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April 3, 2023

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

RE: SPA #21-0054

Dear Mr. Scott:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #21-0054 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan effective April 1, 2021.

This amendment is being sent to you for your review and approval based on the current global pandemic, COVID-19.

If you or your staff have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Regina Deyette of my staff at (518) 473-3658.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Amir Bassiri
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: 21-0054

2. STATE: NY

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: April 01, 2021

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: §1905(a)(4)(B), 1905(r), 1905(a)(13)(c), 1902(a), 1945

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 04/01/21-09/30/21 $ 8,201,577
b. FFY 10/01/21-09/30/22 $ 16,403,154

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment: 7.4 - TBD

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*: NEW

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

CFTSS
(FMAP=50%)

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]

12. TYPED NAME: Amir Bassiri

13. TITLE: Medicaid Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED: April 3, 2023

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

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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

Instructions on Back

Section 7 – General Provisions
7.4. Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Emergency

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency by the authorities vested in him by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), and consistent with section 1135 of the Social Security Act (Act). On March 13, 2020, pursuant to section 1135(b) of the Act, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services invoked his authority to waive or modify certain requirements of titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Act as a result of the consequences COVID-19 pandemic, to the extent necessary, as determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to ensure that sufficient health care items and services are available to meet the needs of individuals enrolled in the respective programs and to ensure that health care providers that furnish such items and services in good faith, but are unable to comply with one or more of such requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, may be reimbursed for such items and services and exempted from sanctions for such noncompliance, absent any determination of fraud or abuse. This authority took effect as of 6PM Eastern Standard Time on March 15, 2020, with a retroactive effective date of March 1, 2020. The emergency period will terminate, and waivers will no longer be available, upon termination of the public health emergency, including any extensions.

The State Medicaid agency (agency) seeks to implement the policies and procedures described below, which are different than the policies and procedures otherwise applied under the Medicaid state plan, during the period of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 outbreak (or any renewals thereof), or for any shorter period described below:

This provision for rate increases for Child and Family Treatment and Support Services is effective April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The provision for rate increase for Article 29-I Core Health Related Services will be effective July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The administrative fee for Health Homes Serving Children to conduct HCBS level of care eligibility determinations will be effective April 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

NOTE: States may not elect a period longer than the Presidential or Secretarial emergency declaration (or any renewal thereof). States may not propose changes on this template that restrict or limit payment, services, or eligibility, or otherwise burden beneficiaries and providers.

Request for Waivers under Section 1135

__x___ The agency seeks the following under section 1135(b)(1)(C) and/or section 1135(b)(5) of the Act:

a. _____ SPA submission requirements – the agency requests modification of the requirement to submit the SPA by March 31, 2020, to obtain a SPA effective date during the first calendar quarter of 2020, pursuant to 42 CFR 430.20.

b. ___x__ Public notice requirements – the agency requests waiver of public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to this SPA submission. These requirements may include those specified in 42 CFR 440.386 (Alternative Benefit Plans),

42 CFR 447.57(c) (premiums and cost sharing), and 42 CFR 447.205 (public notice of changes in statewide methods and standards for setting payment rates).

c. __x___ Tribal consultation requirements – the agency requests modification of tribal consultation timelines specified in [insert name of state] Medicaid state plan, as described below:

New York will reduce the tribal consultation to zero days before submission to CMS. Tribal consultation will still be completed and mailed as per guidelines in New York's approved state plan.

Section A – Eligibility

1. _____ The agency furnishes medical assistance to the following optional groups of individuals described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) or 1902(a)(10)(c) of the Act. This may include the new optional group described at section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII) and 1902(ss) of the Act providing coverage for uninsured individuals.

Include name of the optional eligibility group and applicable income and resource standard.

2. _____ The agency furnishes medical assistance to the following populations of individuals described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XX) of the Act and 42 CFR 435.218:

   a. _____ All individuals who are described in section 1905(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XX)

      Income standard: _____

      -or-

   b. _____ Individuals described in the following categorical populations in section 1905(a) of the Act:

      Income standard: _____

3. _____ The agency applies less restrictive financial methodologies to individuals excepted from financial methodologies based on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) as follows.

   Less restrictive income methodologies:

Less restrictive resource methodologies:

4. _____ The agency considers individuals who are evacuated from the state, who leave the state for medical reasons related to the disaster or public health emergency, or who are otherwise absent from the state due to the disaster or public health emergency and who intend to return to the state, to continue to be residents of the state under 42 CFR 435.403(j)(3).

5. _____ The agency provides Medicaid coverage to the following individuals living in the state, who are non-residents:

6. _____ The agency provides for an extension of the reasonable opportunity period for non-citizens declaring to be in a satisfactory immigration status, if the non-citizen is making a good faith effort to resolve any inconsistences or obtain any necessary documentation, or the agency is unable to complete the verification process within the 90-day reasonable opportunity period due to the disaster or public health emergency.

Section B – Enrollment

1. _____ The agency elects to allow hospitals to make presumptive eligibility determinations for the following additional state plan populations, or for populations in an approved section 1115 demonstration, in accordance with section 1902(a)(47)(B) of the Act and 42 CFR 435.1110, provided that the agency has determined that the hospital is capable of making such determinations.

Please describe the applicable eligibility groups/populations and any changes to reasonable limitations, performance standards or other factors.

2. _____ The agency designates itself as a qualified entity for purposes of making presumptive eligibility determinations described below in accordance with sections 1920, 1920A, 1920B, and 1920C of the Act and 42 CFR Part 435 Subpart L.

Please describe any limitations related to the populations included or the number of allowable PE periods.

3. _____ The agency designates the following entities as qualified entities for purposes of making presumptive eligibility determinations or adds additional populations as described below in accordance with sections 1920, 1920A, 1920B, and 1920C of the Act and 42 CFR Part 435 Subpart L. Indicate if any designated entities are permitted to make presumptive eligibility determinations only for specified populations.

Please describe the designated entities or additional populations and any limitations related to the specified populations or number of allowable PE periods.

4. _____ The agency adopts a total of _____ months (not to exceed 12 months) continuous eligibility for children under age enter age _____ (not to exceed age 19) regardless of changes in circumstances in accordance with section 1902(e)(12) of the Act and 42 CFR 435.926.

5. _____ The agency conducts redeterminations of eligibility for individuals excepted from MAGI-based financial methodologies under 42 CFR 435.603(j) once every _____ months (not to exceed 12 months) in accordance with 42 CFR 435.916(b).

6. _____ The agency uses the following simplified application(s) to support enrollment in affected areas or for affected individuals (a copy of the simplified application(s) has been submitted to CMS).

    a. _____ The agency uses a simplified paper application.

    b. _____ The agency uses a simplified online application.

    c. _____ The simplified paper or online application is made available for use in call-centers or other telephone applications in affected areas.

Section C – Premiums and Cost Sharing

1. _____ The agency suspends deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, and other cost sharing charges as follows:

Please describe whether the state suspends all cost sharing or suspends only specified deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, or other cost sharing charges for specified items and services or for specified eligibility groups consistent with 42 CFR 447.52(d) or for specified income levels consistent with 42 CFR 447.52(g).

2. _____ The agency suspends enrollment fees, premiums and similar charges for:

a. _____ All beneficiaries

b. _____ The following eligibility groups or categorical populations:

Please list the applicable eligibility groups or populations.

3. _____ The agency allows waiver of payment of the enrollment fee, premiums and similar charges for undue hardship.

Please specify the standard(s) and/or criteria that the state will use to determine undue hardship.

Section D – Benefits

Benefits:

1. _____ The agency adds the following optional benefits in its state plan (include service descriptions, provider qualifications, and limitations on amount, duration or scope of the benefit):

2. _____ The agency makes the following adjustments to benefits currently covered in the state plan:

3. _____ The agency assures that newly added benefits or adjustments to benefits comply with all applicable statutory requirements, including the statewideness requirements found at 1902(a)(1), comparability requirements found at 1902(a)(10)(B), and free choice of provider requirements found at 1902(a)(23).

4. _____ Application to Alternative Benefit Plans (ABP). The state adheres to all ABP provisions in 42 CFR Part 440, Subpart C. This section only applies to states that have an approved ABP(s).

   a. ____ The agency assures that these newly added and/or adjusted benefits will be made available to individuals receiving services under ABPs.

   b. ____ Individuals receiving services under ABPs will not receive these newly added

and/or adjusted benefits, or will only receive the following subset:

Please describe.

Telehealth:

5. _____ The agency utilizes telehealth in the following manner, which may be different than outlined in the state's approved state plan:

Please describe.

Drug Benefit:

6. _____ The agency makes the following adjustments to the day supply or quantity limit for covered outpatient drugs. The agency should only make this modification if its current state plan pages have limits on the amount of medication dispensed.

Please describe the change in days or quantities that are allowed for the emergency period and for which drugs.

7. _____ Prior authorization for medications is expanded by automatic renewal without clinical review, or time/quantity extensions.

8. _____ The agency makes the following payment adjustment to the professional dispensing fee when additional costs are incurred by the providers for delivery. States will need to supply documentation to justify the additional fees.

Please describe the manner in which professional dispensing fees are adjusted.

9. _____ The agency makes exceptions to their published Preferred Drug List if drug shortages occur. This would include options for covering a brand name drug product that is a multi-source drug if a generic drug option is not available.

Section E – Payments

Optional benefits described in Section D:

1. _____ Newly added benefits described in Section D are paid using the following methodology:

a. ____ Published fee schedules –

Effective date (enter date of change): _____

Location (list published location): _____

b. ____ Other:

Describe methodology here.

Increases to state plan payment methodologies:

2. __X___ The agency increases payment rates for the following services:

"Home and Community-Based Services Eligible for the ARP Section 9817 Temporary Increased FMAP" *Based upon the NYS Department of Health approved Spending Plan for Implementation of Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; increased rates for State Plan Services including Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) – PSR, CPST, Crisis, Family Peer Support Services and Youth Peer Support and Training and for Voluntary Foster Care Agencies 29I Health Facilities Core Health Services. This also includes an administrative fee for Health Homes Serving Children to conduct HCBS level of care eligibility determinations for the 1915(c) Children's Waiver.*

a. __X___ Payment increases are targeted based on the following criteria:

NYS DOH will increase payment for the providers that provide CFTSS, and 29-I Core Health Services, and will begin reimbursing Health Homes to conduct HCBS assessments, as referenced in the NYS DOH Spending Plan for Implementation of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Section 9817 and that are listed in Appendix B, or could be listed in Appendix B, of the American Rescue Plan Act, State Medicaid Director Letter, SMD#21-003 Implementation of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Section 9817. *These time limited funds for all claims for the identified services for dates of services between April 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, for CFTSS and July 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, for the 29I Health Facilities to build service capacity.* *The HCBS Level of Care determination fee is based upon the annual assessment being conducted timely as outlined in the Children's Waiver. One-time assessment fee*

annually per member within the period of April 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. A Health Home SPA will be submitted to continue this fee beyond the noted timeframe.

b. Payments are increased through:

i. ____ A supplemental payment or add-on within applicable upper payment limits:

ii. _X___ An increase to rates as described below.

Rates are increased:

__X___ Uniformly by the following percentage: _25% on CFTSS (an additional 14% above the current 11% authorized under NY SPA 20-0036 and 25% on 29I Health Facilities Core Per Diem rates (based upon current rates). $200 for the HCBS level of care annual assessment.

__X___ Through a modification to published fee schedules –

Effective date (enter date of change): ___April 1, 2021_____

Location (list published location): _ Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (ny.gov)__and 29-I Health Facility (VFCA transition) (ny.gov)_____

_____ Up to the Medicare payments for equivalent services.

_____ By the following factors:

Please describe.

Payment for services delivered via telehealth:

3. _____ For the duration of the emergency, the state authorizes payments for telehealth services that:

a. ____ Are not otherwise paid under the Medicaid state plan;

b. ____ Differ from payments for the same services when provided face to face;

c. ____ Differ from current state plan provisions governing reimbursement for telehealth;

Describe telehealth payment variation.

d. _____ Include payment for ancillary costs associated with the delivery of covered services via telehealth, (if applicable), as follows:

i. _____ Ancillary cost associated with the originating site for telehealth is incorporated into fee-for-service rates.

ii. _____ Ancillary cost associated with the originating site for telehealth is separately reimbursed as an administrative cost by the state when a Medicaid service is delivered.

Other:

4. _____ Other payment changes:

Please describe.

Section F – Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income

1. _____ The state elects to modify the basic personal needs allowance for institutionalized individuals. The basic personal needs allowance is equal to one of the following amounts:

a. _____ The individual's total income

b. _____ 300 percent of the SSI federal benefit rate

c. _____ Other reasonable amount: _____

2. _____ The state elects a new variance to the basic personal needs allowance. (Note: Election of this option is not dependent on a state electing the option described the option in F.1. above.)

The state protects amounts exceeding the basic personal needs allowance for individuals who have the following greater personal needs:

Please describe the group or groups of individuals with greater needs and the amount(s) protected for each group or groups.

Section G – Other Policies and Procedures Differing from Approved Medicaid State Plan /Additional Information

Based upon the NYS Spending Plan for Implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, section 9817, the following supplemental payment/grants will be provided to Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) and 29I Volunteer Foster Care Agencies Health Center providers:

1. CFTSS Rate Adjustment
Funding: $2.3M State Funds Equivalent
Lead Agency: DOH
Expenditure Authority: State Plan Amendment
Background: Since 2019, Medicaid has applied a rate adjustment on CFTSS rates based on the articulated need of providers for implementation funding and to develop capacity to meet the needs of children, youth, and families. CFTSS providers previously had an enhanced rate that reduced gradually to meet the base rate. Providers and stakeholders are reporting capacity concerns, resulting in access issues and waitlists for CFTSS. Additionally, more children and youth are presenting for behavioral health services, including CFTSS, due to the impact of COVID-19. These clinical Medicaid services are the entry point to assist children, youth and families in early intervention and prevent the need for institutional levels of care.
Proposal:
Eligible Providers: CFTSS providers
Description: Apply the 25% rate adjustment to CFTSS rates, including "off-site" rates, retroactive to April 1, 2021
Evaluation and Reporting: DOH, in conjunction with state agency partners will monitor utilization of these services to ensure expanded access

2.Health Home Serving Children (HHSC) Rate Adjustment
Funding: $0.6M State Funds Equivalent
Lead Agency: DOH
Expenditure Authority: State Plan Amendment
Background: HHSC was implemented in 2016 to provide care management and coordination to children and youth who had two or more chronic condition or a single qualifying condition. The HHSC program serves a variety of children and youth with physical and behavioral health needs. In 2019, with the inception of the consolidated HCBS Children´s Waiver, Health Home care management services were required to meet the care coordination requirements of the 1915(c) Children´s HCBS Waiver. Accordingly, Health Home care managers were now the entity that determined HCBS eligibility by conducting an additional assessment.

The HHSC program has an acuity assessment that is necessary within the program and incorporates a one-time assessment fee when assessing for a new enrollee. This assessment cannot be used for HCBS eligibility determination. The assessment that is now required for HCBS eligibility determination is an additional assessment for which Health Homes are not separately reimbursed but is nonetheless required to ensure proper service eligibility and delivery. The HCBS assessment requires additional training and skills to conduct. The Medicaid program pays Health Home care managers to conduct HCBS eligibility determinations for adults, but not children.

Proposal:
Eligible Providers: Health Homes Servicing Children.
Description: Provide a temporary annual assessment fee of $200 to Health Homes for conducting an HCBS eligibility determination retroactive to April 1, 2021.
Evaluation and Reporting: DOH, in conjunction with state agency partners will monitor utilization of these services to ensure expanded access and will monitor the length of time it takes for a child with a potential need for HCBS to be assessed and begin receiving services.

3.Support the Transition to Article 29-I Health Facility Core Limited Health Related Services

Funding: $8.6M State Funds Equivalent
Lead Agencies: DOH, OCFS
Expenditure Authority: State Plan Amendment

Background: New York Medicaid-covered children and youth in the care of Voluntary Foster Care Agencies (VFCAs) or placed in foster homes certified by LDSS are in the process of being enrolled in MMC Plans on July 1, 2021, including Mainstream MMC plans and HIV Special Needs Plans (HIV-SNPs), unless they are otherwise excluded or exempt from mandatory MMC. As a result of the pandemic, the transition date has been significantly impacted.

Access to comprehensive, high quality health care is essential to children and youth placed in foster care. Children and youth in the foster care system have higher rates of birth defects, developmental delays, mental/behavioral health needs, and physical disabilities than children and youth from similar socio-economic backgrounds outside of the foster care system. Children and youth in foster care have a high prevalence of medical and developmental problems and utilize inpatient and outpatient mental health services at a rate 15 – 20 times higher than the general pediatric Medicaid population. The impact of the trauma these children/youth experience is profound.[4] For this reason, it is essential that there be immediate access to services upon a child or youth´s placement in foster care, and no interruption in the provision of ongoing services as a result of this transition.

All Licensed Article 29-I Health Facilities are required to provide, or make available through a contract arrangement, all Core Limited Health-Related Services. The five Core Limited Health-Related Services play a vital role in assuring all necessary services are provided in the specified time frames; children, parents and caregivers are involved in the planning and support of treatment, as applicable; information is shared appropriately among professionals involved in the child´s care; and all health-related information and documentation results in a comprehensive, person-centered treatment plan. Core Limited Health-Related Services are reimbursed with a Medicaid residual per diem rate paid to 29-I Health Facilities on a per child, per day basis to cover the costs of these services. The services include: Skill Building (provided by Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioners (LBHPs) as described in Article 29-I VFCA Health Facilities License Guidelines and any subsequent updates); Nursing Services; Medicaid Treatment Planning and Discharge Planning; Clinical Consultation and Supervision Services; and VFCA Medicaid Managed Care Liaison and Administrator services.

The per diem rates established for these services were established prior to the pandemic and do not take into account the significant impact of the pandemic on children in the care of the 29-I Health Facilities, or the additional administrative burden on the providers of the delays in the transition of this population and the 29-I services into managed care.

Proposal:
Eligible Providers: Article 29-I Health Facilities

Description: Implement a rate adjustment of 25 percent, retroactive to April 1, 2021 for Article 29-I Health Facility Core Limited Health Related Services Per Diem Rates. This temporary increase would assist providers to build capacity to meet the increasing needs of children.

Evaluation and Reporting: DOH, in conjunction with state agency partners will monitor utilization of these services.

PRA Disclosure Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1148 (Expires 03/31/2021). The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 1 to 2 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. Your response is required to receive a waiver under Section 1135 of the Social Security Act. All responses are public and will be made available on the CMS web site. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850. ***CMS Disclosure*** Please do not send applications, claims, payments, medical records or any documents containing sensitive information to the PRA Reports Clearance Office. Please note that any correspondence not pertaining to the information collection burden approved under the associated OMB control number listed on this form will not be reviewed, forwarded, or retained. If you have questions or concerns regarding where to submit your documents, please contact the Centers for Medicaid & CHIP Services at 410-786-3870.

SUMMARY
SPA #21-0054

This State Plan Amendment is a temporary amendment in response to COVID-19 Emergency Relief.

NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES
State Plan Amendment #21-0054

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 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.

		4/1/21 – 9/30/22	
Payment Type	**Non-Federal Share Funding**	**Non-Federal**	**Gross**
Normal Per Diem	General Fund; County Contribution	$24.6M	$49.2M

A. **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.

1) 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.

B. 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 precent to zero over a three-year period. Beginning in State Fiscal Year 2016, counties began paying a fixed cost in perpetuity as follows:

Entity	Annual Amount
New York City	$4.882B
Suffolk County	$216M
Nassau County	$213M
Westchester County	$199M
Erie County	$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 Medicaid payments authorized under this State Plan Amendment do not impact the UPL demonstrations.

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.