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March 22, 2021

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

RE: SPA #21-0010
Non-Institutional Services

Dear Mr. McMillion:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #21-0010 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to be effective January 21, 2021 (Appendix I). This amendment is being submitted based on enacted legislation. 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 enacted legislation is enclosed for your information (Appendix III). Copies of the public notice of this plan amendment, which was given in the New York State Register on January 20, 2021 and clarified on March 31, 2021 are 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 Regina Deyette, Medicaid State Plan Coordinator, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, Office of Health Insurance Programs at (518) 473-3658.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Donna Frescatore
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

FORM APPROVED
OMB No. 0938-0193

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 21 — 0010

2. STATE: New York

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)
TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
January 21, 2021

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
a. FFY 01/21/21-09/30/21 $ 68,192.00
b. FFY 10/01/21-09/30/22 $ 98,000.00

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 4.19-B Pages: 2(g)(1), 2(g)(2), 2(g)(3)

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*
Attachment 4.19-B Pages: 2(g)(1), 2(g)(2), 2(g)(3)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
January 2021 APG Updates for 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
[redacted]

13. TYPED NAME
Donna Frescatore

14. TITLE
Medicaid Director, Department of Health

15. DATE SUBMITTED
March 22, 2021

16. RETURN TO
New York State Department of Health
Division of Finance and Rate Setting
99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza
Suite 1432
Albany, NY 12210

FOR 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

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Appendix I
2021 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Amended SPA Pages

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APG Reimbursement Methodology – Freestanding Clinics

For the purposes of sections pertaining to the Ambulatory Patient Group, and excepted as otherwise noted, the term freestanding clinics [shall] will mean freestanding Diagnostic and Treatment Centers (D&TCs) and [shall] will include freestanding ambulatory surgery centers.

For dates of service beginning September 1, 2009 through December 31, [2020] 2021, for freestanding Diagnostic and Treatment Center (D&TC) and ambulatory surgery center services, the operating component of rates [shall] will be reimbursed using a methodology that is prospective and associated with resource utilization to ensure that ambulatory services are economically and efficiently provided. The methodology is based upon the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) classification and reimbursement system. This methodology incorporates payments for the separate covered Medicaid benefits in accordance with the payment methods for these services. Reimbursement for the capital component of these rates [shall] will be made as an add-on to the operating component as described in the APG Rate Computation section.

The Ambulatory Patient Group patient classification system is designed to explain the amount and type of resources used in an ambulatory visit by grouping patients with similar clinical characteristics and similar resource use into a specific APG. Each procedure code associated with a patient visit is assigned to an APG using the grouping logic developed by 3M Health Information Systems (3M). When evaluation and management codes are coded, the APG grouping logic also uses the diagnosis code to make the APG assignment. Ultimately, the procedures and diagnoses coded for a patient visit will result in a list of APGs that correspond on a one-for-one basis with each procedure coded for the visit.

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APG Reimbursement Methodology – Freestanding Clinics

The following links direct users to the various definitions and factors that comprise the APG reimbursement methodology, which can also be found in aggregate on the APG website at http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm. In addition, prior period information associated with these links is available upon request to the Department of Health.

Contact Information:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm Click on "Contacts."

3M APG Crosswalk*:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm Click on "3M Versions and Crosswalks," then on "3M APG Crosswalk" toward bottom of page, and finally on "Accept" at bottom of page.

APG Alternative Payment Fee Schedule; updated as of 01/01/11:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Alternative Payment Fee Schedule."

APG Consolidation Logic; logic is from version 3.15.20.4, updated as of 10/01/20:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/bundling/ Click on "2020"

APG 3M Definitions Manual; version 3.15 updated as of [07/01/20 and 10/01/20] 01/21/21 and 04/01/21:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "3M Versions and Crosswalk."

APG Investments by Rate Period; updated as of 07/01/10:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Investments by Rate Period."

APG Relative Weights; updated as of [07/01/20] 01/21/21:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Weights, Proc Weights, and APG Fee Schedule Amounts."

Associated Ancillaries; updated as of 01/01/20:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm Click on "Ancillary Policy."

*Older 3M APG crosswalk versions available upon request.

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Carve-outs; updated as of 10/01/12. The full list of carve-outs is contained in Never Pay APGs and Never Pay Procedures:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Carve Outs."

Coding Improvement Factors (CIF); updated as of 04/01/12 and 07/01/12:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "CIFs by Rate Period."

If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay APGs; updated 01/01/15:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay APGs."

If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay Procedures; updated 01/01/19:
http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay Procedures."

Modifiers; updated as of 07/01/18:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Modifiers."

Never Pay APGs; updated as of 01/01/20:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Never Pay APGs."

Never Pay Procedures; updated as of [07/01/20] 01/21/21:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "Never Pay Procedures."

No-Blend APGs; updated as of 01/01/20:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "No Blend APGs."

No-Blend Procedures; updated as of 01/01/11:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "No-Blend Procedures."

No Capital Add-on APGs: updated as of 01/01/20:
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on "No Capital Add-on APGs."

Appendix II
2021 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Summary

SUMMARY
SPA #21-0010

This State Plan Amendment proposes to extend the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) methodology for freestanding clinic and ambulatory surgery center services until December 31, 2021 and revise the APG methodology to reflect the recalculated weights with component updates to become effective January 21, 2021.

Appendix III
2021 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Authorizing Provisions

SPA 21-0010

PHL §2807(2-a)(e):

(e) (i) notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of this subdivision, the commissioner shall promulgate regulations establishing, subject to the approval of the state director of the budget, methodologies for determining rates of payment for the services described in this subdivision. Such regulations shall reflect utilization of the ambulatory patient group (APG) methodology, in which patients are grouped based on their diagnosis, the intensity of the services provided and the medical procedures performed, and with each APG assigned a weight reflecting the projected utilization of resources. Such regulations shall provide for the development of one or more base rates and the multiplication of such base rates by the assigned weight for each APG to establish the appropriate payment level for each such APG. Such regulations may also utilize bundling, packaging and discounting mechanisms.

If the commissioner determines that the use of the APG methodology is not, or is not yet, appropriate or practical for specified services, the commissioner may utilize existing payment methodologies for such services or may promulgate regulations, and may promulgate emergency regulations, establishing alternative payment methodologies for such services.

(ii) Notwithstanding this subdivision and any other contrary provision of law, the commissioner may incorporate within the payment methodology described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph payment for services provided by facilities pursuant to licensure under the mental hygiene law, provided, however, that such APG payment methodology may be phased into effect in accordance with a schedule or schedules as jointly determined by the commissioner, the commissioner of mental health, the commissioner of alcoholism and substance abuse services, and the commissioner of mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

(iii) Regulations issued pursuant to this paragraph may incorporate quality related measures limiting or excluding reimbursement related to potentially preventable conditions and complications; provided however, such quality related measures shall not include any preventable conditions and complications not identified for Medicare nonpayment or limited payment.

Appendix IV
2021 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Public Notice

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 non-institutional services to revise provisions of the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) reimbursement methodology. The following changes are proposed:

Non-Institutional Services

Effective on or after January 21, 2021, the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) reimbursement methodology is revised to include recalculated weight and component updates to reflect the APG policy updates.

The estimated annual net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2020/2021 is $2,130,000.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment, a copy of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state_plans/status. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

For the New York City district, copies will be available at the following places:

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, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, 99 Washington Ave., One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1432, Albany, NY 12210, spa_inquiries@health.ny.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE

Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority
Request For Proposals (RFP)
For Beneficial Use of Bio-Solids

Pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law, Section 120-w, the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (Authority) hereby gives notice of the following:

The Authority is requesting proposals from companies that are interested in providing a beneficial use for bio-solids generated by certain wastewater treatment plants located in Oneida County and Herkimer County, New York State.

The Authority does not discriminate because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. All qualified Respondents will be afforded equal opportunities without discrimination. Furthermore, the Authority invites certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) participation in this RFP. Firms that are not M/WBEs responding to this RFP are strongly encouraged to consider partnering, or creating other similar joint venture arrangements, with certified M/WBEs and to give M/WBEs the opportunity to participate in responding to this RFP. The directory of New York State M/WBEs can be viewed at http://www.esd.ny.gov/mwbe.html.

Responses to the RFP are due to the Authority by 3:00 PM on February 10, 2021.

Copies of the RFP may be obtained at www.ohswa.org or through the contact: James V. Biamonte, Contract Officer, Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority, 1600 Genesee St., Utica, NY 13502

PUBLIC NOTICE

Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority
Draft Request for Proposals (RFP)
Transportation of Solid Waste to the Oneida-Herkimer Landfill
For Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority

Pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law, Section 120-w, the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority hereby gives notice of the following:

The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (OHSWA) desires to procure an agreement for 5 years beginning 10/24/2021 for transportation of non-recyclable waste from 2 transfer stations to the Oneida-Herkimer Landfill, Ava, NY. Comments on the Draft RFP must be received by 1:00 p.m. on 3/8/2021.

The Authority does not discriminate because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. All qualified respondents will be afforded equal opportunities without discrimination. Furthermore, the Authority invites certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) participation in this RFP. Firms that are not M/WBEs responding to this RFP are strongly encouraged to consider partnering, or creating other similar joint venture arrangements with certified M/WBEs and to give M/WBEs the opportunity to participate in responding to this RFP. The directory of New York State M/WBE's can be viewed at http://www.esd.ny.gov/mwbe.html.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of State
F-2020-1033
Date of Issuance – January 20, 2021

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 (CZMA) of 1972, as amended.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activities comply with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the federally approved New York State Coastal Management Program (NYSCMP). 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-2020-1033, Chase Killeen is proposing to construction of a new 4' x 135' dock with two (2) 8'' tie-off piles and open-grate decking. The project site is located on Shinnecock Bay at 183 Bay Avenue East, Hampton Bays, NY, 11946, Suffolk County.

The applicant's consistency certification and supporting information are available for review at: http://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/programs/pdfs/Consistency/F-2020-1033Killeen.pdf

Any interested parties and/or agencies desiring to express their views concerning any of the above proposed activities may do so by filing their comments, in writing, no later than 4:30 p.m., 30 days from the date of publication of this notice or February 19, 2021.

Comments should be addressed to: Department of State, Office of

For publication in the
March 31st, edition of the
New York State Register

Public Notice
NYS 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 non-institutional services to clarify the revised provisions of the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) reimbursement methodology as originally published on January 20, 2021. The following changes are proposed:

Non-Institutional Services

The following is a clarification to the January 20, 2021 noticed provision for Ambulatory Patient Groups (APG) recalculated weight and component updates.

With clarification, the January 20th noticed provision included an error in the fiscal calculation. That error has been corrected and the estimated annual net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2020/2021 is now $820,000.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment, a copy of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state_plans/status. Individuals without Internet access may view the State Plan Amendments at any local (county) social services district.

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Appendix V
2021 Title XIX State Plan
First Quarter Amendment
Responses to Standard Funding Questions

NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES
State Plan Amendment #21-0010

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 the state plan. 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 2 CFR 200 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 budget 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 is working on completing the current year Clinic UPL.

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 methodologies included in the State Plan for freestanding diagnostic and treatment and ambulatory surgery center services are either cost-based subject to ceilings or based upon the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) system. We are unaware of any requirement under current federal law or regulation that limits individual provider's 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: The 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 17-0065, 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.