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September 30, 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 #21-0048
Long Term Care Facility Services

Dear Mr. McMillion:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #21-0048 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for long term care facility services to be effective August 17, 2021 (Appendix I). This amendment is being submitted based on enacted legislation. A summary of the proposed amendment is provided in Appendix II.

This amendment is submitted pursuant to §1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1396a(a)) and Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 447, Subpart C, (42 CFR §447).

A copy of the pertinent section of enacted legislation is enclosed for your information (Appendix III). Copies of the public notice of this proposed amendment, which was given in the New York State Register on June 30, 2021 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,

[redacted]

Brett Friedman
Acting Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures
cc: Todd McMillion

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 — 0048

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
August 17, 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 08/17/21-09/30/21 $ 1,093.75
b. FFY 10/01/21-09/30/22 $ 8,750.00

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 4.19-D Part I: Pages 110(d)(30.1), 110(d)(30.2)

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*
New Pages

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Nursing Home Young Adult Demonstration
(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
Brett Friedman

14. TITLE
Acting Medicaid Director, Department of Health

15. DATE SUBMITTED
September 30, 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
Third Quarter Amendment
Amended SPA Pages

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Young Adult Special Populations Demonstration

Effective August 17, 2021 through August 16, 2023, the State will establish a demonstration program for two eligible pediatric residential health care facilities, as defined in section 4 below, to construct a new facility or repurpose part of an existing facility to operate as a young adult residential health care facility for the purpose of improving the quality of care for young adults with medical fragility.

1. "Children with medical fragility" shall mean children up to twenty-one years of age who have a chronic or conditions, are at risk of hospitalization, are technology-dependent for life or health sustaining functions, require complex medication regimens or medical interventions to maintain or to improve their health status, and/or are in need of ongoing assessment or intervention to prevent serious deterioration of their health status or medical complications that place their life, health or development at risk.
2. "Young adults with medical fragility" shall mean individuals who meet the definition of children with medical fragility, but for the fact such individuals are aged between eighteen and thirty-five years old.
3. "Pediatric residential health care facility" shall mean a residential health care facility or discrete unit of a residential health care facility providing services to children under the age of twenty-one.
4. "Eligible pediatric residential health care facilities" shall mean pediatric health care facilities that meet the following eligibility criteria for the demonstration program: (i) has over one hundred and sixty licensed pediatric beds; or (ii) is currently licensed for pediatric beds, is co-operated by a system of hospitals licensed, and such hospitals qualify for funds pursuant to a vital access provider assurance program or a value based payment incentive program, as administered by the department in accordance with all requirements set forth in the state's federal 1115 Medicaid waiver standard terms and conditions.

Any child with medical fragility who has resided for at least thirty consecutive days in an eligible pediatric residential health care facility and who has reached the age of twenty-one while a resident, may continue residing at such eligible pediatric residential health care facility and receiving such services from the facility, provided that such young adult with medical fragility remains eligible for nursing home care, and provided further that the eligible pediatric residential health care facility has prepared, applied for, and submitted to the commissioner, a proposal for a new residential health care facility for the provision of extensive nursing, medical, psychological and counseling support services to young adults with medical fragility.

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A young adult with medical fragility may remain in such eligible pediatric residential health care facility until such time that the young adult with medical fragility attains the age of thirty-five years or the young adult residential health care facility is constructed and becomes operational, whichever is sooner.

A young adult facility may admit, from the community-at-large or upon referral from an unrelated facility, young adults with medical fragility who prior to reaching age twenty-one were children with medical fragility, and who are eligible for nursing home care and in need of extensive nursing, medical, psychological and counseling support services, provided that the young adult facility, to promote continuity of care, undertakes to provide priority admission to young adults with medical fragility transitioning from the pediatric residential health care facility or unit operated by the entity that proposed the young adult facility and ensure sufficient capacity to admit such young adults as they approach or attain twenty-one years of age.

For inpatient services provided to any young adults with medical fragility eligible for medical assistance pursuant to title eleven of article five of the social services law residing at any eligible pediatric residential health care facility or young adult facility, the operating component of rates of reimbursement will be the same as the methodology used to establish the operating component of the rates pursuant to section twenty- eight hundred eight of the public health law for pediatric residential health care facilities with an increase or decrease adjustment as appropriate to account for any discrete expenses associated with caring for young adults with medical fragility, including addressing their distinct needs as young adults for psychological and counseling support services.

Appendix II
2021 Title XIX State Plan
Third Quarter Amendment
Summary

SUMMARY
SPA #21-0048

This State Plan Amendment proposes to establish a demonstration program for two eligible pediatric residential health care facilities to construct a new facility or repurpose part of an existing facility to operate as a young adult residential health care facility for the purpose of improving the quality of care for young adults, aged 18-35, with medical fragility.

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

McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York Annotated
Public Health Law (Refs & Annos)
Chapter 45. Of the Consolidated Laws (Refs & Annos)
Article 28. Hospitals (Refs & Annos)

McKinney's **Public Health Law § 2808-e**

§ 2808-e. Residential health care for children with medical fragility in transition to young adults and young adults with medical fragility demonstration program

Effective: August 17, 2021

Currentness

<[Expires and deemed repealed Aug. 17, 2023, pursuant to L.2021, c. 57, pt. MM, § 2.]>

1. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the commissioner shall, within amounts appropriated and subject to the availability of federal financial participation, establish a demonstration program for two eligible pediatric residential health care facilities, as defined in paragraph (d) of subdivision two of this section, to construct a new facility or repurpose part of an existing facility to operate as a young adult residential health care facility for the purpose of improving the quality of care for young adults with medical fragility.

2. For purposes of this section:

(a) "children with medical fragility" shall mean children up to twenty-one years of age who have a chronic debilitating condition or conditions, are at risk of hospitalization, are technology-dependent for life or health sustaining functions, require complex medication regimens or medical interventions to maintain or to improve their health status, and/or are in need of ongoing assessment or intervention to prevent serious deterioration of their health status or medical complications that place their life, health or development at risk.

(b) "young adults with medical fragility" shall mean individuals who meet the definition of children with medical fragility, but for the fact such individuals are aged between eighteen and thirty-five years old.

(c) "pediatric residential health care facility" shall mean a residential health care facility or discrete unit of a residential health care facility providing services to children under the age of twenty-one.

(d) "eligible pediatric residential health care facilities" shall mean pediatric health care facilities that meet the following eligibility criteria for the demonstration program set forth in subdivision one of this section: (i) has over one hundred and sixty licensed pediatric beds; or (ii) is currently licensed for pediatric beds pursuant to this article, is co-operated by a system of hospitals licensed pursuant to this article, and such hospitals qualify for funds pursuant to a vital access provider assurance

program or a value based payment incentive program, as administered by the department in accordance with all requirements set forth in the state's federal 1115 Medicaid waiver standard terms and conditions.

3. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, any child with medical fragility who has resided for at least thirty consecutive days in an eligible pediatric residential health care facility and who has reached the age of twenty-one while a resident, may continue residing at such eligible pediatric residential health care facility and receiving such services from the facility, provided that such young adult with medical fragility remains eligible for nursing home care, and provided further that the eligible pediatric residential health care facility has prepared, applied for, and submitted to the commissioner, a proposal for a new residential health care facility for the provision of extensive nursing, medical, psychological and counseling support services to young adults with medical fragility in accordance with subdivision four of this section. A young adult with medical fragility may remain in such eligible pediatric residential health care facility until such time that the young adult with medical fragility attains the age of thirty-five years or the young adult residential health care facility is constructed and becomes operational, whichever is sooner.

4. Upon receipt of a certificate of need application from an eligible pediatric residential health care facility selected by the commissioner for the demonstration program authorized under this section, the commissioner is authorized to approve, with the written approval of the public health and health planning council pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred two of this article, the construction of a new residential health care facility to be constructed and operated on a parcel of land within the same county as that of eligible pediatric residential health care facility that is proposing such new facility and over which it will have site control, or the repurposing of a portion of a residential health care facility that is currently serving geriatric residents or those with similar needs for the provision of nursing, medical, psychological and counseling support services appropriate to the needs of nursing home-eligible young adults with medical fragility, referred to herein below as a young adult facility, provided that the established operator of such eligible pediatric residential health care facility proposing the young adult facility is in good standing and possesses at least thirty years' prior experience operating as a pediatric residential health care facility in the state or more than thirty years' experience serving medically fragile pediatric patients, and provided further that such facility qualifies for the demonstration program set forth in subdivision one of this section.

5. A young adult facility established pursuant to subdivision four of this section may admit, from the community-at-large or upon referral from an unrelated facility, young adults with medical fragility who prior to reaching age twenty-one were children with medical fragility, and who are eligible for nursing home care and in need of extensive nursing, medical, psychological and counseling support services, provided that the young adult facility, to promote continuity of care, undertakes to provide priority admission to young adults with medical fragility transitioning from the pediatric residential health care facility or unit operated by the entity that proposed the young adult facility and ensure sufficient capacity to admit such young adults as they approach or attain twenty-one years of age.

6. (a) For inpatient services provided to any young adults with medical fragility eligible for medical assistance pursuant to title eleven of article five of the social services law residing at any eligible pediatric residential health care facility as authorized in subdivision three of this section, the commissioner shall establish the operating component of rates of reimbursement appropriate for young adults with medical fragility residing at a pediatric residential health care facility, to apply to such young adults twenty-one years of age or older. Such methodology shall take into account the methodology used to establish the operating component of the rates pursuant to section twenty eight hundred eight of this article for pediatric residential health care facilities with an increase or decrease adjustment as appropriate to account for any discrete expenses associated with caring for young adults with medical fragility, including addressing their distinct needs as young adults for psychological and counseling support services.

(b) For inpatient services provided to any young adults with medical fragility eligible for medical assistance pursuant to title eleven of article five of the social services law at any young adult facility as authorized in subdivision four of this section, the commissioner shall establish the operating component of rates of reimbursement appropriate for young adults with medical fragility. Such methodology shall take into account the methodology used to establish the operating component of the rates pursuant to section twenty eight hundred eight of this article for pediatric residential health care facilities with an increase or decrease adjustment as appropriate to account for any discrete expenses associated with caring for young adults with medical fragility, including addressing their distinct needs as young adults for psychological and counseling support services.

7. The commissioner shall have authority to waive any rule or regulation to effectuate the demonstration program authorized pursuant to subdivision one of this section.

Credits

(Added L.2021, c. 57, pt. MM, § 1, eff. Aug. 17, 2021.)

McKinney's **Public Health Law § 2808-e**, NY PUB **HEALTH § 2808-e**
Current through L.2021, chapters 1 to 395. Some statute sections may be more current, see credits for details.

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

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 all services to comply with enacted statutory provisions. The following changes are proposed:

All Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2021, the Department of Health will adjust rates statewide to reflect a one percent Cost of Living Adjustment for the following Office of Mental Health (OMH) and Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) services: OMH Licensed Mental Health Outpatient Hospital, Freestanding Clinic and Other Rehabilitative Services, Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Youth, Intermediate Care Facility (ICF/IDD), Day Treatment, Article 16 Clinic services, Specialty Hospital, and Independent Practitioner Services for Individual with Developmental Disabilities (IPSIDD).

The estimated annual net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to the July 1, 2021 one percent Cost of Living Adjustment contained in the budget for State Fiscal Year 2022 is $16.4 million.

Long Term Care Services

Effective on or after July 1, 2021, a demonstration program for young adults with medical fragility shall be established.

The young adult demonstration will certify two young adult facilities for the purpose of improving the quality of care for young adults with medical fragility. These facilities shall support the continuing needs for youth with medical fragility residing in pediatric facilities as they age beyond 21 years old, pending the establishment of a young adult unit. The State intends to utilize its current pediatric nursing home reimbursement rates for those patients between the ages of 18 and 35 years old in the newly certified young adult facility.

The estimated annual net aggregate increase in gross Medicaid expenditures attributable to the establishment of a young adult program contained in the budget for state fiscal year 2021/2022 is $17.5 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
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of State
F-2021-0161
Date of Issuance – June 31, 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 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. The applicant's consistency certification and accompanying public information and data are available for inspection on the New York State Department of State's website at: https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/06/f-2021-0161.pdf

In F-2021-0161, or the "Pultneyville Yacht Club Jetty Construction", the applicant – Pultneyville Yacht Club proposes to place large (4-5 ton) limestone rocks to restore jetty structure, resulting in an approximate height of 251 feet, 12 feet of width at top, and a 1:2 slope on the north side of the E-W structure that suffers from wave and ice damage. the planned work will not exceed either width or length of the structure. Existing degraded jetty is about 200' long.

The purpose of the proposed work is "repair and reinforce the existing jetty as required by sustained Lake Ontario high water levels and seasonal ice damage". The proposed project is located at 7852 Hamilton Street Extension in the Town of Williamson, Wayne County on Lake Ontario.

Any interested parties and/or agencies desiring to express their views concerning the above proposed activities may do so by filing their comments, in writing, no later than 4:30 p.m., 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, or, July 15, 2021.

Comments should be addressed to: Consistency Review Unit, Department of State, 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.

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

APPENDIX V
LONG TERM CARE SERVICES
State Plan Amendment #21-0048

CMS Standard Funding Questions (NIRT Standard Funding Questions)

The following questions are being asked and should be answered in relation to all payments made to all providers under Attachment 4.19-D 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 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 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: Payments made to service providers under the provisions of this SPA are funded through a general appropriation received by the State agency that oversees medical assistance (Medicaid), which is the Department of Health. The source of the appropriation is the Medicaid General Fund Local Assistance Account, which is part of the Global Cap. The Global Cap is funded by General Fund and HCRA resources. There have been on new provider taxes and no existing taxes have been modified.

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 not supplemental or enhanced payments.

4. **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 state and CMS are working toward completing and approval of current year 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: There are various state agencies that perform audits each year to determine the appropriateness of Medicaid payments. In the event that inappropriate payments are determined, recoupments would be initiated and the Federal share would be returned to CMS within the associated 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, 2015.

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 the original submission. To date, no feedback has been received from any tribal representative in response to the proposed change in this SPA.