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September 30, 2026

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 #26-0045
Non-Institutional Services

Dear Director McMillion:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #26-0045 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to be effective July 1, 2026 (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 24, 2026, 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,


Michael Ogborn
Deputy 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 6 — 0 0 4 5

2. STATE

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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

July 1, 2026

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

§ 1905(a)(2)(A) Outpatient Hospital Services

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 07/01/26-09/30/26 \$ 71,979

b. FFY 10/01/26-09/30/27 \$ 287,916

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B: Pages 1(e)(2), 1(e)(2.1)

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Attachment 4.19-B: Pages 1(e)(2), 1(e)(2.1)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

July 2026 APG Update - Hospital OP

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, ASSPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

Michael Ogborn

13. TITLE

Deputy Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

September 30, 2026

15. 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 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
2026 Title XIX State Plan
Third Quarter Amendment
Amended SPA Pages

New York
1(e)(2)

1905(a)(2)(A) Outpatient Hospital Services

APG Reimbursement Methodology – Hospital Outpatient

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, version 3.18; updated as of ~~01/01/26 and 04/01/26~~ 07/01/26 and 10/01/26:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/crosswalk/index.htm

<https://www.emedny.org/Crosswalk/> Click on “Accept” at bottom of page to gain access.

APG Alternative Payment Fee Schedule; updated as of 01/01/24:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on “Alternative Payment Fee Schedule.”

APG Consolidation Logic; logic is from the version of 4/01/08, updated as of ~~01/01/26~~ and ~~04/01/26~~ 07/01/26 and 10/01/26:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/bundling/ Click on “2026”

APG 3M Definitions Manual Versions; updated as of ~~01/01/26 and 04/01/26~~ 07/01/26 and 10/01/26:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/crosswalk/index.htm

APG Investments by Rate Period; updated as of 01/01/11:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on “Investments by Rate Period.”

APG Relative Weights; updated as of ~~01/01/26~~ 07/01/26:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on “Weights, Proc Weights, and APG Fee Schedule Amounts” file.

Associated Ancillaries; updated as of 01/01/20:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/apg/index.htm Click on “Ancillary Policy.”

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1(e)(2.1)**

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Carve-outs; updated as of 10/01/12:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on “Carve Outs.”

Coding Improvement Factors (CIF); updated as of 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 as of 01/01/15:

http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on “If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay APGs.”

If Stand Alone, Do Not Pay Procedures; updated as of 07/01/22:

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 ~~06/01/25~~ 07/01/26:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on “Modifiers.”

Never Pay APGs; updated as of 07/01/21:

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/methodology/index.htm Click on “Never Pay APGs.”

Never Pay Procedures; updated as of ~~01/01/26~~ 07/01/26:

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.”

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Approval Date

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Effective Date July 1, 2026

Appendix II
2026 Title XIX State Plan
Third Quarter Amendment
Summary

SUMMARY
SPA #26-0045

This State Plan Amendment proposes to update the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) payment methodology for hospital-based clinic and ambulatory surgery services, including emergency room services, to reflect the recalculated weight and component updates that will become effective on or after July 1, 2026.

Appendix III
2026 Title XIX State Plan
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Authorizing Provisions

SPA 26-0045

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.

Regulation: 10 NYCRR 86-8.11: <https://regs.health.ny.gov/content/section-86-811-system-updating-and-incorporation-reference>

PHL §2807(2-a)(f)(ii)(c):

(f)(i) The commissioner shall periodically measure the utilization and intensity of services provided to medical assistance recipients in ambulatory settings. Such analysis shall include, but not be limited to: measurement of the shift of surgical procedures from the inpatient hospital setting to the ambulatory setting including measurement of the impact of any such shift on quality of care and outcomes; changes in the utilization and intensity of services provided in the outpatient hospital department and in diagnostic and treatment centers; and the change in the utilization and intensity of services provided in the emergency department.

(ii) notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision, for periods on and after January first, two thousand nine, the following services provided by general hospital outpatient departments and diagnostic and treatment centers shall be reimbursed with rates of payment based entirely upon the ambulatory patient group methodology as described in paragraph (e) of this subdivision, provided, however, that the commissioner may utilize existing payment methodologies or may promulgate regulations establishing alternative payment methodologies for one or more of the services specified in this subparagraph, effective for periods on and after March first, two thousand nine:

(A) services provided in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (q), (r), and (ll) of subdivision two of section three hundred sixty-five-a of the social services law; and

(B) all services, but only with regard to additional payment amounts, as determined in accordance with regulations issued in accordance with paragraph (e) of this subdivision, for the provision of such services during times outside the facility's normal hours of operation, as determined in accordance with criteria set forth in such regulations; and

(C) services provided by licensed social workers, licensed mental health counselors, and licensed marriage and family therapists, in accordance with licensing criteria set forth in applicable regulations; and

(D) individual psychotherapy services provided by licensed social workers, in accordance with licensing criteria set forth in applicable regulations, at diagnostic and treatment centers that provided, billed for, and received payment for these services between January first, two thousand seven and December thirty-first, two thousand seven;

(E) services provided to pregnant women pursuant to paragraph (s) of subdivision two of section three hundred sixty-five-a of the social services law and, for periods on and after January first, two thousand ten, all other services provided pursuant to such paragraph (s) and services provided pursuant to paragraph (t) of subdivision two of section three hundred sixty-five-a of the social services law;

(F) wheelchair evaluation services and eyeglass dispensing services; and

(G) immunization services, effective for services rendered on and after June tenth, two thousand nine.

Appendix IV
2026 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 non-institutional services to revise provisions of the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) reimbursement methodology in accordance with the Public Health Law § 2807(2-a)(e). The following changes are proposed:

Non-Institutional Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2026, the Ambulatory Patient Group (APG) reimbursement methodology is revised to include recalculated weight and component updates in order to update reimbursement for APG payments.

The estimated annual net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures as a result of this proposed amendment is \$5.3 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.

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 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 sections 43.01 and 43.02 of the New York State Mental Hygiene Law. The following changes are proposed:

Non-Institutional Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2026, the Department of Health will amend the New York Medicaid State Plan for rehabilitation services provided by Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) programs by using inflation adjusted Bureau of Labor Statistics average regional pay to increase rates to maintain provider sustainability and access to services.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative for state fiscal year 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 is \$8.4 million and \$11.2 million, respectively.

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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Staten Island, New York 10301

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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 institutional services to comply with the 2026-2027 proposed executive budget. The following changes are proposed:

Institutional Services

Effective for services on or after July 1, 2026, and each state fiscal year thereafter, the reduction to hospital inpatient budgeted capital rate add-ons and the actual capital expense add-ons will be changed from 20 percent to 10 percent relative to the rate in effect on such date.

For any rate year, the reduction to all reconciliation capital add-on amounts calculated on or after July 1, 2026, will be changed from 20 percent to 10 percent, and all reconciliation recoupment capital amounts calculated on or after July 1, 2026, will be changed from 20 percent to 10 percent.

The estimated net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to this initiative contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2026-2027 is \$13.84 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of State
F-2026-0112

Date of Issuance – June 24, 2026

The New York State Department of State (DOS) is required by Federal regulations to provide timely public notice for the activities described below, which are subject to the consistency provisions of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the approved New York State Coastal Management Program.

In F-2026-0112, Anna Wang is proposing to install a permanent dock and boathouse in place of the existing structures. The dock will be constructed using 6 inch round schedule 40 posts driven into bay floor. The existing boathouse is 13.2 foot wide by 19.4 foot long. The existing and proposed dimensions of the dock around the boathouse are 18 feet long by 2 feet wide, 14 feet wide by 26 feet long and 8 feet wide by 50 foot long. The project is located at 7356 Rose Ave in the Town of Wolcott in Wayne County on Sodus Bay.

The stated purpose of the proposed action is recreational enhancement for the homeowners.

The applicant's consistency certification and supporting information are available for review at: <https://dos.ny.gov/f-2026-0112> or at <https://dos.ny.gov/public-notices>

Original copies of public information and data submitted by the applicant 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.

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 July 24, 2026.

Comments should be addressed to: Consistency Review Unit, Department of State, Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231, (518) 474-6000; Fax (518) 473-2464. Electronic submissions can be made by email at: CR@dos.ny.gov

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of State
F-2026-0364(DA)

Date of Issuance – June 24, 2026

The New York State Department of State (DOS) is required by Federal regulations to provide timely public notice for the activities described below, which are subject to the consistency provisions of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended.

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy has determined that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the approved New York State Coastal Management Program. The agency's consistency determination 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-2026-0364(DA), the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) proposes to demolish existing residential structures (~9,000sf house, in-ground pool and associated pool house) to create a construction laydown area for future development at the USMMA. The proposal is for a property owned by the Merchant Marine Academy located at 307 Steamboat Road, in the Village of Kings Point, Nassau County.

The stated purpose of the project is to create a construction laydown area for use during USMMA's Capital Modernization Plan. The use of the proposed area would minimize the disruption to daily campus activities, traffic and parking. This location would ultimately serve as the future location of the Federal Maritime Center of Excellence.

Appendix V
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Responses to Standard Funding Questions