purchase the grouper software can perform the computations by accessing the APG definitions manual, which is available on the 3M web site. The appropriate link can also be found on the NYS DOH website.

Base Rate shall mean the dollar value that shall be multiplied by the allowed APG weight for a given APG, or by the final APG weight for each APG on a claim to determine the total allowable Medicaid operating payment for a visit.

Carve-outs shall mean certain procedures which are not paid using the APG reimbursement methodology. Procedures that are not payable in APGs may be reimbursed through the NYS Medicaid ordered ambulatory fee schedule or the dental fee schedule for orthodontia only. If the procedure is not reimbursable thru the APG methodology or on the fee schedules as stated, they are not reimbursable in Medicaid. The NYS Medicaid fee schedules are provided on the eMedNY website under provider manuals.

Case Mix Index is the actual or estimated average final APG weight for a defined group of APG visits.

Coding Improvement Factor is a numeric value used to adjust for more complete and accurate coding for visits upon implementation of the APG reimbursement system. A link to the coding improvement factors for all periods is available in the APG Reimbursement Methodology – Freestanding Clinics section.

Consolidation/Bundling shall mean the process for determining if a single payment amount is appropriate in those circumstances when a patient receives multiple APG procedures during a single patient visit. In some cases, a procedure will be considered part of a more complicated procedure. In this case the payment for the less complicated procedure will be included in the payment for the more complicated procedure and the claim line for the less complicated procedure will show zero payment for that procedure. Consolidation logic is defined in the 3M Health Information Systems' APG Definitions Manual, a link to which is provided in the APG Reimbursement Methodology – Freestanding Clinics section.

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Final APG Weight shall mean the allowed APG weight for a given visit as calculated by the APG software using the logic in the APG definitions manual, including all adjustments applicable for bundling, packaging, and discounting.

"HCPCS Codes" are from the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System, a numeric coding system maintained by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and used to identify services and procedures for purposes of billing public or private health insurance programs. CPT (Common Procedure Terminology) codes are a subset of the HCPCS coding system.

International Classification of Diseases, [9th] 10th Revision-Clinical Modification ([ICD-9-CM] ICD-10-CM) is a comprehensive coding system maintained by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is maintained for the purpose of providing a standardized, universal coding system to identify and describe patient diagnosis, symptoms, complaints, condition and/or causes of injury or illness. It is updated annually.

Modifier shall mean a HCPCS Level II code used in APGs, based on its meaning in the HCPCS lexicon, to modify the payment for a specific procedure code or APG.

Never Pay APGs shall mean an APG where all the procedure codes that map to the APG are carved out of APGs and will not be paid using the APGs reimbursement methodology. Procedures that are not payable in APGs may be reimbursed through the NYS Medicaid ordered ambulatory fee schedule or the dental fee schedule for orthodontia only. The Never Pay APG file details if there is an alternative payment available. If an alternative payment is available, providers should review the NYS Medicaid fee schedules as stated to determine the payment. The NYS Medicaid fee schedules are provided on the eMedNY website under provider manuals.

Never pay procedures shall mean procedure codes that are carved out of APGs and will not be paid using the APGs reimbursement methodology. Procedures that are not payable in APGs may be reimbursed through the NYS Medicaid ordered ambulatory fee schedule or the dental fee schedule for orthodontia only. The Never Pay Procedures file details if there is an alternative payment available. If an alternative payment is available, providers should review the NYS Medicaid fee schedules as stated to determine the payment. The NYS Medicaid fee schedules are provided on the eMedNY website under provider manuals.

No-blend APG shall mean an APG that has its entire payment calculated under the APG reimbursement methodology without regard to the historical average operating payment per visit for the provider. A link to a list of no-blend APGs for all periods is available in the APG Reimbursement Methodology – Freestanding Clinics section.

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APG Rate Computation – Freestanding Clinics

The following is a description of the methodology to be utilized in calculating rates of payment for freestanding clinics and ambulatory surgery center services under the Ambulatory Patient Group classification and reimbursement system.

I. Claims containing [ICD-9] ICD-10 diagnostic and CPT-4/HCPCS procedure codes are submitted to the Department on appropriate forms or in the accepted electronic format.

II. Claims are reviewed electronically to assign each valid procedure code to the appropriate APG using the APG software logic. Invalid codes will be assigned to an error APG and not given further consideration in the payment process.

III. Each valid APG on the claim is assigned a relative weight. At this time the software logic also determines an allowed weight based upon whether each APG on the claim is to be paid in full, packaged, consolidated, or discounted.

IV. The allowed weights for each valid APG on the claim are then summed to arrive at the final weight for this claim. This final weight is multiplied by an operating base rate that is specific to the peer group to which the claim has been assigned resulting in the APG operating cost reimbursement amount for this claim. For freestanding clinic services, capital will continue to be paid as an add-on using the existing, previously approved methodology. The capital cost component for ambulatory surgery services shall be the result of dividing the total amount of capital cost reimbursement paid to such facilities pursuant to the current Products of Ambulatory Surgery (PAS) system for the 2007 calendar year for the Upstate Region and for the Downstate Region and then dividing each such regional total amount by the total number of claims paid through the PAS system within each such region for the 2007 calendar year.

V. A separate base rate calculation shall be calculated for each peer group established by the Department. All Medicaid reimbursement paid to facilities for services moving to the APG reimbursement system (e.g., freestanding clinic and ambulatory surgery center services) during the 2007 calendar year and associated ancillary payments will be added to an investment of $9.375 million for dates of service from September 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009, and $50 million for each annualized period thereafter to form the numerator. A link to the base rates can be found in the APG Reimbursement Methodology – Freestanding Clinics section. The peer group specific case mix index multiplied by the coding improvement factor and the 2007 base year visits will form the denominator resulting in a base rate for that peer group.

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Effective for dates of service on and after September 1, 2009, payments to freestanding clinics for the following services shall be based on fees or rates established by the Department of Health: (1) wheelchair evaluations, (2) eyeglass dispensing, and (3) individual psychotherapy services provided by licensed social workers to persons under the age of 21, and to persons requiring such services as a result of or related to pregnancy or giving birth, and (4) individual psychotherapy services provided by licensed social workers at freestanding clinics that provided, billed for, and received payment for these services between January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. A link to the APG alternative rates for all periods is available in the APG Reimbursement Methodology – Freestanding Clinics section.

VII. Rates for services provided in freestanding clinic and ambulatory surgery center facilities located outside of New York State shall be as follows:

- APG rates in effect for similar services for providers located in the downstate region of New York State shall apply to services provided by out-of-state providers located in the New Jersey counties of Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex and Monmouth; in the Pennsylvania county of Pike; and in the Connecticut counties of Fairfield and Litchfield; and rates in effect for similar services for providers located in the upstate region of New York State shall apply to all other out-of-state providers.

- In the event the Department determines that an out-of-state provider is providing services which are not available within New York State, the Department may negotiate payment rates and conditions with such a provider up to, but not in excess of, the provider's usual and customary charges. Prior approval by the Department shall be required with regard to services provided by such providers.

- For the purpose of APG reimbursement to out-of-state providers, the downstate region of New York State shall consist of the New York counties of Bronx, New York, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam and Dutchess, and the upstate region of New York State shall consist of all other New York counties.

System updating

The following elements of the APG reimbursement system shall be updated no less frequently than annually:

- the listing of reimbursable APGs and the relative weight assigned to each APG;
- the base rates;
- the applicable [ICD-9-CM] ICD-10-CM codes utilized in the APG software system;
- the applicable CPT-4/HCPCS codes utilized in the APG software system; and
- the APG software system.

Appendix II
2015 Title XIX State Plan
Fourth Quarter Amendment
Summary

SUMMARY
SPA #15-0013

This State Plan Amendment proposes to implementation of the International Classification of Diseases Version 10 (ICD-10) for freestanding clinics.

Appendix III
2015 Title XIX State Plan
Fourth Quarter Amendment
Authorizing Provisions

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Public Health Law § 2807-c(35)(j)

(j) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, with regard to inpatient and outpatient Medicaid rates of payment for general hospital services, the commissioner may make such adjustments to such rates and to the methodology for computing such rates as is necessary to achieve no aggregate, net increase or decrease in overall Medicaid expenditures related to the implementation of the International Classification of Diseases Version 10 (ICD-10) coding system on or about October first, two thousand fourteen, as compared to such aggregate expenditures from the twelve-month period immediately prior to such implementation.

Appendix IV
2015 Title XIX State Plan
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Public Notice

MISCELLANEOUS
NOTICES/HEARINGS

Notice of Abandoned Property Received by the State Comptroller

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
Department of Health

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

The Department of Health proposes to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for institutional services to comply with enacted statutory provisions included in Public Health Law § 2826. The following changes are proposed:

The following is a clarification to the February 25, 2015 noticed provision for the temporary rate adjustment for the Critical Access Hospitals, (CAH's). The enacted CAH allocation has been increased to $7.5 million from $5 million annually for the period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2017. The original notice also included 17 CAHs, however Medina Memorial Hospital has been added for a total of 18 recipients. As previously noticed, these payments will also be made to the following: Carthage Area Hospital, Catskill Regional Medical Center-Hermann, Clifton-Fine Hospital, Community Memorial Hospital, Cuba Memorial Hospital, Delaware Valley Hospital, Elizabethtown Community Hospital, Ellenville Regional Hospital, Gouverneur Hospital, Lewis County General Hospital, Little Falls Hospital, Margaretville Hospital, Moses Ludington Hospital, O'Connor Hospital, River Hospital, Schuyler Hospital, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital of Yates, Co as well as Medina Memorial Hospital. This provision is now effective on or after October 1, 2015.

The estimated annual net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2015/2016 is $2,500,000 and for 2016/17 is $2,500,000.

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

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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 1460, Albany, NY 12210, or e-mail: spa_inquiries@health.ny.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE
Department of Health

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

The Department of Health proposes to amend the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for institutional and non-institutional services to comply with Federal requirements per the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services final rule. The following changes are proposed:

Institutional and Non-Institutional Services

The International Classification of Diseases Version 10 (ICD-10) will be implemented effective for hospital inpatient and outpatient services, freestanding diagnostic and treatment center services, and freestanding ambulatory surgery services beginning October 1, 2015. Effective as of this date, the Commissioner may make adjustments to inpatient and outpatient Medicaid rates of payment for these services, and to the methodology for computing such rates, as is necessary to achieve no aggregate net growth, by service, in overall Medicaid expenditures, related to its implementation, as compared to such by service expenditures from the period immediately prior to such implementation.

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of State
Routine Program Change

STATEWIDE — Pursuant to 15 CFR 923.84(b)(4), the New York State Department of State (DOS) hereby gives notice that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office for Coastal Management (OCM) concurred on August 21, 2015 on the incorporation of the amendment to the Town of Penfield Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) into New York State's Coastal Management Program as a Routine Program Change. DOS requested OCM's concurrence on this action on June 17, 2015, in a previous notice in the New York State Register, which further described the content of the action.

The amendment to the Town of Penfield LWRP was prepared in partnership with DOS and in accordance with the New York State Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act and the New York State Coastal Management Program. The LWRP is a long-term intermunicipal management program for the Town's waterfront resources along the Irondequoit Creek and Bay, and is based on the policies of the New York State Coastal Management Program. And, the amended LWRP serves to update the original Town of Penfield LWRP approved in 1991, which now is withdrawn. The Town of Penfield LWRP includes a comprehensive description of the existing and proposed land uses in the waterfront revitalization area, incorporates a harbor management plan, and identifies the next generation of waterfront revitalization projects.

Pursuant to the New York State Coastal Management Program and Article 42 of the New York State Executive Law, the amendment to the Town of Penfield LWRP was adopted by resolution by the Town of Penfield Town Board on March 4, 2015, and approved by the New York State Secretary of State on May 26, 2015. Federal Consistency with the Town of Penfield LWRP applies as of the date of this Notice.

OCM's concurrence includes the following approved changes to the Town of Penfield LWRP:

Name/Description of State or Local Law Regulation/Policy/ Program Authority or Change	State/Local Legal Citation	Date Adopted by State	Date Effective in State
ADDED:			
*Town of Penfield LWRP	*Section I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, and Appendices A-D	5/26/2015	5/26/2015
Town of Penfield LWRP	Section III, Policies 1-13 (note: explanatory text included in Section III is not applicable as enforceable policies for CZMA federal consistency review purposes)	5/26/2015	5/26/2015
DELETED:			
Town of Penfield LWRP (1991)	Town of Penfield LWRP (1991)	10/28/ 1991	10/28/ 1991

Changes marked with an asterisk (*) are incorporated into the NEW YORK COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, but do not contain enforceable policies that can be used for Federal Consistency.

The Town of Penfield Local Waterfront Revitalization Program is available at: http://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/programs/WFRevitalization/LWRP_status.html, the website of the New York State Department of State. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Parsons, Department of State, One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1010, Albany, NY 12231, (518) 473-2461.

Appendix V
2015 Title XIX State Plan
Fourth Quarter Amendment
Responses to Standard Funding Questions

NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES
State Plan Amendment #15-0013

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 and CMS staff are working to finalize prior years' demonstrations, which the 2015 UPL 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: 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 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.