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September 30, 2022

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 #22-0079
Non-Institutional Services

Dear Mr. McMillion:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #22-0079 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to be effective July 1, 2022 (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 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). A copy of the public notice of this plan amendment, which was given in the New York State Register on June 29, 2022, 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 Regina Deyette, Medicaid State Plan Coordinator, Division of Finance and Rate Setting, Office of Health Insurance Programs at (518) 473-3658.

Sincerely,



Amir Bassiri
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2. STATE

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX

XXI

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY _____ \$ _____

b. FFY _____ \$ _____

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

[Redacted Signature]

15. RETURN TO

12. TYPED NAME

13. TITLE

14. DATE SUBMITTED September 30, 2022

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED

17. DATE APPROVED

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

22. REMARKS

Appendix I
2022 Title XIX State Plan
Third Quarter Amendment
Amended SPA Pages

New York
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1905(a)(9) Clinic Services

Regional Continuing Day Treatment Rates for Freestanding Clinic (Non-State Operated)

The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of ~~April 1, 2022~~ July 1, 2022 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the State's website at:

https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid_reimbursement/excel/cdt-base-rate.xlsx

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Effective Date July 1, 2022

**New York
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1905(a)(9) Clinic Services

Continuing Day Treatment Services:

Reimbursement Methodology for Outpatient Hospital Services

Definitions:

- **Group Collateral** - A unit of service in which services are provided to collaterals of more than one individual at the same time. Group Collateral Visit will not include more than 12 individuals and collaterals. Reimbursement for group collateral visits of 30 minutes or more is provided for each individual for whom at least one collateral is present.
- **Units of Service** - Half Day – Minimum two hours
 Full Day – Minimum four hours
 Collateral Visit – minimum of 30 minutes
 Preadmission and Group Collateral Visits – minimum of one hour
 Crisis Visit – any duration

Cumulative hours are calculated on a monthly basis. A Half Day visit counts as two hours and a Full Day counts as four hours towards an individual's monthly cumulative hours. Time spent during a crisis, collateral, group collateral, or preadmission visit is excluded from the calculation of monthly cumulative hours. Time spent during a crisis, collateral, group collateral, or preadmission visit is also excluded from the minimum service hours necessary for Half Day and Full Day visits.

When the hours of any single visit include more than one rate because the individual surpassed the monthly utilization amount within a single visit, reimbursement is at the rate applicable to the first hour of such visit.

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**New York
3k(2a)****1905(a)(9) Clinic Services****Day Treatment Services for Children:**

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of OMH Day Treatment Services for Children providers. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of ~~April 1, 2022~~ July 1, 2022, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the State's website at:

https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/medicaid_reimbursement/excel/day-treatment.xlsx

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1905(a)(9) Clinic Services

**Regional Day Treatment for Children Rates for Outpatient Hospital Services
(Non-State Operated)**

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of OMH Day Treatment Services for Children providers. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of ~~April 1, 2022~~ July 1, 2022, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the State's website at:

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Reimbursement will include a per-visit payment for the cost of capital, which will be determined by dividing the provider's total allowable capital costs, as reported on the Institutional Cost Report (ICR) for its licensed Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services, Continuing Day Treatment and Day Treatment Services for children, by the sum of the total annual number of visits for all of such services. The per-visit capital payment will be updated annually and will be developed using the costs and visits based on an ICR that is 2-years prior to the rate year. The allowable capital, as reported on the ICR, will also be adjusted prior to the rate add-on development to exclude costs related to statutory exclusions as follows: (1) forty-four percent of the costs of major moveable equipment and (2) staff housing.

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Appendix II
2022 Title XIX State Plan
Third Quarter Amendment
Summary

SUMMARY
SPA #22-0079

This State Plan Amendment proposes to revise the State Plan to reflect a five percent rate increase for OMH licensed Continuing Day Treatment, Day Treatment for Children, and Partial Hospitalization services.

Appendix III
2022 Title XIX State Plan
Third Quarter Amendment
Authorizing Provisions

**McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York Annotated
Mental Hygiene Law (Refs & Annos)**

**Chapter 27. Of the Consolidated Laws (Refs &
Annos) Title E. General Provisions (Refs &**

**McKinney's Mental
Hygiene Law § 43.02**

§ 43.02 Rates or methods of payment for services at facilities subject to licensure or certification by the office of mental health, the office for people with developmental disabilities or the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services

Effective: April 13, 2015 Currentness

- (a) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, payment made by government agencies pursuant to title eleven of article five of the social services law for services provided by any facility licensed by the office of mental health pursuant to article thirty-one of this chapter or certified by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services pursuant to this chapter to provide inpatient chemical dependence services, as defined in [section 1.03](#) of this chapter, shall be at rates or fees certified by the commissioner of the respective office and approved by the director of the division of the budget, provided, however, the commissioner of mental health shall annually certify such rates or fees which may vary for distinct geographical areas of the state and, provided, further, that rates or fees for service for inpatient psychiatric services or inpatient chemical dependence services, at hospitals otherwise licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health law shall be established in accordance with [section two thousand eight hundred seven of the public health law](#) and, provided, further, that rates or fees for services provided by any facility or program licensed, operated or approved by the office for people with developmental disabilities, shall be certified by the commissioner of health; provided, however, that such methodologies shall be subject to approval by the office for people with developmental disabilities and shall take into account the policies and goals of such office.
- (b) Operators of facilities licensed by the office of mental health pursuant to article thirty-one of this chapter, licensed by the office for people with developmental disabilities pursuant to article sixteen of this chapter or certified by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services pursuant to this chapter to provide inpatient chemical dependence services shall provide to the commissioner of the respective office such financial, statistical and program information as the commissioner may determine to be necessary. The commissioner of the appropriate office shall have the power to conduct on-site audits of books and records of such facilities.

(c) The commissioner of the office of mental health, the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities and the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this section. Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, provisions relating to:

(i) the establishment of a uniform statewide system of reports and audits relating to the quality of care provided, facility utilization and costs of providing services; such a uniform statewide system may provide for appropriate variation in the application of the system to different classes or subclasses of facilities licensed by the office of mental health pursuant to article thirty-one of this chapter or licensed or operated by the office for people with developmental disabilities pursuant to article sixteen of this chapter, or certified by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services pursuant to this chapter to provide inpatient chemical dependence services; and

Appendix IV
2022 Title XIX State Plan
Third Quarter Amendment
Public Notice

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Staten Island, New York 10301

For further information and to review and comment, please contact:
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Washington Ave., One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1432, Albany, NY
12210, 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 non-institutional services to comply with enacted statutory provisions. The following changes are proposed:

Non-Institutional Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2022, the Department of Health will adjust rates statewide to reflect a five percent increase for the following Office of Mental Health services: Continuing Day Treatment (CDT), Day Treatment for Children and Partial Hospitalization (PH).

The estimated annual net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to the July 1, 2022, five percent increase for the Continuing Day Treatment (CDT), Day Treatment for Children and Partial Hospitalization (PH) services is \$1.3 million. The amount is contained in the budget for State Fiscal Year 2023.

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
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Long Island City, New York 11101

Kings County, Fulton Center
114 Willoughby Street
Brooklyn, New York 11201

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Non-Institutional Services

Beginning October 1, 2022, the minimum wage for a home care aide shall be increased by \$2.00 and beginning October 1, 2023, the minimum wage shall be increased by an additional \$1.00.

The estimated annual net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2022-23 is \$20.7 million.

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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Non-Institutional Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2022, the Medicaid State Plan will be amended to authorize payment for Psychologist services provided to children/youth by agencies designated under the Child and Family Treatment and Support Services designation process.

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

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Appendix V
2022 Title XIX State Plan
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Responses to Standard Funding Questions

**NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES
State Plan Amendment #22-0079**

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.

- 1. Section 1903(a)(1) provides that Federal matching funds are only available for expenditures made by States for services under the approved State plan. Do providers receive and retain the total Medicaid expenditures claimed by the State (includes normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced payments, other) or is any portion of the payments returned to the State, local governmental entity, or any other intermediary organization? If providers are required to return any portion of payments, please provide a full description of the repayment process. Include in your response a full description of the methodology for the return of any of the amount or percentage of payments that are returned and the disposition and use of the funds once they are returned to the State (i.e., general fund, medical services account, etc.)**

Response: Providers receive and retain 100 percent of total Medicaid expenditures claimed by the State and the State does not require any provider to return any portion of such payments to the State, local government entities, or any other intermediary organization.

- 2. Section 1902(a)(2) provides that the lack of adequate funds from local sources will not result in lowering the amount, duration, scope, or quality of care and services available under the plan. Please describe how the state share of each type of Medicaid payment (normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced, other) is funded. Please describe whether the state share is from appropriations from the legislature to the Medicaid agency, through intergovernmental transfer agreements (IGTs), certified public expenditures (CPEs), provider taxes, or any other mechanism used by the state to provide state share. Note that, if the appropriation is not to the Medicaid agency, the source of the state share would necessarily be derived through either an IGT or CPE. In this case, please identify the agency to which the funds are appropriated. Please provide an estimate of total expenditure and State share amounts for each type of Medicaid payment. If any of the non-federal share is being provided using IGTs or CPEs, please fully describe the matching arrangement including when the state agency receives the transferred amounts from the local government entity transferring the funds. If CPEs are used, please describe the methodology used by the state to verify that the total expenditures being certified are eligible for Federal matching funds in accordance with 42 CFR**

433.51(b). For any payment funded by CPEs or IGTs, please provide the following:

- (i) a complete list of the names of entities transferring or certifying funds;
- (ii) the operational nature of the entity (state, county, city, other);
- (iii) the total amounts transferred or certified by each entity;
- (iv) clarify whether the certifying or transferring entity has general taxing authority; and,
- (v) whether the certifying or transferring entity received appropriations (identify level of appropriations).

Response: The Non-Federal share Medicaid provider payment (normal per diem and supplemental) is funded by a combination of the following funds/funding sources through enacted appropriations authority to the Department of Health (DOH) for the New York State Medicaid program.

		4/1/22 – 3/31/23	
Payment Type	Non-Federal Share Funding	Non-Federal	Gross
Normal Per Diem	General Fund; County Contribution	\$14M	\$28M

1) **General Fund:** Revenue resources for the State's General Fund includes taxes (e.g., income, sales, etc.), and miscellaneous fees (including audit recoveries). Medicaid expenditures from the State's General Fund are authorized from Department of Health Medicaid.

- a. New York State Audit Recoveries: The Department of Health collaborates with the Office of the Medical Inspector General (OMIG) and the Office of the Attorney General (AG) in recovering improperly expended Medicaid funds. OMIG conducts and coordinates the investigation, detection, audit, and review of Medicaid providers and recipients to ensure they are complying with all applicable laws and regulation. OMIG recovers any improper payments through cash collections and voided claim recoveries. Cash collections are deposited into the State's General Fund to offset Medicaid costs.

In addition to cash collections, OMIG finds inappropriately billed claims within provider claims. To correct an error, OMIG and DOH process the current accurate claim, and reduce this claim by the inappropriate claim value to recoup the previous overclaim and decrease state spending.

2) Additional Resources for Non-Federal Share Funding:

County Contribution: In State Fiscal Year 2006, through enacted State legislation (Part C of Chapter 58 of the laws of 2005), New York State "capped" the amount localities contributed to the non-Federal share of providers claims. This was designed to relieve pressure on county property taxes and the NYC

budget by limiting local contributions having New York State absorb all local program costs above this fixed statutory inflation rate (3% at the time).

However, in State Fiscal Year 2013 New York State provided additional relief to Localities by reducing local contributions annual growth from three percent to zero over a three-year period. Beginning in State Fiscal Year 2016, counties began paying a fixed cost in perpetuity as follows:

County	Annual Amount
New York City	\$4.882B
Suffolk	\$216M
Nassau	\$213M
Westchester	\$199M
Erie	\$185M
Rest of State (53 Counties)	\$979M
Total	\$6.835B

By eliminating the growth in localities Medicaid costs, the State has statutorily capped total Statewide County Medicaid expenditures at 2015 levels. All additional county Medicaid costs are funded by the State through State funding as described above. DOH provides annual letters to counties providing weekly contributions. Contributions are deposited directly into State escrow account and used to offset 'total' State share Medicaid funding.

NOTE: The Local Contribution is not tied to a specific claim or service category and instead is a capped amount based on 2015 county spending levels as stated above.

- 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 Medicaid payments under this State Plan Amendment are not supplemental 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. Under regulations at 42 CFR 447.272, States are prohibited from setting payment rates for Medicaid inpatient services that exceed a reasonable estimate of the amount that would be paid under Medicare payment principals.**

Response: The outpatient UPL demonstration utilizes a cost-to-payment methodology to estimate the upper payment limit for each class of providers. The State completed the 2022 outpatient UPL as well as the Procedural Manual which describes the methodology for eligible providers and was submitted to CMS on September 8, 2022. However, the Medicaid payments under this State Plan Amendment were not included in the 2022 outpatient UPL submitted to CMS. The UPL will be revised to include this amendment and resubmitted to CMS at a later date.

The clinic UPL demonstration utilizes cost-to-payment methodology to estimate the upper payment limit for each class of providers. The State is in the process of completing the 2022 clinic UPL as well as the Procedural Manual which describes the methodology for eligible providers and will be submitting both documents to CMS. The Medicaid payments under this State Plan Amendment will be included in the 2022 clinic UPL when it is submitted to CMS.

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: Providers do not receive payments that in the aggregate exceed their reasonable costs of providing services. If any providers received payments that in the aggregate exceeded their reasonable costs of providing services, the State would recoup the excess and return the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report.

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 complies 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.