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Mr. Frank Walsh
Chief Budget Examiner
Division of the Budget
Health Unit
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Enclosed for your review and assistance in obtaining the Governor's approval is submittal #15-0002, which is an amendment to this Department's State Plan under Title XIX (Medical Assistance).

This amendment proposes to revise the State Plan to tailor the Health Home program to better serve children.

To assist in your review of this submittal, enclosed are copies of the following: (1) submittal #15-0002, (2) a fiscal analysis, and (3) the formal State Plan Amendment submittal form. We are requesting an effective date of October 1, 2015.

If you or your staff have any questions or need assistance, please contact Karla Knuth of my staff at (518) 473-4665.

Sincerely,

Jason A. Helgerson
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosures

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Mr. Michael Melendez
Associate Regional Administrator
Department of Health & Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
New York Regional Office
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations
26 Federal Plaza - Room 37-100 North
New York, New York 10278

RE: SPA #15-0002
Non-Institutional Services

Dear Mr. Melendez:

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #15-0002 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan for non-institutional services to be effective October 1, 2015 (Appendix I). This amendment is being submitted based on existing State law. A summary of the plan amendment is provided in Appendix II.

The State of New York reimburses these services through the use of rates that are consistent with and promote efficiency, economy, and quality of care and are sufficient to enlist enough providers so that care and services are available under the plan at least to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area as required by §1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR §447.204.

Copies of pertinent sections of proposed State statute are 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 January 28, 2015, is also enclosed for your information (Appendix IV). In addition, responses to the five standard funding are also enclosed (Appendix V).

If you have any questions regarding this State Plan Amendment submission, please do not hesitate to contact John E. Ulberg, Jr., Medicaid Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance and Rate Setting at (518) 474-6350.

Sincerely,

Jason A. Helgerson
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 0938-0193

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

**FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: **15-0002**

2. STATE **New York**

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

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE **October 1, 2015**

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: **(in thousands)**
**a. FFY 10/01/15-09/30/16 $45,000.00**
**b. FFY 10/01/16-09/30/17 $45,000.00**

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
**Attachment 3.1-H**

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*:
**Attachment 3.1-H**

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:
**Health Home Eligibility Criteria for Children**
**(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:

13. TYPED NAME: **Jason A. Helgerson**

14. TITLE: **Medicaid Director**
**Department of Health**

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

16. RETURN TO:
**New York State Department of Health**
**Division of Finance and Rate Setting**
**99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza**
**Suite 1460**
**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:

# Appendix I
# 2015 Title XIX State Plan
# Second Quarter Amendment
# Amended SPA Pages

# Appendix II
# 2015 Title XIX State Plan
# Second Quarter Amendment
# Summary

**SUMMARY**
**SPA #15-0002**

This State Plan Amendment proposes to tailor the Health Home program to better serve children. Effective October 1, 2015, the Health Home Program will be amended to: expand the eligibility criteria to include trauma at risk for another condition; reflect the use of the Childs and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment tool as modified for New York State (CANS-NY) to adjust for case mix in the Health Home per member per month rate for children; transition the care management provided under the Office of Mental Health targeted case management (TCM) program for children and establish a transitional Health Home PMPM rate that is financially equivalent as practicable to the current rate structure for the TCM program; and establish a referral process for enrolling children in Health Homes.

**Appendix III**
**2015 Title XIX State Plan**
**Second Quarter Amendment**
**Authorizing Provisions**

# SPA # 15-0002

**Social Services Law**

§ 365-l. Health homes. 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the commissioner of health is authorized, in consultation with the commissioners of the office of mental health, office of alcoholism and substance abuse services, and office for people with developmental disabilities, to (a) establish, in accordance with applicable federal law and regulations, standards for the provision of health home services to Medicaid enrollees with chronic conditions, (b) establish payment methodologies for health home services based on factors including but not limited to the complexity of the conditions providers will be managing, the anticipated amount of patient contact needed to manage such conditions, and the health care cost savings realized by provision of health home services, (c) establish the criteria under which a Medicaid enrollee will be designated as being an eligible individual with chronic conditions for purposes of this program, (d) assign any Medicaid enrollee designated as an eligible individual with chronic conditions to a provider of health home services.

2. In addition to payments made for health home services pursuant to subdivision one of this section, the commissioner is authorized to pay additional amounts to providers of health home services that meet process or outcome standards specified by the commissioner.

2-a. Up to fifteen million dollars in state funding may be used to fund health home infrastructure development. Such funds shall be used to develop enhanced systems to support Health Home operations including assignments, workflow, and transmission of data. Funding will also be disbursed pursuant to a formula established by the commissioner to be designated health homes. Such formula may consider prior access to similar funding opportunities, geographic and demographic factors, including the population served, and prevalence of qualifying conditions, connectivity to providers, and other criteria as established by the commissioner.

3. Until such time as the commissioner obtains necessary waivers and/or approvals of the federal social security act, Medicaid enrollees assigned to providers of health home services will be allowed to opt out of such services. In addition, upon enrollment, an enrollee shall be offered an option of at least two providers of health home services, to the extent practicable.

4. Payments authorized pursuant to this section will be made with state funds only, to the extent that such funds are appropriated therefore, until such time as federal financial participation in the costs of such services is available.

5. The commissioner is authorized to submit amendments to the state plan for medical assistance and/or submit one or more applications for waivers of the federal social security act, to obtain federal financial participation in the costs of health home services provided pursuant to this section, and as provided in subdivision three of this section.

6. Notwithstanding any limitations imposed by section three hundred sixty-four-l of this title on entities participating in demonstration projects established pursuant to such section, the commissioner is authorized to allow such entities which meet the requirements of this section to provide health home services.

7. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the commissioners of the department of health, the office of mental health, the office for people with developmental disabilities, and the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services are authorized to jointly establish a single set of operating and reporting requirements and a single set of construction and survey requirements for entities that:

(a) can demonstrate experience in the delivery of health, and mental health and/or alcohol and substance abuse services and/or services to

persons with developmental disabilities, and the capacity to offer integrated delivery of such services in each location approved by the commissioner; and

(b) meet the standards established pursuant to subdivision one of this section for providing and receiving payment for health home services; provided, however, that an entity meeting the standards established pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall not be required to be an integrated service provider pursuant to this subdivision.

In establishing a single set of operating and reporting requirements and a single set of construction and survey requirements for entities described in this subdivision, the commissioners of the department of health, the office of mental health, the office for people with developmental disabilities, and the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services are authorized to waive any regulatory requirements as are necessary to avoid duplication of requirements and to allow the integrated delivery of services in a rational and efficient manner.

8. (a) The commissioner of health is authorized to contract with one or more entities to assist the state in implementing the provisions of this section. Such entity or entities shall be the same entity or entities chosen to assist in the implementation of the multipayor patient centered medical home program pursuant to section twenty-nine hundred fifty-nine-a of the public health law. Responsibilities of the contractor shall include but not be limited to: developing recommendations with respect to program policy, reimbursement, system requirements, reporting requirements, evaluation protocols, and provider and patient enrollment; providing technical assistance to potential medical home and health home providers; data collection; data sharing; program evaluation, and preparation of reports.

(b) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of sections one hundred twelve and one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law, or section one hundred forty-two of the economic development law, or any other law, the commissioner of health is authorized to enter into a contract or contracts under paragraph (a) of this subdivision without a competitive bid or request for proposal process, provided, however, that:

(i) The department of health shall post on its website, for a period of no less than thirty days:

(1) A description of the proposed services to be provided pursuant to the contract or contracts;

(2) The criteria for selection of a contractor or contractors;

(3) The period of time during which a prospective contractor may seek selection, which shall be no less than thirty days after such information is first posted on the website; and

(4) The manner by which a prospective contractor may seek such selection, which may include submission by electronic means;

(ii) All reasonable and responsive submissions that are received from prospective contractors in timely fashion shall be reviewed by the commissioner of health; and

(iii) The commissioner of health shall select such contractor or contractors that, in his or her discretion, are best suited to serve the purposes of this section.

9. The contract entered into by the commissioner of health prior to January first, two thousand thirteen pursuant to subdivision eight of this section may be amended or modified without the need for a competitive bid or request for proposal process, and without regard to the provisions of sections one hundred twelve and one hundred sixty-three of the state finance law, section one hundred forty-two of the economic development law, or any other provision of law, to allow the purchase of additional personnel and services, subject to available funding, for the limited purpose of assisting the department of health with implementing the Balancing Incentive Program, the Fully Integrated Duals Advantage Program, the Vital Access Provider Program, the Medicaid waiver amendment associated with the public hospital transformation, the addition of behavioral health services as a managed care plan benefit,

the delivery system reform incentive payment plan, activities to facilitate the transition of vulnerable populations to managed care and/or any workgroups required to be established by the chapter of the laws of two thousand thirteen that added this subdivision.

# Appendix IV
# 2015 Title XIX State Plan
# Second Quarter Amendment
# 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 Civil Service

PURSUANT to the Open Meetings Law, the New York State Civil Service Commission hereby gives public notice of the following:

Please take notice that the regular monthly meeting of the State Civil Service Commission for February 2015 will be conducted on February 10 and February 11 commencing at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be conducted at NYS Media Services Center, Suite 146, South Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY.

*For further information, contact:* Office of Commission Operations, Department of Civil Service, Empire State Plaza, Agency Bldg. 1, Albany, NY 12239, (518) 473-6598

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Columbia County Solid Waste Management

Pursuant to General Municipal Law § 120-w, the Columbia County Solid Waste Management hereby gives notice of the following:

The Columbia County Solid Waste Management is issuing a Final Request for Proposals (RFP) for Transportation and Disposal of solid waste from the County's Greenport Transfer Station, beginning June 1, 2015. The selected Contractor(s) will be required to furnish all labor, materials and equipment as detailed in the RFP.

Copies of the RFP may be obtained at the office of Columbia County Solid Waste Management from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning February 9, 2015.

Responses to the RFP will be received at the office of Columbia County Central Service, 401 State Street, Hudson, New York 12534 until 3:00 p.m. March 9, 2015.

*For further information, contact:* Jolene D. Race, Director, Columbia County Solid Waste Management, 401 State St., Hudson, NY 12534, (518) 828-2737, or e-mail: jolene.race@columbiacountyny.com

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Deferred Compensation Board

Pursuant to the provisions of 9 NYCRR, Section 9003.2 authorized by Section 5 of the State Finance Law, the New York State Deferred Compensation Board, beginning Wednesday, January 28, 2015 is soliciting proposals from Administrative Service Agencies and Financial Organizations to provide Administrative Services, Communication Services and Financial Guidance/Advice for the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions, a plan meeting the requirements of Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law, including all rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto. A copy of the request for proposals may be obtained from Jamie McAllister, Callan Associates, 120 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL, 60602, (312) 346-3536, e-mail: mcallister@callan.com. All proposals must be received electronically by Callan Associates no later than 5pm CT on Friday, March 6, 2015. Additionally, a hard copy must be sent to Sharon Lukacs no later than 5pm EST on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

## 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 related to health homes. The following significant changes are proposed:

Effective on or after October 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the Commissioners of the Office of Mental Health (OMH); the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS); the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS); and the State Education Department (SED), will amend the State Plan for Health Home services to reflect the prioritization and phase-in of children for enrollment in Health Homes. Proposed changes consist of amending the eligibility criteria to include trauma at risk for another condition; reflect the use of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths assessment tool modified for New York State (CANS-NY); and to establish legacy rates as may be required for existing children's care management programs that transition to Health Home care management services.

The public is invited to review and comment on this proposed State Plan Amendment. Copies of which will be available for public review on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/state_plans/status.

Copies of the proposed State Plan Amendments will be on file in each local (county) social services district and available for public review.

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

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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, Bureau of Federal Relations & Provider Assessments, 99 Washington Ave. – One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1460, Albany, NY 12210, or e-mail: 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 related to temporary rate adjustments to general hospitals that are undergoing a closure, merger, consolidation, acquisition or restructuring of themselves or other health care providers. These payments are currently authorized by current State statutory and regulatory provisions. The following significant and clarifying changes are as follows:

Additional temporary rate adjustments have been reviewed and approved for Oswego Hospital with aggregate payment amounts totaling up to $1,000,000 for the period February 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015; $1,000,000 for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016; $750,000 for the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017; and $250,000 for the period April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

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# Appendix V
# 2015 Title XIX State Plan
# Second Quarter Amendment
# Responses to Standard Funding Questions

**NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES**
**State Plan Amendment #15-0002**

## 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 3.1-H of this SPA. For SPAs that provide for changes to payments for clinic or outpatient hospital services or for enhanced or supplemental payments to physician or other practitioners, the questions must be answered for all payments made under the state plan for such service.

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

   **Response:** Providers do retain the payments made pursuant to this amendment. However, this requirement in no way prohibits the public provider, including county providers, from reimbursing the sponsoring local government for appropriate expenses incurred by the local government on behalf of the public provider. The State does not regulate the financial relationships that exist between public health care providers and their sponsoring governments, which are extremely varied and complex. Local governments may provide direct and/or indirect monetary subsidies to their public providers to cover on-going unreimbursed operational expenses and assure achievement of their mission as primary safety net providers. Examples of appropriate expenses may include payments to the local government which include reimbursement for debt service paid on a provider's behalf, reimbursement for Medicare Part B premiums paid for a provider's retirees, reimbursement for contractually required health benefit fund payments made on a provider's behalf, and payment for overhead expenses as allocated per federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 regarding Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments. The existence of such transfers should in no way negate the legitimacy of these facilities' Medicaid payments or result in reduced Medicaid federal financial participation for the State. This position was further supported by CMS in review and approval of SPA 07-07C when an on-site audit of these transactions for New York City's Health and Hospitals Corporation was completed with satisfactory results.

2. **Section 1902(a)(2) provides that the lack of adequate funds from local sources will not result in lowering the amount, duration, scope, or quality of care and services available under the plan. Please describe how the state share of each type of Medicaid payment (normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced, other) is funded. Please describe whether the state share is from appropriations from the legislature to the Medicaid agency, through intergovernmental transfer agreements (IGTs), certified public expenditures (CPEs), provider taxes, or any other mechanism used by the state to provide state share. Note that, if the appropriation is not to the Medicaid agency, the source of the state share would necessarily be derived through either through an IGT or CPE. In this case, please identify the agency to which the funds are appropriated. Please provide an estimate of total expenditure and State share amounts for each type of Medicaid payment. If any of the non-federal share is being provided using IGTs or CPEs, please fully describe the matching arrangement including when the state agency receives the transferred amounts from the local governmental entity transferring the funds. If CPEs are used, please describe the methodology used by the state to verify that the total expenditures being certified are eligible for Federal matching funds in accordance with 42 CFR 433.51(b). For any payment funded by CPEs or IGTs, please provide the following:**
   - **(i) a complete list of the names of entities transferring or certifying funds;**
   - **(ii) the operational nature of the entity (state, county, city, other);**
   - **(iii) the total amounts transferred or certified by each entity;**
   - **(iv) clarify whether the certifying or transferring entity has general taxing authority: and,**
   - **(v) whether the certifying or transferring entity received appropriations (identify level of appropriations).**

   **Response:** Payments made to service providers under the provisions of this SPA are funded through a 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 Local Assistance Account under the General Fund/Aid to Localities.

3. **Section 1902(a)(30) requires that payments for services be consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. Section 1903(a)(1) provides for Federal financial participation to States for expenditures for services under an approved State plan. If supplemental or enhanced payments are made, please provide the total amount for each type of supplemental or enhanced payment made to each provider type.**

   **Response:** The payments authorized for this provision are not supplemental or enhanced payments.

4. **For clinic or outpatient hospital services please provide a detailed description of the methodology used by the state to estimate the upper payment limit (UPL) for each class of providers (State owned or operated,**

**non-state government owned or operated, and privately owned or operated). Please provide a current (i.e., applicable to the current rate year) UPL demonstration.**

**Response:** Health Home payments are not subject to UPL requirements.

5. **Does any governmental provider receive payments that in the aggregate (normal per diem, supplemental, enhanced, other) exceed their reasonable costs of providing services? If payments exceed the cost of services, do you recoup the excess and return the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report?**

   **Response:** The rate methodology included in the State Plan for health home services is a per member per month (PMPM) case management fee adjusted by region and case mix (from clinic risk group (CRG) methodology). This fee will eventually be adjusted by the patient functional status. We are unaware of any requirement under current federal law or regulation that limits individual provider's payments to their actual costs.

**ACA Assurances:**

1. **Maintenance of Effort (MOE). Under section 1902(gg) of the Social Security Act (the Act), as amended by the Affordable Care Act, as a condition of receiving any Federal payments under the Medicaid program during the MOE period indicated below, the State shall not have in effect any eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures in its Medicaid program which are more restrictive than such eligibility provisions as in effect in its Medicaid program on March 10, 2010.**

   **MOE Period.**
   - **Begins on: March 10, 2010, and**
   - **Ends on: The date the Secretary of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services determines an Exchange established by a State under the provisions of section 1311 of the Affordable Care Act is fully operational.**

   **Response:** This SPA complies with the conditions of the MOE provision of section 1902(gg) of the Act for continued funding under the Medicaid program.

2. **Section 1905(y) and (z) of the Act provides for increased FMAPs for expenditures made on or after January 1, 2014 for individuals determined eligible under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Act. Under section 1905(cc) of the Act, the increased FMAP under sections 1905(y) and (z) would not be available for States that require local political subdivisions to contribute amounts toward the non-Federal share of the State's expenditures at a greater percentage than would have been required on December 31, 2009.**

**Prior to January 1, 2014 States may potentially require contributions by local political subdivisions toward the non-Federal share of the States' expenditures at percentages greater than were required on December 31, 2009. However, because of the provisions of section 1905(cc) of the Act, it is important to determine and document/flag any SPAs/State plans which have such greater percentages prior to the January 1, 2014 date in order to anticipate potential violations and/or appropriate corrective actions by the States and the Federal government.**

**Response:** This SPA would [ ] / would not [✓] violate these provisions, if they remained in effect on or after January 1, 2014.

3. **Please indicate whether the State is currently in conformance with the requirements of section 1902(a)(37) of the Act regarding prompt payment of claims.**

   **Response:** This 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 11-06, 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.